

The Early Prophets - One Book, One Theme - class # 12
Sefer Shmuel & its prophetic purpose
The destruction of Shilo, and how it explains the
destruction of Yerushalaim

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I. The contrast between Shmuel & the sons of Eli
Shmuel Aleph – chapter 2

יא וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶלְקָנָה הַרְמָתָה, עַל-בֵּיתוֹ; וְהִנְעֹר,
הָיָה מְשָרֵת אֶת-יְהוָה, אֶת-פָּנָיו, עָלָיו הַכֹּהֵן.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

יב וּבְנֵי עֲלִי, בְּנֵי בְלִיעֵל: **לֹא יָדְעוּ, אֶת-יְהוָה.**

12 Now the sons of Eli were base men; they knew not the LORD.

יג וּמִשְׁפַּט הַכֹּהֲנִים, אֶת-הָעַם--כָּל-אִישׁ זִבְחַת
זִבַח, וּבָא נֹעַר הַכֹּהֵן כְּבִשְׁל הַבָּשָׂר, וְהַמְזִלָּג
שְׁלֹשׁ הַשָּׁנִים, בְּיָדוֹ.

13 And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand;

יד וְהִכָּה בַכִּיּוֹר אוֹ בַדּוֹד, אוֹ בַקְלָחַת אוֹ
בַפְּרוֹר--כָּל אֲשֶׁר יַעֲלֶה הַמְזִלָּג, יִקַּח הַכֹּהֵן בּוֹ;
כִּכָּה יַעֲשׂוּ לְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, הַבָּאִים שָׁם בְּשִׁלָּה.

14 and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took therewith. So they did unto all the Israelites that came thither in Shiloh.

טו גַּם, בְּטָרִם יִקְטְרוּן אֶת-הַחֶלֶב, וּבָא נֹעַר
הַכֹּהֵן וְאָמַר לְאִישׁ הַזֹּבֵחַ, תִּנְהַבֶּשֶׂת לְצִלוֹת
לְכֹהֵן; וְלֹא-יִקַּח מִמֶּדָּ בָשָׂר מִבְּשָׂל, כִּי אִם-חַי.

15 Yea, before the fat was made to smoke, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed: 'Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.'

טז וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הָאִישׁ, קִטֵּר יִקְטְרוּן פִּיּוֹם
הַחֶלֶב, וְקַח-לָדָּ, כַּאֲשֶׁר תִּאָוֶה נַפְשֶׁךָ; וְאָמַר לוֹ
(לֹא), כִּי עֲתָה תִתֶּן--וְאִם-לֹא, לְקַחְתִּי בְחֹזֶקָה.

16 And if the man said unto him: 'Let the fat be made to smoke first of all, and then take as much as thy soul desireth'; then he would say: 'Nay, but thou shalt give it me now; and if not, I will take it by force.'

יז וַתְּהִי חַטָּאת הַנְּעָרִים גְּדוֹלָה מְאֹד, אֶת-פָּנָיו
יְהוָה: **כִּי נָאֲצוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים, אֶת מִנְחַת יְהוָה.**

17 And the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD; for the men dealt contemptuously with the offering of the LORD.

יח וּשְׁמוּאֵל, מְשָרֵת אֶת-פָּנָיו יְהוָה:
נֹעַר, חָגוּר אֶפֹּד בָּד.

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

כ וְהִנְעֹר שְׁמוּאֵל, הִלָּךְ וַגְּדַל וְטוֹב: **גַּם, עִם-יְהוָה, וְגַם, עִם-אֲנָשִׁים**

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and increased in favour both with the LORD, and also with en. {P}

כ וְהִקִּימְתִי לִי כֹהֵן נָאֶמֶן, כַּאֲשֶׁר בְּלִבִּי וּבְנַפְשִׁי יַעֲשֶׂה; וּבְנִיתִי לוֹ
בֵּית נָאֶמֶן, וְהִתְהַלַּךְ לְפָנַי-מְשִׁיחִי כָל-הַיָּמִים.

