

**Old Testament  
“Word for Word”  
(With Copious Notes)**



**Judges**

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# Sepher Shophetiym

## (The Book of Judges)

**J**UDGES HERE DOES NOT MEAN A "JUDGE" as in a courtroom today. In Hebrew, it carries more of the meaning of a "leader" than anything else. This could be a civil leader, or a religious leader, or a prophet that had a lot of influence in the nation. One man as a "judge" did not rule over all of Yisrael. Indeed, sometimes several were at work at one time during the period, which lasted about 350 years. Shemuel (8050 Samuel) was the probable author of this book, and most likely while he was living. Only thirteen of the fifteen judges are in this book. Eliy (5941 Eli) and Shemuel are in 1 Samuel. Here, chapters 1 and 2 are an introduction, and 3 through 16 recount the stories of the judges who led or rescued the people. Chapters 17 through 21 describe the conditions of the times. Neither the introduction, nor the conclusion follow the time-line of the story order of the judges.

The order of the judges are, Othniyel (6274), Ehud (261), Shamgar (8044), Deborah (1683), Gideon (1439), Abimelech (40, Abimelech), Tola (8439), Yaiyr (2971, Jair), Tiptach (3316, Jephthah), Ibtsan (78, Ibzan), Eylon (356, Elon), Abdon (5658), and Shim'shon (8123, Samson). Mikayehu (4321, Micah) was not a judge, but had a false priest, and worshiped idols, and is in chapter 17 following the story of Shim'shon. Please remember, some of the judges were not all "good", and made some personal mistakes, but served the purpose called for by Yahweh. Shim'shon was a good example of this at his end.



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### Chapter 1

1. Now after the death of Yahshua 3091 it came to pass, that the children of Yisrael asked 7592 of Yahweh, saying, "Who shall go up for us against the Kenaaniy 3669 first 8462 to fight against them?"

2. And Yahweh said, "**Yahudah 3063 shall go up: behold, I have given the land into their hand.**"

3. And Yahudah said to Shimeon 8095 their kinsmen: 'Come up with us into my lot 1486, that we may fight against the Kenaaniy; I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Shimeon went with them.

4. And Yahudah went up; and Yahweh gave the Kenaaniy and the Perizziy 6522 into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezeq 966 ten thousand men.

5. And they found Adoniy-Bezeq 137 in Bezeq: and they fought against him, and they slew the Kenaaniy and the Perizziy.

6. But Adoniy-Bezeq fled; and they pursued after him, and seized 270 him, and cut off 7112 his thumbs 931 of his hands 3027 and his great toes 7272.

7. And Adoniy-Bezeq said: "Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs of their hands and their great toes cut off, gathered 3950 under 8478 my table: as I have done, so Elohiym has repaid 7999 me!" And they brought him to Yerushalaim 3389, and there he died.

8. Now the children of Yahudah had fought against Yerushalaim, and had captured it 3920, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9. And afterward the children of Yahudah went down to fight against the Kenaaniy that dwelled in the mountain, and in the Negeb 5045, and in the lowland 8219.

10. And Yahudah went against the Kenaaniy that dwelled in Chebron 2275: the name of Chebron before was Qiryath-Arba 7153: and they slew Sheshay 8144, Achiyman 289, and Talmay 8526.

11. And from there they went against the inhabitants of Debiyr 1688: and the name of Debiyr before was Qiryath-Sepher 7158:

12. And Kaleb 3612 said: "He that smites Qiryath-Sepher and captures it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah 5915 to wife."

13. And Othniyel 6274 the son of Qenaz 7073, Kaleb's younger brother, captured it, and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14. And it came to pass, when she came *to him*, she incited 5496 him to ask 7592 from her father a field 7704: and she descended from upon her ass: and Kaleb said to her: "What do you want?"

15. And she said to him, "Give me a present *1293*: because you have given me land of the Negeb *5045*; give me also Gulothmayim *1543*." And Kaleb gave her upper and lower Gulothmayim.
16. And the children of the Qeniy *7014*, Mosheh's father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Yahudah, into the wilderness of Yahudah, which lies in the Negeb of Arad *6166*; and they went and dwelled among the people.
17. And Yahudah went with Shimeon *8095* his brother, and they smote the Kenaaniy that inhabited Tsephath *6857*, and devoted it to destruction *2763*. And the name of the city was called Chormah *2767*.
18. And Yahudah captured *3920* Azzah *5804* with the territory of it, and Ashqelon *831* with the territory of it, and Eqron *6138* with the territory of it.
19. And Yahweh was with Yahudah; and he drove out *3423* *the inhabitants* of the mountain; but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley plain *6010*, because they had chariots *7393* of iron *1270*.
20. And they gave Chebron to Kaleb, as Mosheh said: and he drove out from there three sons of Anaq *6061*.
21. And the children of Binyamiyn *1144* did not drive out the Yebusiy *2983* that inhabited Yerushalaim; but the Yebusiy dwell with the children of Binyamiyn unto this day.
22. And the House of Yoseph *3130*, they also went up against Beyth-El *1008*: and Yahweh was with them.
23. And the House of Yoseph sent to spy out Beyth-El, whose name before was Luz *3870*.
24. And the observers *8104* saw a man come forth from the city, and they said to him, "Please *4994* show us the entrance *3996* into the city, and we will deal kindly with you."
25. And when he showed them the entrance to the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.
26. And the man went into the land of the Chittiy *2850*, and built a city, and called the name of it Luz: which is the name of it unto this day.
27. Menashsheh *4519* did not drive out *those in* Beyth-Shean *1052* and her towns, nor Tanach *8590* and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor *1756* and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Yibleam *2991* and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo *4023* and her towns: but the Kenaaniy persisted *2974* in dwelling in that land.
28. And it came to pass, when Yisrael was strong, that they put the Kenaaniy to forced labor *4522* and did not utterly drive them out *3423/3423*.
29. Neither did Ephrayim drive out the Kenaaniy that dwelled in Gezer; but the Kenaaniy dwelled in Gezer among them.
30. Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Qitron *7003*, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol *5096*; but the Kenaaniy dwelled among them, and became forced laborers.
31. Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Akko *5910*, nor the inhabitants of Tsiydon *6721*, nor of Achlab *303*, nor of Achziybah *392*, nor of Chelbah *2462*, nor of Apheg *663*, nor of Rechob *7340*:

**32.** But the Asheriy 843 dwelled among the Kenaaniy, the inhabitants of the land: because they did not drive them out.

**33.** Neither did Naphtaliy 5321 drive out the inhabitants of Beyth-Shemesh 1053, nor the inhabitants of Beyth-Anath 1043; but they dwelled among the Kenaaniy, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beyth-Shemesh and of Beyth-Anath became forced laborers for them.

**34.** And the Emoriy 567 forced the children of Dan into the mountain: because they would not permit them to come down into the valley:

**35.** But the Emoriy persisted in dwelling in Har-Cheres 2022/2776, in Ayalon 357, and in Shaalabiym 8169: yet the hand of the House of Yoseph was heavy 3513, so that they became forced laborers.

**36.** And the territory of the Emoriy *was* from the Ascent of Aqrabbiym 6137, from Sela 5553 onward.

## Chapter 1 Notes

The commands given in Deut. 7:2 are completely disobeyed wherever Yisrael did not completely drive out ALL the Kenaaniy. Verses 21, and 27 through 36 are examples of this.

### References

Verses **1,2** – Jasher 91:2;

Verse **10** – Num 13:22; Josh.15:14;

Verse **11** – 7158 means City of the Book;

Verses **12, 13** – Josh.15:16, 17;

Verse **14** – Josh.15:18;

Verse **15** – Josh.15:19;

Verse **20** – Josh.15:13,14;

Verse **21** -Josh 15:63; 2 Sam. 5:6; 1 Chr. 11:4;

Verse **23** – Jasher 91:9;

Verse **36** – Josh.15:3, 6137 “Scorpion Pass”.

## Chapter 2

**1.** And a messenger 4397 of Yahweh came up from Gilgal to Bochiym 1066, and said, “**I made you to go up from Mitsrayim 4714, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your ancestors; and I said, ‘I will never break My Covenant with you.**

**2.** And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down 5422 their altars!’ But you have not heard 8085 My voice: for what reason 4100 have you done this?

**3. Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall become as thorns in your sides, and their elohiym 430 shall be a snare to you.'**"

4. And it came to pass, when the messenger of Yahweh spoke these words to all the children of Yisrael, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept 1058.

5. And they called the name of that place Bochiym 1066, and they sacrificed there to Yahweh.

6. When Yahshua let the people go, the children of Yisrael went every man to his inheritance to possess the land.

7. And the people served Yahweh all the days of Yahshua, and all the days of the elders that lived long after Yahshua, who had seen all the great works of Yahweh, which He did for Yisrael.

8. And Yahshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, a hundred and ten years of age.

9. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Cheres 8556 in the mountain of Ephrayim, on the north side of the hill Gaash 1608.

10. And also all that generation were gathered unto their ancestors: and there arose another generation after them, which did not know Yahweh, nor even the works which He did for Yisrael.

11. And the children of Yisrael did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and served 5647 Baaliym 1168:

12. And they forsook Yahweh Elohiym of their ancestors, who brought them forth from the land of Mitsrayim, and went after other elohiym, from the elohiym of the people all around them, and bowed down to them, and provoked to anger 3707 Yahweh.

13. And they forsook Yahweh, and served Baal 1168 and Ashtaroth 6252.

14. And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Yisrael, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers 8154 that plundered 8155 them, and He sold 4376 them into the hands of their hated enemies on every side, so that they could no longer stand before their hated enemies.

15. Any way they went forth, the hand of Yahweh had become against them for harm 7451, as Yahweh had declared, and as Yahweh had sworn to them: and they were greatly restricted 6887.

16. Nevertheless Yahweh raised up leaders 8199, who delivered them from the hand of the plunderers.

17. And still they would not listen to their leaders but committed fornication 2181 after other elohiym, and bowed down to them: they turned aside 5493 quickly 4118 from the way which their ancestors walked in, hearing 8085 the commandments of Yahweh, they did not so.

18. And when Yahweh raised up a leader, then Yahweh was with that leader, and delivered them from the hand of their hated enemies all the days of the leader: because Yahweh was moved to pity 5162 because of their groanings 5009 from the presence of those that crushed 3905 and oppressed 1766 them.

19. And it came to pass, when the leader died, they turned back again and acted corruptly 7843 more than their ancestors, in going after other elohiym to serve them, and bow down to them; they did not fail 5307 from their practices 4611 or their stubborn 7186 ways.

20. And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Yisrael; and He said, "**Because that this people have transgressed 5674 My Covenant which I commanded their ancestors, and have not listened to My voice;**

**21. I will also not drive out anymore from before them the nations which Yahshua left when he died:**

**22. that through them I may test 5254 Yisrael, whether they will keep 8104 the way of Yahweh to walk in it, as their forefathers kept it, or not."**

**23.** Therefore Yahweh left those nations, without driving them out quickly 4118; nor gave them into the hand of Yahshua.

