

| 14| Etzah (counsel, advice) is mine, and sound judgment; I am binah; I have gevurah.

| 15| By me melachim reign, and nobles decree tzedek.

| 16| By me sarim (princes) rule, and nobles, even all the shofetim of tzedek.

| 17| I love them that have ahavah for me; and those that seek me shall find me.

| 18| Osher and kavod are with me; indeed, enduring hon (wealth) and tzedakah.

| 19| My p'ri is better than gold, indeed, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice kesef.

| 20| I walk in the orach tzedakah (way of righteousness), in the midst of the netivot (paths) of mishpat,
| 21| That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their otzarot.

| 22| Hashem possessed me in the reshit of His derech, before His works of old.

| 23| I was set up [*to reign*] me'olam (from eternity), from the beginning, or ever erez was.

| 24| When there were no tehomot, I was brought forth; when there were no springs abounding with mayim.

| 25| Before the harim were settled, before the geva'ot (hills) was I brought forth;

| 26| While as yet He had not made erez, nor the outer places, nor the beginning of the dust of the tevel.

| 27| When He set in place Shomayim, I was there; when He drew a khoog (circle, horizon) upon the face of the tehom,

| 28| When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the tehom,

| 29| When He gave to the yam His chok (decree, limits), that the mayim

should not pass its limits, when He appointed the foundations of the Eretz;

| 30| Then I was etzel (at the side of, beside [*see Yn 1:1*])

Him, as an Amon (master craftsman, builder, architect, artist); and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him;

| 31| Rejoicing in the tevel of His Eretz; and my delights were with the Bnei Adam.

| 32| Now therefore pay heed unto me, O ye banim; for ashrei (blessed, happy) are they that are shomer over my drakhim.

| 33| Hear musar, and be chacham, and disdain it not.

| 34| Ashrei is adam that heareth me, watching daily at my dalatot, waiting at the mezuzot of my doors.

| 35| For whosoever findeth me findeth Chayyim, and shall obtain ratzon Hashem.

| 36| But he that sinneth against me doth chamas against his own nefesh; all they that hate me love mavet.

9 Chochmah hath built her bais, she hath hewn out her seven ammudim;

| 2| She hath prepared her meat; she hath mixed her yayin; she hath also set her shulchan.

| 3| She hath sent forth her na'arot; she calleth from the highest points of the city;

| 4| Whosoever is simple, let him turn in here; as for him that lacketh lev (a heart of understanding), she saith to him,

| 5| Come, eat of my lechem, and drink of the yayin which I have mixed [*Yn 6:53-54 OJBC*].

| 6| Forsake the simple ways, and live; and go in the derech binah.

| 7| He that reproveth a letz (mocker) getteth to himself shame, and he that is a mochiach (reprover) of a

wicked man getteth himself a blot stain.

| 8| Reprove not a letz, lest he hate thee; rebuke a chacham, and he will love thee.

| 9| Give instruction to a chacham, and he will be yet wiser; teach a tzaddik, and he will increase in learning.

| 10| The Yirat Hashem is the beginning of chochmah, and the da'as Kedoshim (knowledge of the Holy One) is binah (understanding).

| 11| For by me thy yamim shall be multiplied, and shanot chayyim shall be increased to thee.

| 12| If thou be chacham, thou shalt be wise for thyself, but if thou mockest, thou alone shalt suffer.

| 13| Aishes Kesilut (Dame Folly) is clamorous; she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

| 14| For she sitteth at the petach (doorway) of her bais, on a seat in the high places of the city,

| 15| To call those passing on the derech (road) who go straight on their way:

| 16| Whoso is simple, let him turn in here, and as for him that lacketh lev (heart of understanding), she saith to him,

| 17| Stolen waters are sweet, and lechem eaten in secret is pleasant.

| 18| But he has no da'as that the dead ones are there; and that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

10 The mishle (proverbs) of Sh'lomo. A ben chacham maketh glad an av, but a ben kesil is the grief of his em.

| 2| Otzarot resha profit nothing, but tzedakah (righteousness) saveth from mavet.

| 3| Hashem will not suffer the nefesh of the tzaddik to famish,