35 And I will raise Me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before Mine anointed for ever.

II. Shmuel's first prophecy re: destruction: - chapter 3

- ח** וַיִּסֹּף יְהוָה קְרֹא-שְׁמוּאֵל, בְּשִׁלִּישֵׁת, וַיִּקָּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-עֲלִי, וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִי כִי קָרָאתָ לִי; וַיָּבֹן עָלָי, כִּי יְהוָה קָרָא לְנֶעֱר.
- 8** And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said: 'Here am I; for thou didst call me.' And Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the child.
- ט** וַיֹּאמֶר עָלִי לְשְׁמוּאֵל, לֵךְ שָׁכֵב, וְהָיָה אִם-יִקְרָא אֵלַיְךָ, וְאָמַרְתָּ דְבַר יְהוָה כִּי שָׁמַע עֲבָדְךָ; וַיֵּלֶךְ שְׁמוּאֵל, וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמִקְוֹמוֹ.
- 9** Therefore Eli said unto Samuel: 'Go, lie down; and it shall be, if thou be called, that thou shalt say: Speak, LORD; for Thy servant heareth.' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- י** וַיָּבֹא יְהוָה וַיִּתְיַצֵּב, וַיִּקְרָא כַפְעַם-בְּפַעַם שְׁמוּאֵל שְׁמוּאֵל; וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל דְּבַר, כִּי שָׁמַע עֲבָדְךָ. {פ}
- 10** And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times: 'Samuel, Samuel.' Then Samuel said: 'Speak; for Thy servant heareth.' {P}
- יא** וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-שְׁמוּאֵל, הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי עֹשֶׂה דְבַר בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל: אֲשֶׁר, כָּל-שְׁמֵעוֹ--תִצְלִינָה, שְׁתֵּי אַזְנוֹ.
- 11** And the LORD said to Samuel: 'Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.'
- יב** בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶקְיָם אֶל-עֲלִי, אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתִּי אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ--הַחֵל, וְכֹלָה.
- 12** In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even unto the end.
- יג** וְהִגַּדְתִּי לוֹ, כִּי-שִׁפֹּט אֲנִי אֶת-בֵּיתוֹ עַד-עוֹלָם--בְּעוֹן אֲשֶׁר-יָדַע, כִּי-מִקְלָלִים לָהֶם בָּנָיו, וְלֹא כָהָה, בָּם.
- 13** For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity, in that he knew that his sons did bring a curse upon themselves, and he rebuked them not.
- יד** וְלָכֵן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי, לְבַיִת עָלַי: אִם-יִתְכַפֵּר עוֹן בַּיִת-עָלַי, בְּזִבַח וּבְמִנְחָה--עַד-עוֹלָם.
- 14** And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated with sacrifice nor offering for ever.'
- יט** וַיִּגְדַּל, שְׁמוּאֵל; וַיְהוֶה הָיָה עִמּוֹ, וְלֹא-הָפִיל מִכָּל-דְּבָרָיו אֶרְצָה.
- 19** And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.
- כ** וַיֵּדַע, כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִדָּן, וְעַד-בְּאֵר שָׁבַע: כִּי נִצָּמַן שְׁמוּאֵל, לְנָבִיא לַיהוָה. {ס}
- 20** And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. {S}

III. The decree of destruction in the time of King Menashe Melachim bet – chapter 25

- י** וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה בְּיַד-עֲבָדָיו הַנְּבִיאִים, לֵאמֹר.
- 10** And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying:
- יא** יַעַן אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה מְנַשֶּׁה מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, הַתְּעִבּוֹת הָאֵלֶּה--הַרְעָ, מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר-עָשׂוּ הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר לִפְנָיו; וַיַּחֲטֵא גַם-אֶת-יְהוּדָה, בְּגִלּוּלָיו. {ס}
- 11** 'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, that were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols; {S}
- יב** לָכֵן, כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, הֲנִנִי
- 12** therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Behold, I bring such evil

מביא רעה, על-ירושלם ויהודה: אשר, כל-שמעיו (שמעה) -- תצלנה, שתי אזניו.

upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

יג ונטיתי על-ירושלם, את קו שמרון, ואת-משקלת, בית אחאב; ומחיתי את-ירושלם כאשר- ימחה את-הצלחת, מחה, והפך, על-פניה.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

יד ונטשתי, את שארית נחלתי, ונתתים, בידי איביהם; והיו לבז ולמשסה, לכל-איביהם.