## Chapter 2 Notes

8199 shophetiym, plural of shaphat, can mean "judges", as in court, or decision makers, or even Yahweh Himself as Supreme Judge, but in this book, as an adjective describing men/woman it means "leaders". These leaders led Yisrael into battle, devised ways to deliver Yisrael from oppression, and in general were those highly respected individuals whose advice and counsel Yisrael followed. This will become clear as you read about them, so, don't get the English word "judge" stuck in your mind. Shophetiym is a Hebrew word, with Hebrew meaning, which is often a totally different concept from our modern day language descriptions. We are "westernized" now, and the old terms are from our past when we were people of a completely different lifestyle and mindset.

### References

**Verse 2** – Ex. 34:12,13; Deut. 7:2-5;

**Verse 9** - Josh. 19:49,50;

**Verse 13** - 1 Kings 18:20-40; Hos. 2:8-13; Amos 4:4-11

## Chapter 3

**1.** Now these are the nations which Yahweh left to test Yisrael by them, all those *of Yisrael* that had not known the wars of Kenaan 3667.

**2.** Only that the generations of the children might know, to teach 3925 them war 4421, at least those that before knew nothing of it;

**3.** Five lords 5633 of the Pelishtiy 6430, all the Kenaaniy 3669, the Tsidoniy 6722, the Chiwwiyy 2340 that dwelt in Mount Lebanon 3844, from Mount Baal-Chermon 1179 to the entrance into Chamath 2574.

**4.** And they were to test Yisrael by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of Yahweh, which He commanded their forefathers by the hand of Mosheh.

**5.** And the children of Yisrael dwelt among the Kenaaniy, Chittiy, Emoriy, Perizziy, Chiwwiyy, and Yebusiy:

**6.** And They took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their elohiym. (#1 - **Othniyel** - Josh.15:17)

**7.** And the children of Yisrael did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and forgot Yahweh their Elohiym, and served Baaliym, and the Ashera poles 842.

8. Therefore the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Yisrael, and He sold 4376 them into the hand of Kushan-Rishathayim 3573 king of Aram-Naharayim 763: and the children of Yisrael served Kushan-Rishathayim eight years.

9. And when the children of Yisrael cried to Yahweh, Yahweh raised up a deliverer to the children of Yisrael, who delivered them, Othniel 6274 the son of Qenaz 7073, Kaleb's younger brother.

10. And the Spirit of Yahweh came upon him, and he led Yisrael, and went forth to war: and Yahweh gave Kushan-Rishathayim king of Aram-Naharayim into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Kushan-Rishathayim.

11. And the land had peace 8252 forty years. And Othniel the son of Qenaz died.

## ( #2 - Ehud )

12. And the children of Yisrael did evil again in the sight of Yahweh: and Yahweh made strong 2388 Eglon 5700 the king of Moab 4124 against Yisrael, because they had done evil in the sight of Yahweh.

13. And he gathered to him the children of Ammon and Amaleq, and went and smote Yisrael, and possessed the City of Palm Trees 8588.

14. So the children of Yisrael served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15. But when the children of Yisrael cried to Yahweh, Yahweh raised up a deliverer, Ehud 261 the son of Gera 1617, a son of Binyamiyn, a man bound of right hand 334/3027/3225: and by him the children of Yisrael sent a present to Eglon, king of Moab.

16. But Ehud made a dagger 2719 which had two edges, of a cubit 1514 in length; and he girded it on under his raiment 4055 upon his right thigh 3409.

17. And he brought the present to Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat 1277 man.

18. And when he had completed offering the present, he sent away the people that carried the present.

19. But he returned from Pesiylim 6456 that was by Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret 5643 message 1697 for you, O king." who then said, "Keep silence!" And all that stood by him went forth from him.

20. And Ehud came to him; and he was sitting in a cool 4747 roof-chamber 5944 which was his alone. And Ehud said, "I have a message from Elohiym to you." And he arose from upon his seat.

21. And Ehud put forth his left 8040 hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into 8628 his belly 990:

22. And the handle 5325 also went in after the blade; and the fat closed behind the blade, so that he could not draw out 8025 the dagger from his belly; and the feces 6574 came forth.

23. Then Ehud went forth through the porch 4528, and shut 5462 the doors of the roof-chamber behind him, and locked 5274 them.

24. When he had gone forth, the servants came, and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the roof-chamber were locked, they said, "Surely he covers 5526 his feet 7272 in his cool chamber 2315."



**25.** And they waited 2342 until they were ashamed: and behold, he did not open the doors of the roof-chamber: therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and behold, their lord 113 was fallen down dead on the ground.

**26.** And Ehud escaped while they waited, and passed beyond Pesiylim, and escaped to Seiyrah 8167.

**27.** And it came to pass, when he came, he blew 8628 a shophar 7782 in the mountain of Ephrayim, and the children of Yisrael went down with him from the mountain, and he before them.

**28.** And he said to them, “Follow after me: because Yahweh has given you your hated enemies of Moab into your hand.” And they went down after him, and captured the fords 4569 of the Yarden by Moab, and allowed no man to pass over.

**29.** And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all robust 8082, and all men of valor 2428; and not a man escaped 4422.

**30.** So Moab was subdued 3665 that day under the hand of Yisrael. And the land had peace eighty 8084 years.

### **(#3 - Shamgar)**

**31.** And after him was Shamgar 8044 the son of Anath 6067, who slew six hundred men of the Pelishtiy with an ox 1241 goad 4451: and he also delivered Yisrael.

## **Chapter 3 Notes**

**Verse 6** – Ex. 34:15,16;

**Verse 8** – 3573 “Kushan of double wickedness”; and 763, “Aram of the Two Rivers”, today “Mesopotamia”.

**Verse 15** - “bound of right hand” means left handed.

**Verse 19** – 6456 means “idols”, but here it is a location.

**Verse 24** - “covers his feet” means he was relieving himself.

## **Chapter 4**

### **(#4 - Deborah)**

**1.** And the children of Yisrael again did evil in the sight of Yahweh, when Ehud was dead.

**2.** And Yahweh sold them into the hand of Yabin 2985 king of Kanaan, that reigned in Chatsor 2674, whose army commander was Siysera 5516, who dwelled in Charosheth ha-Goyim 2800.

**3.** And the children of Yisrael cried to Yahweh: because he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and for twenty years he forcefully 2394 oppressed 3905 the children of Yisrael.

**4.** And Deborah 1683, a woman of prophesy 5031, the wife of Lappiydoth 3941, she judged 8199 Yisrael at that time.

5. And she sat 3427 under the Palm 8560 of Deborah between Ramah and Beyth-El in Mount Ephrayim: and the children of Yisrael came up to her for judgement 4941.

6. And she sent and called for Baraq 1301 the son of Abiynoam 42 from Qedesh-Naphtaliy, and said to him, "Has not Yahweh Elohiym of Yisrael commanded, 'Go and draw off 4900 toward Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand from the children of Naphtaliy and from the children of Zebulun?'

7. I will draw off to you to the wady Qiyshon 7028 Siysera, the commander of Yabiyn's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will give him into your hand."

8. And Baraq said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

9. And she said, "I will surely go with you: however, the journey 1870 that you go on shall not be for your glory 8597: because Yahweh shall sell Siysera into the hand of a woman." And Deborah arose, and went with Baraq to Qedesh.

10. And Baraq called out 2199 Zebulun and Naphtaliy to Qedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men on foot: and Deborah went up with him.

11. Now Cheber 2268 the Qeyniy 7014, of the children of Chobab 2246 the father-in-law of Mosheh, had separated himself 6504 from the Qeyniym 7017, and stretched out 5186 his tent on the plain of Tsaananniym 6815 which is by Qedesh.

12. And they told Siysera that Baraq the son of Abiynoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13. And Siysera called together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Charosheth ha-Goyim to the wady of Qiyshon.

14. And Deborah said to Baraq: "Rise up; because this *is* the day in which Yahweh has given Siysera into your hand: Is not Yahweh gone forth before you?" So Baraq went forth from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15. And Yahweh discomfited 2000 Siysera, and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Baraq; so that Siysera went forth from upon his chariot, and fled away 5127 on his feet.

16. But Baraq pursued after the chariots, and after the army unto Charosheth ha-Goyim, and all the army of Siysera fell upon the edge of the sword; no man was left 7604.

17. Siysera however, fled away on foot to the tent of Yael 3278, the wife of Cheber the Qenyi, because *there was* peace between Yabiyn the king of Chatsor and the house of Cheber the Qenyi.

18. And Yael went forth to meet Siysera, and said to him: "Turn in 5493 *here* my lord 113, turn in to me; do not fear." And when he had turned in to her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle 8063.

19. And he said to her, "Give me, please, a little 4592 water to drink; because I thirst 6770." And she opened a skin-bottle 4997 of milk 2461, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20. Again he said to her: "Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be if any man comes and inquires of you, and says: Is there any man here?" that you shall say, '*there is not*:'"

21. Then Yael, Cheber's wife, took a peg 3489 of the tent, and took 7760 a hammer 4718 in her hand, and went secretly 3814 to him, and drove 8628 the peg into his temples 7541, and it descended 6795 into the ground: as he was asleep 7290 and weary 5774. So he died.

22. And behold, as Baraq pursued Siysera, Yael came forth to meet him, and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man you seek." And when he entered in, behold, Siysera lay dead, and the peg *was* in his temples.

23. So Elohiym subdued 3665 on that day Yabiyn the king of Kenaan before the children of Yisrael.

24. And the hand of the children of Yisrael walked 1980, and followed harshly 7186 against Yabiyn the king of Kenaan.

## Chapter 5 (The Song of Deborah)

1. Then sang 7891 Deborah and Baraq the son of Abiynoam on that day, saying,

2. "Bless Yahweh for leading 6544 the leaders 6546 of Yisrael, when the people willingly offered 5068 themselves.

3. Hear, O you kings; give ear 238, O you potentates 7336, I, I, will sing 7891 to Yahweh; I will sing praises 2167 to Yahweh Elohiym of Yisrael.

4. Yahweh, when You went forth from Seiyr 8165, when You marched 6805 from the field of Edom, the land trembled 7493, and the skies dripped 5197, the clouds also dripped water.

5. The mountains melted from the presence of Yahweh, that Siynay 5514 from the presence of Yahweh Elohiym of Yisrael.

6. In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Yael, the highways 734 ceased to be 2308, and the walkers of the paths 5410 walked through winding 6128 paths 734.

7. Perazon 6520 ceased to be, they ceased to be in Yisrael, until that Deborah arose, arose 0 mother, in Yisrael!

8. They chose new elohiym; at that time 227 with war 3901 at the gates: was a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Yisrael?

