

out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy merkavot (chariots);

| 11 [5:10] | And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy mitzharim (fortresses);

| 12 [5:11] | And I will cut off keshafim (witchcrafts) out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more sorcerers;

| 13 [5:12] | Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy sacred pillars out of the midst of thee; and lo tishtachaveh (thou shalt no more bow down to, worship) the work of thine hands.

| 14 [5:13] | And I will pluck up thy Asherim (*i.e.*, *sacred poles of the Asherah cult of Canaan*) out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities.

| 15 [5:14] | And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the Goyim that were without mishma'at (obedience).

**6** Hear ye now what Hashem saith: Arise, contend thou before heharim (the mountains), and let the hills hear thy voice.

| 2 | Hear ye, O harim (mountains), the riv Hashem (dispute, case, lawsuit of Hashem); listen, ye enduring mosedei eretz (foundations of the earth); for Hashem hath a case against His people, and He will contend with Yisroel.

| 3 | O Ami (My people), what have I done unto thee? And wherein have I been a burden to thee? Testify against Me.

| 4 | For I brought thee up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and redeemed thee out of the bais avadim (house of slaves); and sent before thee Moshe, Aharon, and Miryam.

| 5 | O Ami (My people), remember now what Balak Melech Moav did plot, and what Bala'am ben Beor answered him from Sheetim to Gilgal [*See Yehoshua chps 3-4*]; that ye may have da'as of the tzidkot (righteous acts of) Hashem.

| 6 | With what shall I come before Hashem, and bow myself before Elohei Marom (G-d on High)? Shall I come before Him with olot (burnt offerings), with calves a year old?

| 7 | Will Hashem be pleased with thousands of eilim (rams), or with ten thousand rivers of shemen (olive oil)? Shall I give my bechor (firstborn) for my peysha, the p'ri (fruit) of my beten for the chattat (sin) of my nefesh?

| 8 | He hath showed thee, O adam (man), what is tov. And what doth Hashem require of thee, but to do mishpat, and ahavat chesed, and to walk humbly with Eloheicha?

| 9 | Hashem's voice crieth unto the ir (city): To fear Thy Shem (Name) is wisdom; heed the rod and the One who appointed it.

| 10 | Are there yet the otzerot (treasures) of wickedness in the bais rasha (the house of the wicked), and the scant measure, the too small eifah (bushel) which is accursed?

| 11 | Shall I acquit the one with dishonest scales, and with the bag of mirmah (deceitful) weights? [T.N. *see Moshiach without mirmah, Yeshayah 53:9*]

| 12 | For the oisher (the wealthy) thereof are full of chamas (violence), and the inhabitants thereof have spoken sheker, and their leshon (tongue) is remiyah (guile) in their mouth. [*see Moshiach without chamas, Yeshayah 53:9*]

| 13 | Therefore also will I make thee sick in striking thee, in making thee desolate because of chattotecha.

| 14 | Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy emptiness remains in thee; and thou shalt put away but not save; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the cherev (sword).

| 15 | Thou shalt sow the zera, but thou shalt not reap the katzir (harvest); thou shalt tread the zayit (olives), but thou shalt not anoint thee with shemen (olive oil); and yayin shalt thou not drink.

| 16 | For the chukkot Omri (statutes of Omri) are kept, and kol ma'aseh Bais Ach'av (all the works of the House of Ahab); and ye walk in their mo'atzot (advise, counsel); therefore, I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an object of hissing; therefore ye shall bear the cherpah (scorn, abuse, disgrace) of Ami (My people).

**7** Woe is me! For I am become like a gathering of kayitz (summer fruit), like a gleaning of the vintage; there is no grape cluster to eat, none of the early figs my nefesh desired.

| 2 | The chasid has disappeared from ha'aretz; and there is none yashar (upright, straight) among men; they all lie in wait for dahm; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

| 3 | That they may do evil with both hands skillfully, the sar and the shofet asketh for a bribe; and hagadol uttereth the evil of his nefesh (soul); so they weave it.

| 4 | The best of them is like a brier; the yashar