14 And I will cast off the remnant of Mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

טו יען, אשר עשו את-הרע בעיני, ויהיו מכעסים, אתי--מן-היום, אשר יצאו אבותם ממצרים, ועד, היום הזה.

15 because they have done that which is evil in My sight, and have provoked Me, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.'

IV. Yirmiyahu chapter 7 – comparing Jerusalem to Shilo

א הדבר אשר הזה אל-ירמיהו, מאת יהוה לאמר.

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

ב עמד, בשער בית יהוה, וקראת שם, את-הדבר הזה; ואמרת שמעו דבר-יהוה, כל-יהודה הבאים בשערים האלה, להשתחות, ליהוה. {ס}

2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say: Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. {S}

ג כה-אמר יהוה צבאות, אלהי ישראל, היטיבו דרכיכם, ומעלליכם; ואשפנה אתכם, במקום הזה.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

ד אל-תבטחו לכם, אל-דברי השקר לאמר: היכל יהוה היכל יהוה, היכל יהוה המה.

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying: 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, are these.'

ה פי אם-היטיב תיטיבו, את-דרכיכם ואת-מעלליכם: אם-עשו תעשו משפט, בין איש ובין רעהו.

5 Nay, but if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbour;

ו גר יתום ואלמנה, לא תעשקו, ודם נקי, אל-תשפכו במקום הזה; ואחרי אלהים אחרים לא תלכו, לרע לכם.

6 if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt;

ז ושפנתי אתכם, במקום הזה--בארץ, אשר נתתי לאבותיכם: למן-עולם, ועד-עולם.

7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

ח הנה אתם בטחים לכם, על-דברי השקר--לבבתי, הועיל.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

ט הגנב רצח ונאף, והשבע לשקר וקטר לבעל; והלך, אחרי אלהים אחרים--אשר לא-ידעתם.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and offer unto Baal, and walk after other gods

whom ye have not known,

10 and come and stand before Me in this house, whereupon My name is called, and say: 'We are delivered', that ye may do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, whereupon My name is called, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, saith the LORD.

12 For go ye now unto My place which was in Shiloh, where I caused My name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spoke unto you, speaking betimes and often, but ye heard not, and I called you, but ye answered not,

14 therefore will I do unto the house, whereupon My name is called, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. {P}

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to Me; for I will not hear thee.

Yirmiyahu Chapter 26

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, saying:

2 'Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word.

3 It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent Me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the LORD: If ye will not hearken to Me, to

אם-לא תשמעו, אלי, ללכת
בתורת, אשר נתתי לפניכם.
walk in My law, which I have set before
you,

ה לשמע, על-דברי עבדי הנבאים,
אשר אנכי, שלח אליכם; והשכם
ושלח, ולא שמעתם.
5 to hearken to the words of My servants
the prophets, whom I send unto you, even
sending them betimes and often, but ye
have not hearkened;

ו ונתתי את-הבית הזה, כשלה;
ואת-העיר הזאתה (הזאת) אתו
לקללה, לכל גוי הארץ. {פ}

6 then will I make this house like Shiloh,
and will make this city a curse to all the
nations of the earth.' {P}

ז וישמעו הכהנים והנבאים, וכל-
העם, את-ירמיהו, מדבר את-
הדברים האלה בבית יהוה.
7 So the priests and the prophets and all the
people heard Jeremiah speaking these
words in the house of the LORD.

ח ויהי ככלות ירמיהו, לדבר את-
כל-אשר-צוה יהוה, לדבר, אל-כל-
העם; ויתפשו אתו הכהנים
והנבאים, וכל-העם לאמר--מות
תמות.
8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had
made an end of speaking all that the LORD
had commanded him to speak unto all the
people, that the priests and the prophets and
all the people laid hold on him, saying:
'Thou shalt surely die.

ט מדוע נבית בשם-יהוה לאמר,
כשלו יהיה הבית הזה, והעיר הזאת
תחרב, מאין יושב; ויקהל כל-העם
אל-ירמיהו, בבית יהוה.
9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of
the LORD, saying: 'This house shall be like
Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate,
without an inhabitant?' And all the people
were gathered against Jeremiah in the
house of the LORD.