9. My heart is with those who decree 2710 in Yisrael, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless Yahweh!

10. Talk of it 7878, you who ride on white asses, you that sit upon carpets 4055, and walkers upon the ways!

11. From the noise 6963 of mehatstsiym 2686 in the drawing place 4857 *of water*, they shall recount 8567 the righteous acts of Yahweh, the righteous acts of perazon 6520 in Yisrael: then the people of Yahweh went down to the gates!

*[This is my view on verse 11- Armed men gathered at watering places, and talked of Yahweh's righteous acts, and the acts of righteous leaders, and then they marched to the gates, ready for battle against their oppressors;]*

12. Awake 5782, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, sing a song: arise, Baraq, and lead your captives into captivity, O son of Abinoam.

13. At that time the survivors 8300 had dominion 7287 over the nobility 117 among the people: Yahweh made me have dominion over the mighty 1368.

14. From Ephrayim a root 8328 against Amaleq; after you, Binyamiyn, among your people; from Machiyr 4353 came down those who enact law 2710, and from Zebulun those that march 4900 with the staff 7626 of the muster officer 5608.

15. And the chiefs 8269 of Yissaschar 3485 were with Deborah; Yissaschar and Baraq were sent on foot into the valley. In the divisions 6391 of Reuben were great resolves 2711 of mind 3820.

16. For what reason do you abide among the ash heaps 4942, to listen to the pipings 8292 for the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben (there were) great searchings 2714 of heart.

17. Gilead settled down beyond the Yarden: and for what reason did Dan stay 1481 in their ships? Asher 7931 tarried 3427 on the sea shore, and settled down in their landing places 4664.

18. Zebulun and Naphtaliy were people *that* scorned 2778 their lives 5315 unto death 4191 in high 4791 open country 7704.

19. The kings came to do battle 3898, then the kings of Kanaan did battle in Tanach 8590 by the Waters of Megiddo; they took no gain 1215 of silver .

20. They did battle from the sky 8064; the stars 3556 from their courses 4546 did battle against Siysera.

21. The torrent 5158 of Qiyshon swept them away 1640, that torrent of antiquity 6917, the torrent Qiyshon. O my soul 5315, march forth 1869 in strength 5797!

22. Then the horses hooves struck down 1986 from the furious dashings 1726/1726 of their mighty ones 47.

23. “Curse 779 Meroz 4789!” said the messenger 4397 of Yahweh, curse bitterly 779/779 the inhabitants of it, because they did not come to help 5833 Yahweh, to help Yahweh against the mighty 1368.

24. Blessed of women shall be Yael, the wife of Cheber the Qeniy, blessed of women in tents.

25. He asked water, she gave milk; she brought forth curds 2529 in a majestic 117 bowl 5602.

26. She sent forth 7971 her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workman’s 6001 hammer 1989; and she struck down 1986 Siysera, she utterly destroyed 4277 his head, when she smote through 4272 and pierced 2498 his temples.

27. At her feet he bowed 3766, he fell 5307, he lay down 7901: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down violently destroyed 7703.

28. The mother of Siysera looked through a window, and cried through the lattice, “On what account 4069 is his war chariot 7393 delayed 954 in coming? What holds back 309 the hoofbeats 6471 of his war chariot 4818?”

29. Her wise 2450 princesses 8282 answered her, yea, she returned her words 561 to herself,

**30.** Have they not found and divided the spoil 7998? To each man, two women 7356/7356; to Siysera a spoil of dyed work 6648, a spoil of dyed work of variegated colors 7553, dyed work of variegated colors for the necks 6677 of the spoilers?

**31.** So may all Your hated enemies perish 6, O Yahweh, but those that love Him *be* as the sun going forth in his might!" (End of Song) And the land had peace forty years.

## Chapter 5 Notes

Chapter 5 is a poetic song in Hebrew of the story of Siysera's death. The meanings of some words are in the figurative sense, not the literal. Hebrew poetry here is not like our modern English "rhymes". It had a cadence to it when sung in Hebrew, and the beginning word and ending word often had a connection between verses. It is very complicated, and space does not permit a detailed explanation of their methods of writing. Verse 7 – 6520 *perazon*, is unclear in its meaning, but in context it is probably "leaders".

**Verse 8** -3901 *lachim*, as from 3898 *lachim*, text and meaning dubious. Its only use is in this verse.

**Verse 11** - 2686 is unclear, and 4857 is only used here.

**Verse 14** – 8328 *sharsham* as a people standing firm, "rooted". 2710 as "commanders"?

**Verse 16** – 4942 as "village fireplaces" in the encampments. 8292 as signals for controlling flocks.

**Verse 19** – 1215 as "gain by violence".

**Verse 21** – 1640 originally "shovel", or "scoop up".

**Verse 25** – 2529 like "cottage cheese" today. Verse 30 – 7356/7356 literally "two wombs".

## Chapter 6

### ( #5 – Gideon )

**1.** The children of Yisrael did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and Yahweh gave them into the hand of Midyan 4080 seven years.

**2.** And the hand of Midyan prevailed against Yisrael: because of the Midyaniy 4080 the children of Yisrael made themselves hollowed out places 4492 which were in the mountains, and in caves 4631 and strongholds 4679.

**3.** And it was, when Yisrael had sown 2232, that the Midyaniy came up, with the Amaleqiy 6003 and the children of Qedem 6924, came up against them;

**4.** And they encamped against them, and destroyed the crops 2981 of the land, until you come into Azzah 5804, and left no sustenance 4241 for Yisrael, no sheep, or ox, or ass.

**5.** Because they came up with their livestock and their tents, and they came as locusts 697 in multitude 7230; both they and their camels 1581 were without number: and they came into the land and ruined 7843 it.

**6.** And Yisrael was greatly brought low 1809 from the presence of the Midyaniy; and the children of Yisrael cried out to Yahweh.

7. And it came to pass, when the children of Yisrael cried out to Yahweh because of the Midyaniy,
8. That Yahweh sent a prophet to the children of Yisrael, who said to them, "Thus says Yahweh Elohiym of Yisrael, **'I brought you up from Mitsrayim, and brought you forth from the house of bondage 5650;**
9. **and I delivered you from the hand of the Mitsrayim, and from the hand of all who oppressed 3905 you, and drove them out 1644 from before you and gave you their land;**
10. **and I said to you, 'I am Yahweh your Elohiym; do not fear the elohiym of the Emoriy 567, in whose land you dwell': but you have not obeyed My voice.'**
11. And there came a messenger of Yahweh, who sat under the terebinth 424 tree which *was* in Ophrah 6084, that *belonged* to Yoash 3101 the Abiy ha-Ezriy 33: and his son Gideon 1439 threshed wheat by the winepress 1660 to hide *it* from the face of the Midyaniy,
12. And the messenger of Yahweh appeared to him, and said to him, "**Yahweh is with you, O mighty man 1368 of valor 2428!**"
13. And Gideon said to Him: "O my lord 113, if Yahweh is with us, why has all this befallen us? Where are all His wondrous deeds 6381 which our fathers told us of, saying, 'Did not Yahweh bring us up from Mitsrayim?' But now, Yahweh has abandoned 5203 us, and gave us into the hands of Midyan."
14. And Yahweh turned 6437 toward him, and said: "**Go in this strength 3581 of yours, and you shall save Yisrael from the hand of the Midyaniy: have I not sent 7971 you?**"
15. And he replied to Him: "O Yahweh, by what means shall I save Yisrael? Behold, my family 505 is poor in Menashsheh, and I am the youngest 6810 in my father's house."
16. And Yahweh said to him: "**Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midyaniy as one man.**"
17. And he replied to Him, "If now I have found favor 2580 in Your sight, then show a sign that You speak with me.
18. Do not depart 4185 from here, please, until I come to you, and bring forth my present 4503 and set it before You!" And He replied, "**I will wait until you return.**"
19. And Gideon went in, and prepared a kid 1423 of she-goats 5795, and matsah 4682 of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth 4839 in a pot 6517, and he brought it forth to Him under the terebinth tree, and brought it near.
20. And the messenger of Elohiym said to him: "**Take the flesh and the matsah, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth.**" And he did so.
21. Then the messenger of Yahweh put forth the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the flesh and the matsah; and fire rose up from the rock and consumed the flesh and the matsah. Then the messenger of Yahweh departed from his sight.
22. And when Gideon saw that he was a messenger of Yahweh, Gideon said: "Alas 162, O Lord 136 Yahweh! For I have seen a messenger of Yahweh face to face."
23. And Yahweh said to him: "**Peace 7965 unto you; do not fear: you shall not die.**"

24. Then Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh, and called it Yahweh-Shalom 3073, and it is there to this day in Ophrah of the Abiy haEzriy.

### **(Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal)**

25. And it came to pass the same night, that Yahweh said to him: “**Take your father's young bull, and a second bull of seven years, and throw down 2040 the altar of Baal 1168 that your father has, and cut down 3772 the Ashera-pole 842 that is by it:**

26. **And build an altar to Yahweh your Elohiym upon the place of safety 4581 in the prepared place 4634, and take the second bull, and offer 5927 a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the Ashera-pole which you shall cut down.”**

27. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as Yahweh has said to him: and it was because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, so that he did not by day, but did by night.

28. The men of the city rose early in the morning, and beheld that the altar of Baal was torn down, and the Ashera pole was cut down that was by it, and the second bull was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

29. They said to one another: “Who has done this thing?” And when they had inquired 1875 and sought 1245, they said, “Gideon the son of Yoash has done this thing!”

30. The men of the city said to Yoash: “Bring forth your son for death: because he tore down the altar of Baal, and because he cut down the Ashera pole that was by it!”

31. And Yoash said to all that stood against him, “Will you contend 7378 for Baal? Will you save him? He that will contend for him, let him be put to death while *it is still* morning: if he *is* an elohiym, let him contend for himself, because his altar is torn down.”

32. On that day he called him Yerubbaal 3378, saying, “Let Baal 1168 contend against him, because he tore down his altar.”

### **(Gideon Prepares for Battle)**

33. All the Midyaniy, Amaleqiy, and the children of Qedem 6924 gathered together, and passed over and encamped in the Valley of Yizreel 3157.

34. The Spirit 7307 of Yahweh clothed itself 3847 with Gideon, and he blew 8628 a shophar 7782; and Abiy-Ezer 44 was assembled after him.

35. And he sent messengers throughout all Menashsheh 4519, who also assembled after him: and he sent messengers to Asher, and Zebulun, and to Naphtaliy, and they came up to meet them.

36. And Gideon said to Elohiym, “If You will save Yisrael by my hand, as You have said,

37. Behold, I will put a fleece 1492 of wool 6785 in the threshing floor 1637; if the dew 2919 is only on the fleece, and dry 2721 upon all the ground 776, then I shall know that You will save Yisrael by my hand, as You have said.”

