

me with a ransom from the yad of the tyrants?

|24| Teach me, and I will hold my tongue, and cause me to have binah wherein I have erred.

|25| How forcible are the imrei yosher (words of rectitude)! But what doth your hokhiach (reproof) reprove?

|26| Do ye think to reprove words? The words of one in despair, which are as ruach?

|27| Yea, ye cast lots for the yatom, and over your friend ye barter.

|28| Now therefore be pleased to look upon me; for it is evident unto you if in me there is kazav (falsity).

|29| Turn, now, let there be no iniquity; yea, turn again; at issue is my tzedek (righteousness).

|30| Is there iniquity on my leshon? Cannot my palate discern havvot (perverse things)?

7 Is there not a tzava (forced hard service in the army) to enosh (man) upon earth? Are not his days also like the yamim of a sachir (hired laborer)?

|2| As an eved earnestly longeth for tzel (shade), and as a sachir waiteth for the wage of his work,

|3| So am I made to possess months of shav (vanity, futility), and lailot amal (nights of weariness) are appointed to me.

|4| When I lie down, I say, Mosai (how long) till I arise? But the erev drags on, and I am full of tossings to and fro unto dawn.

|5| My basar is clothed with worm and clod of apha; my ohr (skin) is broken, and become loathsome.

|6| My yamim are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without tikveh.

|7| O remember that my life is ruach (wind); mine eye shall no more see tov.

|8| The ayin (eye) of him that hath seen me shall see me no longer; thine eyes are upon me, and I am no more.

|9| Like the anan that fades and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to Sheol shall come up no more.

|10| He shall return no more to his bais, neither shall his makom know him any more.

|11| Therefore I will not curb my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my ruach; I will complain in the mar (bitterness) of my nefesh.

|12| Am I a yam, or a tannin (monster of the yam [sea]), that Thou settest a mishmar (guard watch) over me?

|13| When I say, My bed shall give me nachamah (comfort), my couch shall ease my complaint,

|14| Then Thou frightenest me with chalomot (dreams), and terrifiest me through chezyonot (visions),

|15| So that my nefesh chooseth machanak (strangling) and mavet (death) rather than this skeleton.

|16| I loathe it; I would not live l'olam, let me alone; for my yamim are hevel (vanity, meaningless).

|17| What is enosh (man), that Thou shouldest make much of him? And that Thou shouldest set Thine lev upon him?

|18| And that Thou shouldest visit him every boker, and try him every moment?

|19| How long dost Thou not look away from me? Nor let me alone till I swallow down my rok (spittle)?

|20| Chatati (I have sinned); what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou Notzer HaAdam (Observer of men)? Why hast Thou set me as a mifgah

(mark, target, something to be hit) to Thee, so that I am a massa (burden) to Thee?

|21| And why dost Thou not pardon my peysha (transgression), and take away my avon (iniquity)? For now shall I sleep in the apha; and Thou shalt search for me, but I shall be no more.

8 Then answered Bildad the Shuchi, and said, |2| How long wilt thou speak these things? And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a raging ruach (wind)?

|3| Doth El pervert mishpat (justice)? Or doth Shaddai pervert tzedek?

|4| If thy banim have sinned against Him, and He have cast them away for their peysha (transgression);

|5| If thou wouldest seek El (G-d) earnestly, and make thy techinnah (supplication) to Shaddai;

|6| If thou wert pure and yashar; surely now He would rouse Himself for thee, and restore the habitation of thy tzedek.

|7| Though thy reshith (beginning) was small, yet thy acharit (end) shall be exceedingly great.

|8| For inquire, now, of the dor rishon (former age), and consider the research of their avot;

|9| -For we are but of temol (yesterday, etmol) and know nothing, because yameinu (our days) upon earth are a tzel (shadow)-

|10| Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and bring forth words out of their lev?

|11| Can the papyrus grow up without marsh? Can the reed grow without mayim?

|12| Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it withereth