י וישמעו שרי יהודה, את הדברים
האלה, ויעלו מבית-המלך, בית
יהוה; וישבו בפתח שער-יהוה,
החדש. {ס}

10 When the princes of Judah heard these
things, they came up from the king's house
unto the house of the LORD; and they sat
in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S
house. {S}

יא ויאמרו הכהנים והנבאים, אל-
השרים, ואל-כל-העם, לאמר:
משפט-מות, לאיש הזה, כי נבא אל-
העיר הזאת, כאשר שמעתם
באזניכם.
11 Then spoke the priests and the prophets
unto the princes and to all the people,
saying: 'This man is worthy of death; for
he hath prophesied against this city, as ye
have heard with your ears.'

יב ויאמר ירמיהו אל-כל-השרים,
ואל-כל-העם לאמר: יהוה שלחני
להנבא אל-הבית הזה ואל-העיר
הזאת, את כל-הדברים, אשר
12 Then spoke Jeremiah unto all the princes
and to all the people, saying: 'The LORD
sent me to prophesy against this house and
against this city all the words that ye have
heard.

שְׁמַעְתֶּם.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and hearken to the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent Him of the evil that He hath pronounced against you.

יג וְעַתָּה, הִיטִיבוּ דַרְכֵיכֶם וּמַעַלְלֵיכֶם, וּשְׁמְעוּ, בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: וַיִּנָּחַם יְהוָה--אֶל-הָרָעָה, אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עֲלֵיכֶם.

14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as is good and right in your eyes.

יד וְאֲנִי, הֲנִנִּי בְיַדְכֶם: עֲשׂוּ-לִי כַטּוֹב וְכִי־שָׁר, בְּעֵינֵיכֶם.

15 Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye will bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.' {S}

טו אַךְ יָדַעַתְדָּעוּ, כִּי אִם-מָמַתִּים אַתֶּם אֹתִי--כִּי-דָם נָקִי אַתֶּם נֹתְנִים עֲלֵיכֶם, וְאֶל-הָעִיר הַזֹּאת וְאֶל-יֹשְׁבֵיהָ: כִּי בְּאֵמֶת, שְׁלַחְנִי יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם, לְדַבֵּר בְּאָזְנֵיכֶם, אֵת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה. {ס}

V. To 'know God' & the purpose of the chosen nation /

A. God chooses Avraham Avinu to become a 'nation' (Breishit 12)

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם, לֵךְ-לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ... אֶל-הָאֶרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאָךְ. וְאֶעֱשֶׂךָ, לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְאַבְרָכָךָ, וְאַגְדָּלְךָ שְׁמֶךָ; וְהָיָה, בְּרַכָּה. וְאַבְרָכָה, מִבְּרַכְיָךְ, וּמִקְלָלְךָ, אֶאֱר; וּבְרַכּוּ בְךָ, כָּל מִשְׁפַּחַת הָאָדָמָה.

1 Hashem said unto Abram: 'Get thee out of thy country, ... unto the land that I will show thee. And I will make you a **great nation**, and I will bless you and make your **name** great; and **you will be a blessing**.. And I will bless they that bless you.... and **through you shall all the families of the earth be blessed**.

B. God consults with Avraham before destroying Sedom (Breishit 18)

יז וַיְהִי, אָמַר: הֲמִכְסֶה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם, אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה. וְאַבְרָהָם--הִיו יְהִי לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְעַצוֹם; וּבְרַכּוּ-בּוֹ--כָּל, גּוֹיֵי הָאֶרֶץ.

17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing;--for Abraham is destined to become a **great nation**, and **through him all the nations of the earth shall be blessed!**

יט כִּי יָדַעְתִּיו, לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יִצְוֶה אֶת-בְּנָיו וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו, וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרָדְךָ יְהוָה, לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט--לְמַעַן, הִבִּיא...

19 For **I have known him**, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, **that they may keep the way of the LORD**, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that...

