

oferet (lead), and bedil (tin), into the midst of the kur (furnace), to blow the eish upon the ore to melt it down; so will I gather you in Mine af (anger) and in My chemah (wrath), and I will position you there, and melt you down.

|21| Indeed, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the eish of My evrah (wrath), and ye shall be melted down in the midst thereof.

|22| As kesef is melted down in the midst of the kur (furnace), so shall ye be melted down in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I Hashem have poured out My chemah (wrath) upon you.

|23| And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

|24| Ben adam, say unto her, Thou art eretz that is not metoharah (cleansed), nor rained upon in the Yom Za'am (Day of Indignation).

|25| There is a keshet of her nevi'im in the midst thereof, like a roaring ari (lion) tearing the prey; they have devoured nefesh; they have taken the khosen (treasure, wealth) and precious things; they have made her many almanot (widows) in the midst thereof.

|26| Her kohanim have done violence to My torah, and have profaned Mine kadoshim; they have put no difference between the kodesh and chol (common, profane), neither have they made a distinction between the tameh and the tahor, and have hid their eynayim from My Shabbatot, and I am profaned among them.

|27| Her sarim in the midst thereof are like ze'evim (wolves) tearing the prey, to do shefach dahm, and to destroy nefashot, to get betza (dishonest gain).

|28| And her nevi'im have plastered them with [*dissolving*] mud plaster,

seeing vain visions, and divining kazav (lies) unto them, saying, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem, when Hashem hath not spoken.

|29| The am ha'aretz have used oshek (oppression, extortion) and committed gazel (robbery), and have mistreated the oni and evyon; indeed, they have treated the ger without mishpat (justice).

|30| And I sought for an ish among them, that should repair the gader (fence), and stand in the peretz (gap, breach) before Me on behalf of ha'aretz, that it might not be destroyed; but I found none.

|31| Therefore have I poured out Mine za'am (indignation, rage) upon them; I have consumed them with the eish of My evrah (wrath); their own derech have I brought back upon their rosh, saith Adonoi Hashem.

23 The Davar Hashem came again unto me, saying,

|2| Ben adam, there were two nashim, the banot of one em;

|3| And they committed zonah harlotry in Mitzrayim; they committed zonah harlotry in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there their betulah bosom was caressed.

|4| And the shmot of them were Oholah the elder, and Oholivah her achot; and they were Mine, and they bore banim and banot. Thus were their shmot: Shomron is Oholah, and Yerushalayim Oholivah.

|5| And Oholah (unfaithful to Me) played the zonah when she was Mine; and she lusted for her lovers, for Ashur [the Assyrian] warriors,

|6| Which were clothed with royal blue, pachot (governors) and seganim (officials), all of them desirable bochurim,

parashim (charioteers) driving susim.

|7| Thus she committed her zonah harlotry with them, with all them that were the choice Bnei Ashur, and with all for whom she lusted; with all their gillulim (idols) she made herself tameh.

|8| Neither did she give up her zonah harlotry brought from Mitzrayim; for in her youth they lay with her, and they caressed her betulah bosom, and poured out their zenut fornication upon her.

|9| Therefore I have delivered her into the yad of her lovers, into the yad of the Bnei Ashur, upon whom she lusted.

|10| These uncovered her ervah (nakedness); they took her banim and her banot, and slaughtered her with the cherev; and she became a shem (byword) among nashim; for they had executed judgments upon her.

|11| And when her achot Oholivah saw this, she was more deprived in her craving than she, her zonah harlotry became worse than the zonah harlotry of her achot.

|12| She lusted after the Bnei Ashur warriors, pachot and seganim, clothed most gorgeously, parashim driving susim, all of them desirable bochurim.

|13| Then I saw that she had made herself tameh, that both of them had gone derech echad (the same road).

|14| And that she increased her zonah harlotry; for when she saw anashim portrayed upon the kir (wall), the tzelamim (idol images) of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) portrayed in bright red,

|15| Girded with ezor (belts) upon their waists, with flowing tevulim (turbans) upon their heads, all of them shalishim (ranking