

|3| Should he reason with unprofitable davar (talk)? Or with speeches wherewith no good is done?

|4| Yea, thou makest void yireh [*Elohim*], and doth diminish si'akh (meditation) before El.

|5| For thy mouth uttereth thine avon, and thou chooseth the leshon arumim (tongue of the crafty).

|6| Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and loh Ani (not I); yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

|7| Art thou harishon adam (the first man) that was born? Or wast thou made before the hills?

|8| Hast thou attended to the sod Eloah (counsel of G-d)? And dost thou limit chochmah to thyself?

|9| Of what dost thou have da'as, that we know not? What understandest thou, which is not in us?

|10| Both the grayheaded and very aged men are among us, much elder than avicha.

|11| Are the tanechumot El (consolations of G-d) not enough for thee? Or the davar that deals gently with thee?

|12| Why doth thine lev carry thee away? And why do thy eyes flash,

|13| That thou ventest thy ruach against El (G-d), and lettest such words pour out of thy mouth?

|14| What is enosh, that he should be pure [*in the sight of Hashem*]? And he which is born of an isha, that yitzdak (he should be in the right)?

|15| If He trusteth not His Kadoshim; yea, Shomayim is not pure in His eyes.

|16| How much more vile and corrupt is ish, which drinketh iniquity like mayim?

|17| I will show thee, shema to me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

|18| Things which chachamim declare from their avot without concealment;

|19| Unto whom alone ha'aretz was given, and no zar passed among them.

|20| The reshah travailleth with pain all his yamim, and numbered shanim are reserved for the oppressor.

|21| A dreadful sound is in his oznayim; during shalom the shoded (destroyer) shall come upon him.

|22| He believeth not in a return from choshech, and he is marked for the cherev.

|23| He wandereth about after lechem, saying, Where is it? He has da'as the Yom Choshech is near at hand for him.

|24| Distress and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall seize him as a melech poised for battle.

|25| For he stretcheth out his yad against El (G-d), and with insolence vaunts himself against Shaddai.

|26| He charges against Him, with a stiff neck, with the thick bosses of his mogen (shield);

|27| Though he covereth his panim with his fatness, and addeth fat on his flanks;

|28| And he dwelleth in desolate towns, and in batim (houses) which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to crumble to rubble.

|29| He shall not be osher, neither shall his substance continue; neither shall their possessions spread over ha'aretz.

|30| He shall not escape from choshech; the flame shall wither his branches, and in the ruach of his mouth shall he perish.

|31| Let not him that is deceived trust in shav (vanity); for shav shall be his recompense.

|32| His Yom is not yet; then it is accomplished, and his branch shall not flourish.

|33| He shall shake off his unripe grape like the gefen, and shall cast off his blossom like the zayit (olive tree).

|34| For the Adat Chanef (congregation of hypocrites) shall be barren, and eish shall consume the ohalim of bribery.

|35| They conceive amal (trouble), and give birth to evil, and their belly worketh mirmar (deceit).

16 Then Iyov answered and said, |2| I have heard many such things; menachamei amal (miserable comforters) are ye all.

|3| Shall divrei ruach (vain words) have an end? Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?

|4| I also could speak as ye do; if your nefesh were in place of my nefesh, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

|5| But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my shfatayim (lips) should relieve your grief.

|6| Though I speak, my grief is not relieved, and though I forbear, mah (what) alleviation is it for me?

|7| But now He hath worn me out; Thou hast made desolate kol adat (whole household) of me.

|8| And Thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is an ed (witness) against me; and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

|9| He teareth me in his wrath, who warreth against me; He gnasheth upon me with His shinayim (teeth); mine adversary sharpeneth His eyes against me.

|10| They have struck at me with their mouth; they have struck me upon the lekhi (cheek) reproachfully; [*Isa 50:6; Lam 3:30*]