C. To 'Know God' - according to Yirmiyahu (chapters 9 & 22)

כב כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, אֶל-יִתְהַלֵּל חָכָם בְּחַכְמָתוֹ, וְאֶל-יִתְהַלֵּל הַגִּבּוֹר, בְּגִבּוֹרָתוֹ; אֶל-יִתְהַלֵּל עֲשִׂיר, בְּעִשְׂרוֹ. כִּי אִם-בְּזֹאת יִתְהַלֵּל הַמִּתְהַלֵּל, הַשֶּׁכֶּל וַיֵּדַע אֹתִי--כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה, עֹשֶׂה חֶסֶד מְשֻׁפָּט וְצְדָקָה בְּאֶרֶץ: כִּי-בְאִלָּה חִפְצָתִי, נֶאֱמַר-יְהוָה

9.22-23 ..Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understands, and **knows Me**, that I am the LORD who does **kindness justice, and righteousness**, in the earth; for in these things I delight, says Hashem

טו אָבִיךָ הֲלוֹא אָכַל וְשָׁתָה, וְעָשָׂה מְשֻׁפָּט וְצְדָקָה--אֲזוּ, טוֹב לוֹ. דָּן דִּין-עָנִי וְאֲבִיוֹן, אֲזוּ טוֹב; הֲלוֹא-הִיא הִדְעַת אֹתִי, נֶאֱמַר-יְהוָה.

22.15-16 [Rebuke to King Yehoyakim] -Did not thy father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. **Is not this to know Me?** saith the LORD

D. Haftara from Yirmiyahu chapter 2

ד שִׁמְעוּ דְבַר-יְהוָה, בַּיַּת יַעֲקֹב, וְכָל-מִשְׁפְּחוֹת, בַּיַּת יִשְׂרָאֵל.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel;

ה כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, מַה-מָּצְאוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם בִּי עוֹל--כִּי רָחִקוּ, מֵעָלַי; וַיֵּלְכוּ אַחֲרֵי הַהֶבֶל, וַיִּהְיֶה בָּלוּ.

5 Thus saith the LORD: what unrighteousness have your fathers found in Me, that they are gone far from Me, and have walked after things of nought, and are become nought?

ו וְלֹא אָמְרוּ--אֵיךָ יְהוָה, הִמְעַלָּה אֶתְנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם; הַמּוֹלִיד אֶתְנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר, בְּאֶרֶץ עֲרָבָה וְשׁוּחָה בְּאֶרֶץ צִיָּה וְצַלְמוֹת--בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא-עֶבֶר בָּהּ אִישׁ, וְלֹא-יָשַׁב אָדָם שָׁם.

6 Neither said they: 'Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt; that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?'

ז וְאָבִיא אֶתְכֶם אֶל-אֶרֶץ הַפְּרִמָּל, לֶאֱכֹל פְּרִיָּה וְטוֹבָה; וַתִּבְאוּ וַתִּטְמְאוּ אֶת-אֶרְצִי, וַנְּחַלְתֵּי שְׁמַתְם לְתוֹעֵבָה.

7 And I brought you into a land of fruitful fields, to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination.

ח הַכֹּהֲנִים, לֹא אָמְרוּ אֵיךָ יְהוָה, וַתִּפְשֵׁי הַתּוֹרָה לֹא יָדְעוּנִי, וְהַרְעִים פָּשְׁעוּ בִּי; וְהַנְּבִאִים נִבְּאוּ בַבַּעַל, וְאַחֲרָי לֹא-יֹועֵלוּ הַלְכוּ.

8 The priests said not: 'Where is the LORD?' And they that handle the law knew Me not, and the rulers transgressed against Me; the prophets also prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

E. Redemption, according to ישעיהו (Yeshayahu 1:26-27)

.... כְּסֻדָּם הֵייוֹנוּ, לַעֲמֹרָה דְמִינוּ... כֹּה אֵיכָה הִיְתָה לְזוֹנָה, קִרְיָה נֶאֱמָנָה; מְלֹאתִי מְשֻׁפָּט, צָדֵק יֵלִין בָּהּ.... כֵּלֹו אֶהֱב שְׁחָד, וְרֹדֵף שְׁלֹמְנִים; יִתּוֹם לֹא יִשְׁפֹטוּ, וְרִיב אֶלְמָנָה לֹא-יָבֹוא אֶלֵיהֶם... כִּי וְאֲשִׁיבָה שְׁפִטֶיךָ כְּבָרָאשְׁנָה, וַיַּעֲצִיךָ כְּבַתְחֻלָּה; אַחֲרֵי-כֵן, יִקְרָא לְךָ עִיר הַצְּדָק--קִרְיָה, נֶאֱמָנָה. כִּי צִיּוֹן, בְּמִשְׁפָּט תִּפְדָּה; וְשָׁבִיָּה, בְּצְדָקָה.