21. Elazar the Kohen said to the men of the army who came to the battle, 'This is the decree of the Torah, which HASHEM commanded Moses: Only the gold and silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead — everything that comes into fire — you shall pass through fire and it will be purified; but it must be purified with the waters of sprinkling; and everything that does not come into fire, you shall pass through waters. You shall immerse your garments on the seventh day and become purified; afterward you may come into the camp.'

22. — ONLY THE GOLD, ETC. — Although there is need to enjoin you further — with regard to the laws of purging — Moses enjoined you only with regard to the laws of impurity. — And our Rabbis said, "Only the gold" is stated — to say — that one must remove [a vessel's] rust — before purging it.

22. — EVERYTHING THAT COMES INTO FIRE. — To cook something with it.

22. — BUT IT MUST BE PURIFIED WITH THE WATERS OF SPRINKLING. — According to its simple meaning, "sprinkling" — this sprinkling — is performed to purify it from impurity due to contact with a corpse. — Elazar said to them: The vessels need purging — to purify them of that which is forbidden, and sprinkling — to purify them of impurity. — And our Rabbis expounded from here that also to render them fit, i.e. fully cleansed, from prohibition — [the Torah] made immersion a requirement — for metal vessels.

22. — AND EVERYTHING THAT DOES NOT COME INTO FIRE. — Anything which is not used for cooking by fire, such as cups and jars, which are used with cold water, and thus have not absorbed forbidden matter, "you shall pass through the waters," — "you shall pass through the waters," — he immerses it in a mikveh, and that is enough to render it fit for use.

22. — This is only true of metal vessels.
them become like them; so will all who trust in them. • Israel, trust in the Lord—He is their Help and their Shield. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord—He is their Help and their Shield.
his cities, without remainder. 18 Even the people of Noph and Tahpanhes smash your skull. 19 Is this not what you do to yourself; by forsaking HASHEM, your God, when He leads you on

And now, what is there for you on the road to Egypt — to drink the water of Shihor? And what is there for you on the road to Assyria — to drink the water of the [Euphrates] River? 20 Your evil shall castigate you; your waywardness shall chasten you; know and see that evil and bitter is your forsaking of HASHEM, your God, and that awe of Me was not upon you — the word of my Lord, HASHEM/ELOHIM, Master of Legions.

For from of old have I broken your yoke, I have removed your reits; and you said, 'I will not transgress!' — yet upon every lofty hill, and under every vigorous tree, you wander like a harlot. 21 I had planted you a noble vine, full of true seed; how, then, have you transformed yourself before Me into a degenerate alien vine? 22 Even were you to wash yourself with naton, and use much soap upon yourself, your iniquity is as the mark of a stain before Me — the word of my Lord, HASHEM/ELOHIM.
Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and who rely on horses; they trust in chariots and horses because they are strong, and they did not turn to the Holy One of Israel and did not seek out Hashem. But He is also wise, and He has brought calamity on them. He will rise up against the house of rulers and against the assistance of those who commit sin. Egypt is man and not god, and their horses are of flesh and not of spirit! Hashem will stretch out His hand and the helper will stumble and the helped will fall; they will all perish together. For this said Hashem to me: Just as when a lion or leopard overruns a herd of sheep and seizes one of the young, no one rescues it; so will the Sovereign, my Lord, overtake them and destroy them for the day of their coming, as their tears come down in full streams.

Return, O Israel, to Hashem, your God; for you have stumbled through your iniquity. Take words with you and return to Hashem, saying to Him, ‘Forgive every sin and accept goodness, and let our lips substitute for bulls. Assyria cannot help us; we will not ride the horse, nor will we ever again call our handbook “Our god” — only in You will the orphan find compassion.

I shall heal their rebelliousness, I shall love them willingly, for My wrath will be withdrawn from them. I shall be like the dew to Israel, it will blossom like the rose and strike its roots like the forest of Lebanon. Its tender branches will extend and its shadow will reach.

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He causes the cloud to ascend empty, for He makes it rain on the earth. He opens the treasure of His lightning, for He is majestic in power. The voice of His sound is full of power; His destructive power abounds beyond measurement. Hashem, the Lord, is king; He girds Himself with strength; Hashem gives strength to His people. Hashem gives strength to His people.