38. And it was so: he rose up early in the morning, and squeezed 2115 the fleece together, and wrung 4680 the dew from the fleece, a bowl 5602 full 4392 of water.

39. And Gideon said to Elohiym: "Let not Your anger be kindled against me and I will speak but this once *6471*: let me test *5254*, please *4994*, but this once with the fleece; let it be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew."

40. And Elohiym did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew upon all the ground.

## Chapter 7

1. Then Yerubbaal, that is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose early, and encamped beside Eyn~Charod *5878*: so that the camp of the Midyaniy was on the north side of them, by Gibeah *1389* Moreh *4176*, in the valley of *Yizreel*.

2. And Yahweh said to Gideon, "**The people that *are* with you *are* too numerous for Me to give the Midyaniy into their hands, lest Yisrael glorify themselves *6286* against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'**"

3. Now therefore *6258*, proclaim now *4994* in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful *3373* and afraid *2730*, let him return and depart *6852* from Mount Gilead!' " And there returned from the people twenty-two thousand; and ten thousand remained.

4. Yahweh said to Gideon: "**The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down to the water, and I will test *6884* them for you there: and it shall be, of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you': he shall go with you; and of whomsoever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you': he shall not go."**

5. So he brought down the people to the water: and Yahweh said to Gideon: "**All who laps *3952* of the water with his tongue, as a dog *3611* laps, set *3322* by himself *from* all that bows down *3766* upon his knees *1290* to drink."**

6. The number that lapped with their hand to their mouth was three-hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7. Yahweh said to Gideon: "**By the three-hundred men that lapped will I save you, and give the Midyaniy into your hand: let all the other people go every man to his place."**

8. So the people took provisions *6720* in their hand, and their shophars: and he sent all *the rest* of Yisrael every man to his tent, and retained *2388* those three-hundred men: and the camp of Midyan was beneath him in the valley.

### (Yahweh Directs the Plan of Battle)

9. It came to pass the same night, that Yahweh said to him: "**Arise, go down to the camp of Midyan; because I have given it into your hand.**"

10. **But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah *6513* down to the camp:**

11. **And you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands will be strengthened *2388* to go down to the camp."** Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outside edge *7097* of the battle array *2571* that *was* in the camp.

12. The Midyaniy and the Amaleqiy and all the children of Qedem lay *5307* in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, like the sand upon the sea shore for multitude.



13. Gideon had come, and behold, a man told a dream to another, and said: “Behold, I dreamed 2492 a dream 2472, and lo, a cake 6742 of barley 8184 bread turned over and over 2015 into the camp of Midyan, and came to a tent, and smote it so it fell, and overturned 2015 it upwards 4605 so that the tent lay down.

14. And the other fellow answered and said, “This *is* nothing but the sword of Gideon the son of Yoash, a man of Yisrael: into his hand has Elohiym given Midyan and all the camp.”

15. And it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the breaking 7667 of it, that he bowed down 7812, and returned to the camp of Yisrael, and said, “Arise; for Yahweh has given into your hand the camp of Midyan.”

16. He divided the three-hundred men *into* three companies 7218, and he put a shophar into every man's hand, with empty 7386 jars 3537 and a torch within each jar.

17. He said to them: “See 7200 from 4480 me, and do likewise: and behold, when I come to the outside edge of the camp, it shall be, as I do, so shall you do.

18. When I blow a shophar, I and all that (are) with me, then blow your shophars also on every side of all the camp, and say: ‘For Yahweh and for Gideon.’”

19. So Gideon and the hundred men that *were* with him came to the outside edge of the camp in the beginning 7218 of the middle 8484 watch 821; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the shophars, and broke the jars that *were* in their hands.

20. And the three *other* companies blew the shophars, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hands, and the shophars in their right hands to blow: and they cried out: “The sword of Yahweh, and of Gideon!”

21. They stood every man in his place 8478 all around the camp: and all the camp ran 7323, and cried out, and fled 5127.

22. And the three hundred blew the shophars, and Yahweh set every man's sword against another man, in all the camp, and the army fled to Beyth ha-Shittah 1029 in Tsererah 6888, to the edge 8193 of Abel-Mechalah 65, to Tabbath 2888.

23. And the men of Yisrael summoned 6817 from Naphtaliy, and from Asher, and from all of Menashsheh, and pursued after the Midyaniy.

24. And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephrayim, saying, “Come down to meet the Midyaniy, and seize 3920 before them the waters to Beyth-Barah and the Yarden.” Then all the men of Ephrayim were summoned, and siezed the waters to Beyth Barah and the Yarden.

25. And they captured 3920 two leaders of the Midyaniy, Oreb 6159 and Zeeb 2062; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress 3342 of Zeeb, and pursued after Midyan, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Yarden.

## References Chapter 7

Verse 1 – 5878 “Spring of Harod”, 1389/4176 “Hill of the Teacher”.

Verse 3 – Deut. 20:8

Verse 22 – 65 “Dance Meadow”.

## Chapter 8

### (Gideon Pursues Two Kings)

1. And the men of Ephrayim said to him, Why have you done us this way, that you called us not when you went to fight the Midyaniy? And they contended with him sharply 2394.

2. And he said to them: "What have I done now 6258 *compared to you?* Is not the gleaning 5955 of Ephrayim better than the vintage 1210 of Abiy-Ezer!

3. Elohiym has given into your hands the leaders of Midyan, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able 3201 to do *compared to you?* Then their anger abated 7503 from upon him, when he had said that.

4. And Gideon came to the Yarden, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, weary 5889 but still in pursuit 7291.

5. And he said to the men of Sukkoth 5523, "Give, please, loaves of bread to the people that follow me, because they are all weary, and I am pursuing after Zebach 2078 and Tsalmunna 6759, kings of Midyan."

6. And the officials 8269 of Sukkoth said: "Are the palms of the hands 3709 of Zebach and Tsalmunna now in your hand 3027 that we should give bread to your army 6635?"

7. And Gideon said: "Therefore when Yahweh has given Zebach and Tsalmunna into my hand, then I will thresh 1758 your flesh 1320 with the thorns 6975 of the wilderness and with briers 1303."

8. And he went up from there to Penuel 6439, and spoke to them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Sukkoth had answered.

9. And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I return in peace, I will tear down 5422 this tower."

10. Zebach and Tsalmunna *were* in Qarqor 7174, and their army with them, about fifteen thousand, all that was left from all the army of the children of Qedem, for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew 8025 sword.

11. And Gideon went up by the way of those that dwell in tents from the east of Nobach 5025 and Yogbehah 3011, and smote the camp: for the camp was secure 983.

12. When Zebach and Tsalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and captured the two kings of Midyan, Zebach and Tsalmunna, and terrified 2729 all their army.

13. And Gideon the son of Yoash returned from battle at the ascent of Cheres 2775,

14. And caught 3920 a youth 5288 from the men of Sukkoth and inquired of him, and he described 3789 to him the officials of Sukkoth, and the elders of it, seventy men.

15. And he came to the men of Sukkoth, and said: "Behold Zebach and Tsalmunna, with whom you taunted 2778 me, saying, 'Are the palms of the hands of Zebach and Tsalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your weary men?'"

16. And he took the elders of the city, and the thorns of the wilderness and briers, and taught the men of Sukkoth. .

17. And he tore down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.
18. He said to Zebach and Tsalmunna, "What manner of men *were they* whom you slew at Tabor?" And they answered, "Like you, so were they; each one appeared 8389 the son of a king."
19. And he said: "They *were* my brothers, the sons of my mother: *as* Yahweh lives, if you had let them live, I would not slay you."
20. And he said to Yether 3500 his firstborn, "Rise up and slay them!" But the youth did not draw his sword: because he was afraid, because he *was* still a youth.
21. Then Zebach and Tsalmunna said: "Rise you up, and strike us down 6293: for as the man is, *so is* his strength 1369." And Gideon rose up, and slew Zebach and Tsalmunna, and took away the ornaments 7720 that (were) on their camel's 1581 necks.
22. Then the men of Yisrael said to Gideon: Rule 4910 over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son also: for you have delivered us from the hand of Midyan."
23. And Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: Yahweh shall rule over you."
24. And Gideon said to them, "I would ask 7592 a request 7596 of you, that you would give me every man the earrings 5141 of his plunder 7998." Because they had golden 2091 earrings, because they *were* Yishmaeliy 3459.
25. And they answered, We will willingly give. And they spread 6566 a garment 8071 and cast in it every man the earrings of his plunder.
25. And they answered, We will willingly give. And they spread 6566 a garment 8071 and cast in it every man the earrings of his plunder
26. And the weight of the golden earrings that he asked for was a thousand and seven hundred *Shekels* of gold; apart 905 from 4480 ornaments, and pendants 5188, and purple 713 clothing 899 that was on the kings of Midyan, and apart from the chains 6060 that were on their camel's necks.
27. And Gideon made an ephod 646 of it, and put it in his city, in Ophrah: and all Yisrael committed *religious* fornication 2181 there 8033 going after it: and became a snare 4170 to Gideon, and to his house.
28. So Midyan was subdued before the children of Yisrael, so they lifted up their heads no more; And the land was quiet forty years in the days of Gideon.
29. And Yerubbaal the son of Yoash went and dwelt in his own house.
30. And Gideon had seventy sons go forth from his loins: for he had many wives.
31. And his concubine 6370 that *was* in Shechem 7927, she also bore him a son, whose name was Abiymelech 40.
32. And Gideon the son of Yoash died in a good old age 7872, and was buried in the sepulchre 6913 of Yoash in Ophrah of the Abiy ha-Ezriy.
33. And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Yisrael turned again, and committed *religious* fornication after Baaliym, and made Baal-Beriyth 1170 their elohiym.

34. And the children of Yisrael did not remember Yahweh their Elohiym, who had delivered them from the hands of all their hated enemies on every side.

35. Nor did they kindness 2617 to the house of Yerubbaal who was Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had done to Yisrael.

## Chapter 9

### (#6 - Abimelech)

1. And Abimelech the son of Yerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2. "Speak, please, in the ears of all the citizens 1167 of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all the sons of Yerubbaal, seventy men, rule you, or that one rules? Remember that I *am* your bone and your flesh.'"

3. And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the citizens of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, "He *is* our kinsman."

4. They gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-Beriyth, with which Abimelech hired worthless 7386 and reckless 6348 men, who went after him.

5. And he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brothers the sons of Yerubbaal, seventy men, upon one stone. Only Yotham 3147 the youngest son of Yerubbaal was left 3498; because he hid himself 2244.

6. And all the citizens of Shechem gathered together, and all of Beyth-Millo 1037, and went and made to reign 4427 as king 4428 Abimelech, by the terebinth tree 436 by the pillar 5324 that was in Shechem.

