

yetomim (fatherless ones, orphans),

| 11| For their Go'el is chazak (strong); He shall plead their cause against thee.

| 12| Apply thine lev unto musar, and thine oznayim to the words of da'as.

| 13| Withhold not musar (correction) from the na'ar (child), for if thou spank him with the shevet, he shall not die.

| 14| Thou shalt spank him with the shevet, and shalt save his nefesh from Sheol.

| 15| Beni (my son), if thine lev be chacham, my own lev shall have simchah.

| 16| Indeed, my inmost being shall rejoice, when thy sfatayim (lips) speak meisharim (upright things).

| 17| Let not thine lev envy chatta'im, but be thou in the Yirat Hashem kol hayom.

| 18| For surely there is an acharit (latter end, future), and thine tikvah shall not be cut off.

| 19| Hear thou, beni (my son), and be chacham, and guide thine lev straight on the derech.

| 20| Be not among yayin gluttons; among gluttonous eaters of basar,

| 21| For the drunkard and the zolel (glutton) shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe with rags.

| 22| Pay heed unto avicha that fathered thee, and despise not immecha when she is old.

| 23| Buy emes, and sell it not; also chochmah, and musar, and binah (understanding).

| 24| Avi tzaddik (the father of a righteous one) shall greatly rejoice, and he that fathereth a chacham shall have simchah in him.

| 25| Avicha and immecha shall be glad, and she that bore thee shall rejoice.

| 26| Beni (my son), give me thine lev, and let thine eynayim delight in my drakhim.

| 27| For a zonah is a deep pit, and a nokhriyah (strange woman, foreign woman, seductress, unfaithful wife) is a narrow well.

| 28| She also lieth in wait like a road bandit, and increaseth the bogedim (unfaithful) among adam (mankind).

| 29| Who hath oy (woe)? Who hath sorrow? Who hath strifes? Who hath complaint? Who hath needless wounds?

Who hath bloodshot eynayim? | 30| They that tarry long at the yayin, they that turn in to sample mixed wine.

| 31| Stare not thou into the yayin when it is red, when it sparkles in the kos (cup), when it goeth down smoothly.

| 32| At the acharit (latter end, future) it biteth like a nachash, and stingeth with venomous poisons like a viper.

| 33| Thine eynayim shall behold zarot (strange women), and thine lev shall utter perverse things.

| 34| Indeed, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the lev yam (heart of the sea), or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

| 35| They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not hurt; they have beaten me, and I felt it not. Mosai (when) shall I awake? I will seek yet another drink.

24 Be not thou envious of anshei ra'ah, neither desire to be with them.

| 2| For their lev plotteth violence, and their sfatayim (lips) talk of amal (trouble).

| 3| Through chochmah is a bais built, and by tevunah (understanding) it is established.

| 4| And by da'as shall the chadarim (chambers, rooms) be filled with all precious and pleasant hon (riches, wealth).

| 5| A gever chacham is strong; indeed, an ish da'as (man of knowledge) increaseth ko'ach.

| 6| For by tachbulot (guidance) thou shalt wage thy milchamah (war), and in a multitude of yo'etz (counselors) there is teshu'ah (victory, safety).

| 7| Chochmah is too lofty for a fool; he openeth not his peh (mouth) at the sha'ar.

| 8| He that plotteth to do evil shall be called a ba'al mezimot (master of schemes).

| 9| The scheme of folly is chattat (sin), and the scoffer is a to'evah to adam (man).

| 10| If thou faint in the yom tzarah, thy strength is small.

| 11| Save those who are drawn away toward mavet, and hold back those stumbling toward slaughter.

| 12| If thou sayest, See, we knew it not, doth not He that weigheth the levavot consider it? And He that is guard over thy nefesh, doth not He know it? And shall not He render to every adam according to his works?

| 13| Beni (my son), eat thou devash, because it is tov; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste;

| 14| So shall the knowledge of chochmah be unto thy nefesh; when thou hast found it, then there shall be an acharit (latter end, future), and thy tikvah (hope) shall not be cut off.

| 15| Lay not in wait, O rasha, against the naveh (dwelling) of the tzaddik; assault not his resting place;

| 16| For a tzaddik falleth sheva (seven times), and riseth up again, but the resha'im