1. Midrashic comment: great natural, moral, psychic, significance.

2. L's 'ere - beaten, pounded, crushed.

3. L's 'ere symbol - Israel - required painful process in order to achieve moral and excellence.

4. Indicates: suffering has positive side too.

5. Problem of suffering too involved a theological question. But this time: the victim can choose whether it is creative or destructive.

6. Sages' opinions: (i.e., Ps 110:5: De 13:10)


8. Then we say: (Ps 110:5; De 13:10)

   - Keeps us from agony
   - Saves us from its evil effects
   - Tells us how to use it.

9. Example: FDR - Franz Rosencwaig

10. (Ps 110:5)

11. So with "insecurity" we are really secure. Point is not to let it crush you, but to let insecurity make you turn to Light world...

12. Israel example: seen to score; until to score no.

13. So with each: war, pain, tragedy, unemployment - can make a person, or women him... and think for others. And then sign in round corners: "What Chester makes, makes Chester."... what can you do with your trouble. What can you do to yourself. And it...