7. And when they told it to Yotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Geriziyim 1630, and lifted up his voice, and cried out, saying: 'Hear me, you citizens of Shechem, so that Elohiym may listen to you.

8. The trees went forth to anoint 4886 a king over them; and they said to the olive tree 2132, "Reign over us!"

9. But the olive tree said to them: "Should I cease 2308 my abundance 1880 by which they honor 3513 elohiyim 430 and men, and go to sway 5128 over the trees?"

10. And the trees said to the fig tree 8384, "Come you, and reign over us!"

11. But the fig tree said to them, "Should I cease my sweetness 4987, and my good fruit 8570, and go to sway over the trees?"

12. Then the trees said to the vine 1612, "Come you, and reign over us!"

13. And the vine said to them: Should I cease my new wine 8492, which gladdens elohiyim and men, and go to sway over the trees?"

14. Then all the trees said to the bramble 329, "Come you, and reign over us!"

15. And the bramble said to the trees, “If in truth you anoint me king over you, come seek refuge 2620 in my shade 6738: and if not, let fire come forth from the bramble, and devour the cedars 730 of Lebanon.”
16. Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and integrity 8549 in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Yerubbaal and his house, and have dealt with him as his hands dealt;
17. For my father fought for you, and cast down 7993 his life 5315 in front 5048, and delivered you from the hand of Midyan:
18. And you have risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, seventy men upon one stone, and Abimelech the son of his maidservant reigns over the citizens of Shechem because he is your kinsman,
19. If you have acted in truth and integrity with Yerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him rejoice in you:
20. If not, let fire come forth from Abimelech, and devour the citizens of Shechem, and the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.”
21. And Yotham ran away 5127 and fled 1272, and went to Beer 876, and dwelt there from the presence of Abimelech his brother.
22. When Abimelech had reigned three years over Yisrael,
23. Elohiym sent a discordant 7451 spirit between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem; and the citizens of Shechem dealt treacherously 898 with Abimelech:
24. So that the violence 2555 to the seventy sons of Yerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid 7760 upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them; and upon the citizens of Shechem who strengthened 2388 his hand in the killing of his brothers.
25. The citizens of Shechem set liars in wait 693 for him upon the tops of the mountains, and they robbed 1497 all that passed through the way by them: and it was told to Abimelech.
26. And Gaal 1603 the son of Ebed 5651 came with his brothers, and passed over to Shechem: and the citizens of Shechem put their trust 982 in him.
27. And they went forth into the fields, and gathered 1219 their vineyards 3754, and trod 1869 *the grapes*, and made rejoicing 1974, and went into the house of their elohiym 430, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech.
28. And Gaal the son of Ebed said, “Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Yerubbaal? And Zebul his deputy 6496? Serve the men of Chamor the father of Shechem! For what account should we serve him?”
29. If only these people were put under my hand! Then I would remove 5493 Abimelech!” And he said to Abimelech, “increase your army and come out!”
30. And when Zebul the commander 8269 of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.
31. And he sent messengers to Abimelech privately 8649 saying: “Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and behold, they incite 6696 the city against you.

32. Now therefore rise up by night, you and the people that are with you, and lie in wait 693 in the field:

33. And it shall be, in the morning, when the sun rises up, you shall rise early and rush 6584 upon the city: and behold, *when* he and the people that are with him come forth against you, then you will do to them as your hand 3027 finds 4672.”

34. And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35. And Gaal the son of Ebed went forth, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

36. And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, “ Behold, there are people come forth from the tops of the mountains!” And Zebul said to him: “You see the shadow of the mountains as men.”

37. And Gaal spoke again and said: “See, people come forth from the highest part 2872 of the land, and another company comes from the Terebinth 436 of Meoneniyim 6049.”

38. Then Zebul said to him, “Where now *is* your mouth with which you said: ‘Who *is* Abimelech that we should serve him?’ *Is* this not the people that you despised 3988? Now, please go forth and fight them.”

39. And Gaal went forth before the citizens of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40. And Abimelech pursued him, and he fled from before him, and many were fallen down wounded 2491 up to the entrance of the gate.

41. And Abimelech dwelled at Arumah 725: and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers from dwelling in Shechem.

42. And it came to pass in the morning that the people went forth into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43. And he took the people, and divided them up into three companies, and lay in wait in the field, and watched, and behold, the people went forth from the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44. And Abimelech and the company with him rushed forward and took a stand in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies rushed upon all those in the fields and smote them.

45. Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he captured the city, and slew the people that *were* in it, and tore down 5422 the city, and sowed 2232 it with salt 4417.

46. When all the citizens of the Tower of Shechem heard, they went into an underground chamber 6877 of the house of El 410 Beriyyth 1286.

47. And Abimelech was told that all the citizens of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48. And Abimelech went up to Mount Tsalmon 6756, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an axe 7134 in his hand, and cut down a branch 7754 from the trees, and took it, and laid it upon his shoulder, and said to the people that *were* with him, “What you have seen me do, make haste 4116, and do likewise.”

49. All the people likewise cut down every man a branch, and followed Abimelech, and laid them upon the underground chamber, and set the underground chamber on fire over them; so all the men of the Tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

50. Then Abimelech went to Tebets 8405, and encamped against Tebets, and captured it.

51. There was a strong tower within the city, and there fled all the men and women, all citizens of the city, and shut 5462 it up behind 1157 them, and went up to the roof 1406 of the tower.

52. And Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and came close 5066 to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53. And a woman cast 7993 an upper 6400 millstone 7393 upon Abimelech's head, to crush 7533 his skull 1538.

54. He called quickly 4120 to the young man his armor-bearer 5375/3627, and said to him, "Draw 8025 your sword, and kill me, so that it is not said of me, 'A woman slew him'". And the young man thrust him through 1856 and he died.

55. When the men of Yisrael saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man to his place.

56. Thus Elohiym returned the evil 7451 of Abimelech, which he did to his father by slaying his seventy brothers.

57. And all the evil of the men of Shechem Elohiym returned upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Yotham the son of Yerubbaal.

## Reference Chapter 9

Verses 53,54 – 2 Samuel 11:21

## Chapter 10 (#7 - Tola)

1. After Abimelech arose to deliver Yisrael, Tola 8439 the son of Puah 6312, the son of Dodo 1734, a man of Yissaschar; and he dwelt in Shamiyr 8069 in the hill country of Ephrayim.

2. And he led Yisrael twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamiyr.

## (#8 - Yaiyr)

3. After him arose Yaiyr 2971, a Gileadiy 1569, and led Yisrael twenty-two years.

4. And he had thirty sons that rode on male asses 5895, and they had thirty cities, which are called Chawwoth-Yaiyr 2334 to this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

5. And Yaiyr died, and was buried in Qamon 7056.

6. And the children of Yisrael again did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and served Baaliym, and Ashteroth 6562, and the elohiym of Aram 758, and the elohiym of Tsiydon, and the elohiym of Moab, and the elohiym of the Pelishtiy, and forsook Yahweh, and did not serve Him.

7. The anger of Yahweh burned 2734 against Yisrael, and He sold them into the hands of the Pelishtiy, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

8. That year they shattered 7492 and crushed 7533 the children of Yisrael: *and for* eighteen years, all the children of Yisrael *that were* on the other side 5676 of the Yarden in the land of the Emoriy, which *is* in Gilead.
9. And the children of Ammon passed over the Yarden to fight against Yahudah, and against Binyamiyn, and against the House of Ephrayim; so that Yisrael was exceedingly 3966 distressed 3334.
10. And the children of Yisrael cried out to Yahweh saying: “We have sinned 2398 against You, because we have forsaken our Elohiym, and served Baaliym.”
11. And Yahweh said to the children of Yisrael: “Nay! From the Mitsrayim, and from the Emoriy, from the children of Ammon, and from the Pelishtiy,
12. From the Tsidoniy, the Amaleqiy, and the Maoniym 4584, who oppressed 3905 you, and you cried 6817 to Me, and I delivered you from their hand.
13. Yet you have forsaken Me, and served other elohiym: wherefore I will deliver you no more.
14. Go and cry to the elohiym which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress 6869:”
15. And the children of Yisrael said to Yahweh: We have sinned: Do You to us whatsoever seems good in Your sight; only please deliver us this day.”
16. And they removed 5493 the racial aliens' 5236 elohey 430 from among them, and served Yahweh: and He could no longer 7114 bear 5315 the trouble 5999 of Yisrael.
17. Then the children of Ammon were summoned, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Yisrael assembled 622, and encamped in Mitspah 4709.
18. And the people, leaders of Gilead said one man to another: “The man who will begin 2490 to fight against the children of Ammon shall be the leader over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”

## Chapter 11

( #9 - Yiphtach )

1. Yiphtach 3316 the Gileadiy 1569 was a mighty man 1368 of valor 2428, and he *was* the son of a woman prostitute 2181: and Gilead begot Yiphtach.
2. And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and his wife's sons grew up 1431, and they drove out 1644 Yiphtach, and said to him: “You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of another 312 woman.”
3. So Yiphtach fled from before his brothers, and dwelt in the land of Tob 2897: and worthless 7836 men gathered to Yiphtach, and went forth with him.
4. It came to pass from time, the children of Ammon made war against Yisrael.
5. And it was, that when the children of Ammon made war against Yisrael, the elders of Gilead went to summon 3947 Yiphtach from the land of Tob.
6. And they said to Yiphtach, “Come and be our commander 7101, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.”



7. Yiphtach said to the elders of Gilead: “Did you not hate me, and drive me out from my father's house? On what account do you come to me now when you are in distress 6862?”
8. The elders of Gilead said to Yiphtach, “Therefore we return to you now, that you come with us, and fight the children of Ammon, and be our head 7218 over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”
9. And Yiphtach said to the elders of Gilead: “If you return me to fight the children of Ammon, and Yahweh delivers them before me, shall I be your head?”
10. And the elders of Gilead said to Yiphtach, “Yahweh be witness between us, if we do not so according to your words.”
11. Then Yiphtach went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them: and Yiphtach spoke 1696 all his words before Yahweh in Mitspah.
12. Yiphtach sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, “For what reason between us do you come against us to fight in our land?”
13. And the king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Yiphtach, “Because Yisrael took away my land when they came up from Mitsrayim, from the Arnon to the Yabboq 2999 as far as the Yarden: now return them peaceably.”
14. And Yiphtach sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon:
15. And said to him, “Thus says Yiphtach, ‘Yisrael did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:
16. But when Yisrael came up from Mitsrayim, and walked through the wilderness as far as the Sea of Reeds and came to Qadesh.
17. Then Yisrael sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, “Allow us to pass through your land,” but the king of Edom would not listen. And also they sent to the king of Moab: but he would not: and Yisrael abode in Qadesh.
18. Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came from the place of the rising 4217 of the sun 8121 of the land of Moab, and camped 2583 on the other side of the Arnon, but did not come within the border of Moab: because the Arnon *was* the border of Moab.
19. And Yisrael sent messengers to Siychon 5511 king of the Emoriy 567, the king of Cheshbon 2809; and Yisrael said to him: Please let us pass through your land to our place,”
20. But Siychon did not trust Yisrael to pass through his territory: but Siychon gathered together all his people, and camped 2583 in Yahats 3096, and fought against Yisrael.
21. And Yahweh Elohey 430 Yisrael gave Siychon and all his people into the hand of Yisrael, and they smote them: so Yisrael took possession of all the land of the Emoriy, the inhabitants of that land.
22. And they possessed all the territory of the Emoriy, from the Arnon unto Yabboq, and from the wilderness unto the Yarden.
23. So now Yahweh Elohey Yisrael has dispossessed the Emoriy from before His people Yisrael, and should you possess it?

24. Will you not possess what Kemosh 3645 eloheycha 430 gives you to possess? So all whom Yahweh Eloheynu 430 drives out from before us, that we will possess.

25. And now *are* you really better 2895/2896 than Balaq 1111 the son of Tsippor 6834, king of Moab? He constantly strove 7378/7378 against Yisrael, if not constantly making war 3898/3898 against us.

26. While Yisrael dwelt in Cheshbon and her towns, and in Aroer 6177 and her towns, and in all the cities that *are* along the side of the Arnon, three hundred years; on what account did you not recover 5337 within that time?

27. I have not sinned against you 2398, but you do me harm 7451 to make war against me: The Judge 8199 Yahweh be judge 8199 this day between the children of Yisrael and the children of Ammon.”

28. But the king of Ammon did not pay heed to the words of Yiphtach which he sent him. (Yiphtach's Vow)

29. Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Yiphtach, and he passed through Gilead, and Menashsheh, and proceeded through Mitspah of Gilead, and from Mitspah of Gilead he passed on to the children of Ammon.

30. And Yiphtach vowed a vow to Yahweh, and said, “If You shall totally give the children of Ammon into my hands,

31. Then it shall be, that whatever comes forth from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be Yahweh's, and I will offer up 5927 for it a burnt offering.”

32. So Yiphtach passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them; and Yahweh gave them into his hands.

33. And he smote them from Aroer until you come to Minniyth 4511, twenty cities, to Abel-Keramim 64, with a very great slaughter 4347. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Yisrael.

34. And Yiphtach came to Mitspah to his house, and, behold, his daughter came forth to meet him with tambourine 8596 and dances! She was his only child 3173; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35. And it was, when he saw her, that he rent 7167 his clothes, and said, “Alas 162 my daughter! You have bowed me very low 3766/3766 and you have become my trouble 5916: for I have opened my mouth to Yahweh and I am not able to turn back 7725.

36. And she said to him: “My father, you have opened your mouth to Yahweh, do to me according to that which came forth from your mouth, forasmuch as Yahweh has taken vengeance 5360 for you from your hated enemies from the children of Ammon.”

37. She said to her father: ‘Let this thing be done for me: let me be 7503 for two months, so I walk 1980 and descend 3381 upon the mountains to weep 1058 over my virginity 1331, I and my companions 7464.’”

38. And he said, “Go.” And he sent her away 7971 two months: and she walked with her companions, and wept over her virginity upon the mountains.

**39.** And it was after two months, she returned to her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew *3045* no man. So it became a custom in Yisrael, for the daughters of Yisrael, to go from year to year to recount *8567* of the daughter of Yiphtach the Gileadiy four days a year.

## Chapter 11 Notes

The story of Yiphtach's vow and what happened to his only daughter has been twisted by some very bad translations. I will examine for you here what proper translation, and a knowledge of Hebrew Law and customs reveals in a verse by verse analysis.

## References Chapter 11

**Verse 25** – Num. 22-24;

**Verse 31** – Num. 30:2; **Verse 33** – *64* “Meadow of Vineyards”;

**Verse 35** – Num. 30:2

**Verse 31** - The vow itself - Yiphtach said what came forth from his house would be Yahweh's, as dedicated and set apart for Yahweh exclusively. He then said he would offer up (as the smoke ascending) a burnt offering FOR IT, not sacrifice what came forth as a burnt offering. The burnt offering made what came forth holy, fit for Yahweh's service, as a dedicated thing. This sort of vow is a binding vow, as shown in Numbers 30:2.

**Verse 34** - The only daughter - This was the only child of Yiphtach, and his only hope for grand-children. When his daughter came forth, she was instantly destined to be a lifelong dedicated servant to Yahweh, never to marry. If she were to marry, she would then be under first obligation to her husband, not Yahweh, so marriage was not permitted for her under the terms of her father's vow. Rules of dedication are different for men and women.

**Verse 35** - The sorrow of Yiphtach - Yiphtach rent his clothing, and was grieved by the fact that he never would have any grandchildren, and he would also have to give over his only daughter to lifelong service to Yahweh, seeing her no more. Again refer to Num. 30:2, as he could not retract his vow.

**Verses 37 through 40** - Weeping over Virginity - This was a normal, healthy young Israelite woman. She had expected to be married, and bear children, in a normal life. Being a righteous young Israelite, she was a virgin, and therefore pure. She was fit, in her pure state, to be dedicated for Yahweh's service. Her father had vowed, and since she under her father's authority as an unmarried female, the vow was binding upon her. She now would never marry, and would remain in her virgin state. This was a major thing, affecting her entire life.

**In verse 37**, she weeps over her virginity, which she could now never lose in marriage. She did NOT however, weep because she was to be a burnt offering. Yahweh would never allow or accept that. She and her companions, whom she would also have to leave, went walking and weeping in the mountains, saying a long farewell between friends.

**In verse 39** it clearly states she knew no man. This means sexually. No children, and a cause for her weeping.

**In verse 40**, there is a glaring error in translation. The word they have translated as "mourn" *8567*, in fact means to recount, or tell the story of. Mourn would mean the daughter was dead, killed as a sacrifice, which did NOT happen.

**Sacrifice** - All physical blood sacrifices were of the male gender. No adamic sacrifice was ever done. When Abraham was to “sacrifice” Isaac, it was only a test of his faith by Yahweh. A ram was substituted for Isaac, and no adamic sacrifice occurred.

Yahweh manifested Himself as Yahshua Messiah to die as Yisrael's “husband” so a re-marriage could occur. Yahshua was more than a “man”, and took up His uncorrupted body again, thus defeating death itself. No ordinary adam was sacrificed. Yahweh sacrificed His own Earthly Manifestation, which was within His authority to do, to complete His grand plan for Yisrael's redemption by a "kinsman redeemer". The translators change of ONE WORD has twisted an entire view of a section of scripture. The daughter was NOT sacrificed. No mourning occurred, just the yearly retelling of her story.

## Chapter 12 (Yiphtach Defeats Ephrayim)

1. The men of Ephrayim were summoned, and went northward, and said to Yiphtach: “On what account do you pass over to fight the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house upon you with fire!”

2. And Yiphtach said to them: “I and my people were men that strove *7379* greatly *3966* with the children of Ammon; and when I called out *2199* to you, you did not deliver me from their hands.

3. And when I saw that you did not deliver me, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and Yahweh gave them into my hand: for what reason have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?”

4. Then Yiphtach gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephrayim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephrayim, because they said, “You Gileadiy are fugitives *6412* from Ephrayim among Ephrayim, *and* among Menashsheh.”

5. And the Gileadiy siezed the fords *4569* of the Yarden *4569 before* Ephrayim: and it was, that those of Ephrayim who were fugitives said: "Let me pass over," to the men of Gilead said to him: "Are you an Ephrathiy *673?*" If he said, "Nay;"

6. Then they said to him: “Say now Shibboleth *7641;*” and he said “Sibboleth *5451;*” for he could not fashion *3559* to say it right. Then they took hold of him, and slew him at the fords of the Yarden: and there fell at that time of Ephrayim forty-two thousand.

7. And Yiphtach led Yisrael six years. Then Yiphtach the Gileadiy died, and was buried in a city of Gilead.

8. And after him Ibtsan *78* of Beyth-Lechem *1035* led Yisrael.

### (#10 - Ibtsan)

9. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad *2351*, and brought thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he led Yisrael seven years.

10. Then Ibtsan died, and was buried at Beyth-Lechem.

### (#11 — Eylon)

11. And after him Eylon *356*, a Zebuloniy *2075*, led Yisrael: and he led Yisrael ten years.

12. And Eylon the Zebuluniy died, and was buried in Ayalon 357 in the land of Zebulun.

### (#12 - Abdon)

13. And after him Abdon 5658 the son of Hillel 1985, a Pirathoniy 6553, led Yisrael.

14. And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons 1121/1121 that rode on seventy ass colts: and he led Yisrael eight years.

15. And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathoniy died, and was buried in Pirathon 6552 in the land of Ephrayim, in the hill of the Amaleqiy.

## Chapter 12 Note

Verse 6 – 7641 – a flowing stream; 5451 – a flood

## Chapter 13

( #13 - Shim'shon )

1. And the children of Yisrael did evil again in the sight of Yahweh; and Yahweh gave them into the hand of the Pelishtiyim 6430 forty years.

2. There was a certain man of Tsorah 6681, of the tribe of the Daniy 1839, whose name was Manoach 4495; and his wife *was* barren 6135, and did not bear 3205.

3. A messenger of Yahweh appeared to the woman, and said to her, “Behold now, you are barren, and do not bear: but you shall conceive 2029, and bear a son.

4. Now take care 8104, please, and drink no wine or strong drink 7941, and eat nothing unclean 2931:

5. Because, lo, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and no razor 4177 shall come up upon his head: because the boy shall be a Naziyr 5139 to Elohiym from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Yisrael from the hand of the Pelishtiyim.”

6. And the woman came and told her husband, saying: “A man of Elohiym came to me, and his appearance 4758 *was* like the appearance of a messenger of Elohiym, very awesome 3372: but I did not ask him from where he *was*, nor did he tell me his name:

7. But he said to me, “Behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, nor eat anything unclean: because the boy shall be a Naziyr to Elohiym from the womb to the day of his death!”

8. Then Manoach entreated 6279 to Yahweh, and said, “ O Yahweh, let the man of Elohiym which You sent come again, please, to us, and teach 3384 us what we shall do to the boy that shall be born.”

9. And Elohiym heard the voice of Manoach; and the messenger of Elohiym came again to the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoach her husband was not with her.

10. In haste 4116 the woman ran 7323 and told her husband, and said to him: "Behold, the man appeared to me, that came to me in the day.”

11. And Manoach arose and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, “*Are* you the man that spoke to my wife?” And he said: “*I am.*”

12. And Manoach said: “Now let your words come *to pass*. What shall be *1961* the rules *4941* for the boy, and what work *4639* shall he do?”

13. And the messenger of Yahweh said to Manoach; “Of all that I said to the woman let her take care.

14. She must not consume from anything that comes from the *grape* vine, nor drink wine nor strong drink, nor eat anything unclean: all that I commanded her let her observe *8104*.”

15. And Manoach said to the messenger of Yahweh: “Please, let us detain you until we have prepared a kid of the she-goats before you.”

16. And the messenger of Yahweh said to Manoach: “Though you detain me, I will not eat your food: and if you make a burnt offering, you must offer it up to Yahweh.” Because Manoach did not know that he was a messenger of Yahweh.

17. And Manoach said to the messenger of Yahweh, “What is your name, that when your words come to pass we may honor *3513* you?”

18. And the messenger of Yahweh said to him: “Why ask this way of my name, as it is beyond understanding *6383*?”

19. So Manoach took a kid of the she-goats with a grain offering, and offered it up upon a rock to Yahweh: and a wondrous thing *6381* was done; and Manoach and his wife observed it.

20. It came to pass, as the flame ascended toward the sky from upon the altar, that the messenger of Yahweh ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoach and his wife observed it, and prostrated themselves upon their faces on the ground.

21. The messenger of Yahweh appeared no more to Manoach and his wife. Then Manoach knew that he (had been) a messenger of Yahweh.

22. And Manoach said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen an *elohiym* *430*!"

23. But his wife said to him, “If Yahweh were pleased *2654* to kill us, He would not have received our burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, neither would He have let us see all these *things*, nor at this time hear these *things*.”

24. The woman bore a son, and called his name Shim’shon *8123*: and the boy grew, and Yahweh blessed him.

25. And the Spirit of Yahweh began to impel *6470* him in the camp of Dan between Tsorah and Eshtaol *847*.

## References Chapter 13

Verse 5 – Num. 6:1-5;

Verse 24 – *8123* Shim’shon, from *8121* shemesh (the sun), meaning “sunshine”.

## Chapter 14 (Shim’shon's First Wife)

1. And Shim’shon went down to Timnathah *8553*, and saw a woman in Timnathah of the daughters of the Pelishtiym *6430*.

2. And he came up and told his parents, and said, "I have seen a woman in Timnathah of the daughters of the Pelishtiyim: now procure 3947 her for me to wife."
3. Then his parents said to him , "*Is there* no woman among the daughters of your kinsmen, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife of the Pelishtiyim, possessors of foreskins 6189? and said Shim'shon to his father, "Procure her for me because she pleases 3474 my eyes 5869."
4. His parents did not know that it *was* of Yahweh, that He sought an opportunity 8385 against the Pelishtiyim: because at that time the Pelishtiyim were rulers 4910 over Yisrael.
5. Then went down Shim'shon and his parents *l* to Timnathah, and came to the vineyards 3754 of Timnathah, and behold, a young 3715 lion 738 roared 7580 to meet 7125 him.
6. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed 6743 upon him, and he tore him asunder 8156 *as he would tear asunder* 8156 a kid, with no thing but his hands 3027: but he did not tell his parents what he had done.
7. And he went down and spoke with the woman; and she pleased the eyes of Shim'shon.
8. And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass 4658 of the lion: and behold, a swarm 5712 of bees 1682 and honey 1706 was in the carcass 1472 of the lion.
9. And he scraped it out 7287 in the palms of his hands 3709 and ate as he walked on, and came to his parents, and gave to them, and they ate: but he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.
10. So his father went down to the woman: and Shim'shon made there a feast 4960; because so the young men 970 used to do.
11. And it was, when they saw him, they brought thirty companions 4828 to be with him.
12. And Shim'shon said to them: I will now propound 2330 a riddle 2420 to you: if you can certainly tell it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find *the answer*, then I will give you thirty linen wrappers 5466 and thirty changes 2487 of garments.
13. But if you cannot tell it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen wrappers and thirty changes of garments." And they said to him, "Propound your riddle, that we may hear it."
14. And he said to them, "From the eater 398 came forth food 3978, and from the strong 5794 came forth a sweet thing 4966." And they could not in three days declare the riddle.
15. And it was on the seventh day, that they said to Shim'shon's wife: "Entice 6601 your husband, that he may tell us his riddle, lest we burn you and your father's household with fire! To impoverish us 3423 you invite us 7121 here! *Is it not so?*"
16. Shim'shon's wife wept 1058 upon him, and said: "You do but hate me, and love me not: you have propounded a riddle to the children of my people, and have not told me!" And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told my parents, and I shall tell you?"
17. And she wept upon him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it was on the seventh day that he told her, because she annoyed him with weeping 6693 so: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.
18. The seventh day the men of the city said to him before the sun 2775 went down: "What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them: "If you had not plowed 2790 with my heifer 5697, you had not found out my riddle."

19. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashqelon, and slew thirty men from them, and took their spoil 2488, and gave changes 2487 to to those which declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20. But Shim'shon's wife was *given* to his companion 4828, to whom he had been as his friend 7462.

## Chapter 15

1. It came to pass after a time, in the time of wheat harvest, that Shim'shon visited 6485 his wife, with a kid of the she-goats; and he said, "Let me go to my wife in her chamber 2315: 'But her father would not permit 5414 him to enter.

2. Her father said: "I said in my heart that you utterly hated her; so I gave her to your companion 4828: *is not her younger sister better than she? Let her become your wife please, instead of 8478 her.*"

3. And Shim'shon said: "This time 6471 I shall be free from guilt 5352 from the Pelishtiym, even if I do them harm 7451."

4. And Shim'shon went and caught three hundred foxes 7776, and took torches 3940, and turned *the foxes tail 2180 to tail*, and put a torch in the midst between two tails.

5. And he set the torches on fire, and let them loose in the standing grain 7054 of the Pelishtiym, and burnt up the grain stacks 1430 and also the standing grain, with the vineyards 3754 and the olive trees 2132.

6. Then the Pelishtiym said: "Who has done this?" And they were told, 'Shim'shon, the son-in-law of the Timniy 8554, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion.' And the Pelishtiym came up and burnt her and her father with fire.

7. And Shim'shon said to them: "Though you have done this, yet I will still avenge myself 5358 of you, and after that I will cease 2308."

8. And he smote them leg 7785 and thigh 3409 with a great slaughter 4347: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft 5585 of the rock 5553 Eytam 5862.

### (Shim'shon Kills a "Thousand" Pelishtiym)

9. Then the Pelishtiym went up and encamped in Yahudah, and spread abroad 5203 in Lechiy 3896.

10. And the men of Yahudah said: "For what reason have you come against us?" And they answered: "To bind 631 Shim'shon are we come up, to do to him as he has done to us."

11. Then three thousand men of Yahudah went forth to the cleft of the rock Eytam, and said to Shim'shon, "Do you not know that the Pelishtiym rule over us? What is this you have done to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I have done to them."

12. And they said to him: "We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hand of the Pelishtiym." And Shim'shon said to them, "Swear 7650 to me that you will not strike me down 6293 yourselves."

13. And they answered him, saying, "No; but we will bind you fast, and give you into their hand: but we will surely not kill you:" And they bound him with two new 2319 cords, and brought him up from the rock.



14. When he came to Lechiy, the Pelishtiyim called out to meet him; and the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon him, and the cords upon his arms became like flax 6593 that was burnt with fire, and his bonds 631 melted 4549 from upon his hands.

15. And he found a fresh 2961 jawbone 3895 of an ass 2543, and sent forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand \* 505 men with it.

16. And Shim'shon said: "With the jawbone of an ass, heap 2563 of heaps 2565, with the jaw of an ass I have slain a thousand\* men."

17. And it was when he had made an end 3615 of speaking he cast away 7993 the jawbone from his hand, and called that place Ramath-Lechiy 7437.

18. And he was very thirsty 6770, and called to Yahweh, and said: "You have given this great deliverance 8668 by the hand of Your servant: and now shall I die from thirst, and fall into the hand of the possessors of foreskins?"

19. But Elohiym broke open 1234 a hollow place 4388 that *was* in the jawbone, and water came forth from it; and when he had drunk his spirit returned, and he revived 2421: upon which he called the name of it Eyn haQore 5875, which is in Lechiy unto this day.

20. And he led Yisrael in the days of the Pelishtiyim twenty years.

## Chapter 15 Notes

It is a "style" of writing in Hebrew to use "thousand and ten-thousand" in a metaphorical manner to indicate a large number. This is not the literal number-count of things, but a metaphor, so in verses 15 and 16 "thousand" means a large number of men slain, with no actual head-count of the bodies.

## Chapter 16 (Shim'shon Takes the City Gates)

1. Then went Shim'shon to Azzathah 5804, and saw there a woman prostitute, and went in unto her.

2. The Azzathiyim 5841 said: "Shim'shon is come here." And they surrounded 5437 him, and laid wait for him all night in the gate 3179 of the city, and were silent 2790 all night, saying: "In the morning, when it is daylight 216, we shall kill him."

3. And Shim'shon lay until midnight 2677/3915, and arose at midnight, and took hold of 270 the doors 1817 of the gate of the city, and the two gateposts 4201, and set out 5265 with them, bar 1280 and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders 3802, and carried them to the top of the hill that *is* before Chebron 2275.

## (Shim'shon and Deliyah)

4. And it was afterward, that he loved 157 a woman in the Wady 5158 Soreq 7796, whose name was Deliyah 1807.

5. The lords 5633 of the Pelishtiyim came up to her, and said to her, "Entice him, and wherein is his great strength, and by what *means* we may prevail 3201 against him, that we may bind him to imprison 6031 him: and we will give you every man of us eleven-hundred *pieces* of silver."

6. And Deliyah said to Shim'shon, "Tell me, please, wherein is your great strength, and by what *means* you might be bound to imprison you?"

7. And Shim'shon said to her, "If they bind me with seven new 3892 bowstrings 3499 that were never dried 2717, then I shall be weak 2470, and be as another adam 120."

8. So the lords of the Pelishtiym brought up to her seven new bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them,

9. While men lying in wait abode with her in the chamber. And she said to him: "The Pelishtiym are upon you Shim'shon!" And he broke the bowstrings like a thread 6616 of tow 5296 is broken when it smells 7306 the fire. So his *source* of strength was not known.

10. And Deliyah said to Shim'shon: "Behold, you have deceived me 2048, and told me lies 3577: now tell me please, by what *means* you may be bound."

11. And he said to her, "If they bind me fast with new 2319 ropes 5688 that were never used 4399, then I shall be weak, and be as another adam."

12. Deliyah took two new ropes, and bound him with them, and said to him: "The Pelishtiym are upon you Shim'shon!" And liers in wait abode in the chamber. And he broke them from upon his arms like a thread 2339.

13. And Deliyah said to Shim'shon, "Until now you have deceived me, and told me lies: tell me in what manner you may be bound!" And he said to her, "If you weave 707 the seven locks of my head with the web 4545 *of fabric*."

14. And she beat it 8628 with the pin 3489, and said to him, "The Pelishtiym are upon you Shim'shon!" And he awakened from his sleep 8142, and set out 5265 with the pin of the loom 708 and the web *of fabric*.

15. And she said to him: "How can you say, 'I love you', when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me three times, and have not told me wherein your great strength lies."

16. And it was, because she nagged 6693 him daily with her words, and urged 509 him, he was worn out 7114 unto death;

17. He told her all in his heart, and said to her, "Never has come up a razor upon my head; because I *have been* a Naziyr to Elohiym from my mother's womb: if I am shaven 1548, then my strength will depart 5493 from me, and I shall be weak, and like the whole of adam."

18. And when Deliyah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Pelishtiym, saying: "Come up once more, because he has told me all his heart!" Then the lords of the Pelishtiym came up to her, and brought money in their hand.

19. She caused him to sleep 3462 upon her knees 1290; and called for a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict 6031 him, and his strength departed from upon him.

20. And she said: "The Pelishtiym are upon you Shim'shon!" And he awoke from his sleep, and said "I will go forth as other times, and shake myself 5287 *free*." And he did not know that Yahweh had departed from upon him.

21. But the Pelishtiym took hold of him, and bored out 5365 his eyes, and brought him down to Azzathah, and bound him with fetters of bronze 5178; and he ground 2912 *grain* in the house of prisoners 615.

22. His hair of his head grew abundantly 6779 after it was shaved off.

### (Shim'shon's Death)

23. The lords of the Pelishtiym gathered to slaughter 2076 a great 1419 sacrifice 2077 to Dagon 1712 their *fish* god 430, and to make merry 8057: for they proclaimed 559, " Given by our god to our hands, Shim'shon our hated enemy!"

24. And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, " Given by our god to our hands our hated enemy, and the desolator 2717 of our country, and many 7235 he slew of us 2491."

25. And it was, when their hearts were merry, that they said: "Call for Shim'shon, that he may make sport 7832 for us!" And they called for Shim'shon from the house of prisoners; and made sport before them: and they stood him between the pillars 5982.

26. And Shim'shon said to the lad that held him by the hand, "Permit 5117 me to feel 4184 the pillars upon which the house stands, that I may lean 8172 upon them."

27. Now the house 1004 was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Pelishtiym *were* there; and upon the roof *were* about three thousand men and women, that watched while Shim'shon was made sport of.

28. And Shimshon called out to El-Yahweh and said, " O Lord 136 Yahweh, remember me please, and strengthen me now, only this once, O Elohiym, so that I may at once 259 avenge 5358 vengeance 5359 from the Pelishtiym for my two eyes."

29. And Shimshon took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and upon which it was borne up, one with his right hand, and the other with his left.

30. And Shimshon said, "Let me die with the Pelishtiym!" And with all his might he stretched out 5186, and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were in it. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than which he slew while he lived.

31. Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Tsarah and Eshtaol in the sepulchre of Manoach his father. And he led Yisrael twenty years.

## Chapter 16 Notes

**Verse 5** – 5633 as tyrants, each ruling a city, see 1 Sam .6:17;

**Verse 7** – 3892 as a fresh animal sinew bowstring, un-dried.

**Verse 9** – 5296 made from flax; 7306 as a metaphor.

**Verse 14** – 3489 the pin of the loom, used to force thread into the fabric being woven. 708 as a hand loom.

**Verse 21** – 2912 as turning a millstone.

**Verse 25** – 7832 as laugh at in derision.

## Chapter 17 (Miychah's Idols)

1. There was a man of the hill country of Ephrayim, whose name was Michayehu 4321.
2. And he said to his mother: "The eleven-hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from you, about which you cursed 422, and spoke also in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed *be you* of Yahweh, my son."
3. He returned the eleven-hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, and his mother said: "I wholly dedicate the silver to Yahweh from my hand to my son, to make a carved idol 6459 and a cast idol 4541: now therefore I will return it to you."
4. Yet he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took two-hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the smelter 6884, who made of it a carved idol and a cast idol: and they were in the house of Michayehu.
5. And the man Miychah 4318 had a house of elohiym 430, and made an ephod 646 and a teraphiym 8655, and filled the hand 4390/3027 of one of his sons, who became his priest 3548.
6. In those days there was no king in Yisrael, and every man did right 3477 in his own eyes.

### (Miychah's Priest)

7. There was a young man from Beyth-Lechem Yahudah, from the clan-seat 4940 of Yahudah, who was a Lewiy, and he sojourned 1481 there 8033.
8. And the man departed from the city of Beyth-Lechem Yehudah to sojourn where he could find *a place*: and he came to the hill country of Ephrayim to the house of Miychah as he made his journey 1870.
9. And Miychah said to him, "From where do you come?" And he replied to him: "I *am* a Lewiy of Beyth-Lechem Yahudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*."
10. And Miychah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten *shekels* of silver a year, and a row 6187 of garments 899, and your sustenance 4241" So the Lewiy went *with him*.
11. And the Lewiy was willing 2974 to dwell with the man; and the young man was become like one of his sons.
12. And Miychah filled the hand of the Lewiy and the young man became his priest, and was in the household of Miychah.
13. Then Miychah said: "Now I know that Yahweh will do me good, seeing as how I have a Lewiy as priest."

## Chapter 17 Notes

Miychah was a very mislead individual. Due to lack of leadership, Yisrael had degenerated into a mixed religion of idols and Yahweh combined. Miychah truly believed he was doing righteously. Modern "churchianity" has let paganism in, and like Miychah, these worshipers actually believe they are "doing it right".

## References Chapter 17

**Verse 2** – Lev. 5:1; 1 Kings 8:31;

**Verse 5** – 8655 a household idol; “filled the hand” as “installed”;

**Verse 6** – Judges 21:25;

**Verse 10** – 6187 as a complete outfitting of priestly garments.

## Chapter 18

### (Miychah and the Tribe of Dan)

**1.** In those days *there was* no king in Yisrael: and in those days the tribe of the Daniy 1839 sought them an inheritance to dwell in; because unto that day inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Yisrael.

**2.** And the children of Dan 1835 sent from their clan-seat five men from the whole of 7098 the men, sons of valor, from Tsarah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out 7270 the land, and to explore it 2713; and they said to them: “Go explore 2713 the land:” and when they came to the hill country of Ephrayim, to the house of Miychah, they lodged 3885 there.

**3.** When they were close to the house of Miychah they recognized 5234 the voice of the young man the Lewiy: and they turned in there, and said to him, “Who brought you here? And what do you in this *place*? And on what account are you here?”

**4.** And he said to them, “Thus and thus does Miychah for me, and he hired 7936 me, and I became his priest.”

**5.** And they said to him: “Ask 7592, please, of Elohiym, that we may know whether the way we go upon shall be prosperous 6743.”

**6.** And the priest said to them, “Go in peace: before 5227 Yahweh is the way in which you go.”

**7.** Then the five men went on, and came to Layish 3919, and saw the people that were in it, dwelling securely 3427/983 after the manner of the Tsidoniy, quiet 8252 and secure 982; and in the land was no possessor 3423 of restraint 6114, that might humiliate them 3637 in any thing; and they were far off from the Tsidoniy and had no dealings 1697 with any adam 120.

**8.** And they came to their kinsmen in Tsarah and Eshtaol; and their kinsmen said to them, “What *say* you?”

**9.** And they replied: “Arise, that we may go up against them: because we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good: and *are* you still 2814 *sitting idle*? Do not hesitate 6101 to go to enter and possess the land.

**10.** When you go, you shall come to a people secure, and to a land wide 7342 of both hands 3027, because Elohiym has given it into your hands; a place that lacks not of any thing that is in the land.”

**11.** There set out from there from the clan-seat of the Daniy, from Tsarah and from Eshtaol, six hundred men girded with weapons of war. 12. They went up and camped in Qiryath Yeariym 7157, in Yahudah: upon which they called that place Machaneh-Dan 4625 to this day: behold, *it is* behind Qiryath Yeariym.

13. And they passed through from there to the hill country of Ephrayim, and came to the house of Miychah.

14. Then the five men responded that had gone out to spy out the country of Layish, and said to their kinsmen: "Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and a teraphim, and a carved idol, and a cast idol? Now you know what you must do."

15. They turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Lewiy, to the house of Miychah, and asked peace of him.

16. The six-hundred men girded with weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17. And the five men that went up to spy out the land went up, and went in there, *and* took the carved idol, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the cast idol: and the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six-hundred men girded with weapons of war.

18. And these went into Miychah's house, and took away the carved idol, the ephod, the teraphim, and the cast idol. Then the priest said to them: "What do you do?"

19. And they said to him, "Be silent *2790*, lay your hand upon your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *Is it* better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or be a priest to a tribe *7626* and a clan in Yisrael?"

20. And the priest's heart was pleased, and he took the ephod, the teraphim, and the carved idol, and went into the midst *7130* of the people.

21. So they turned *6437* and departed, and put the little ones *2945* and the livestock *4735* and their possessions *3520* before them.

22. When they were far away from the house of Miychah, the men that were in the houses close to Miychah were called together, and overtook *1692* the children of Dan.

23. And they cried out to the children of Dan. They turned around before them and said to Miychah, "What ails you *4100*, that you have assembled *2199*?"

24. And he replied: "You have taken away the gods which I made, and my priest, and you have walked away: What have I more? And what is this you say to me, 'What ails you?'"

25. And the children of Dan said to him, "Let not your voice be heard among us, lest men of bitter *4751* feelings *5315* strike you down *6923*, and you lose *622* your life *5315*, with the lives of your household."

26. And the children of Dan went their way: and when Miychah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and returned to his house.

27. And they took what Miychah made, and the priest which he had, and came to Layish, to a quiet and secure people: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28. And there was no deliverer, because it was far off from Tsiydon, and they had no dealings with any adam; and it was in the valley that is by Beyth-Rechob *1050*. And they built a city, and dwelled in it.

29. And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their forefather, who was born to Yisrael: however, the name of the city was Layish at the first.

**30.** And the children of Dan set up the carved idol: and Yahnathan 3083, son of Ger'shom 1648, son of Menashsheh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Daniy until the day of the captivity of the land.

**31.** And they set up Miychah's carved idol which he made, all the time that the House of Elohiym was in Shiloh.

## Chapter 18 Notes

In verse **30** it shows that they had a line of "priests" that were party to the setting up of a pagan idol, deliberately violating Yahweh's commandment against any such doings. In verse **31**, they had a pagan house of worship, even while the House of Yahweh was in existence at Shiloh. It speaks of the captivity of the land, which was a punishment of Yisrael by Yahweh for exactly the kind of thing they were doing with their idol worship. There was no Temple in existence yet, as it would be built after King David's rule, so they were still using the Tabernacle they had used back in the wilderness, set up at Shiloh.

## Chapter 19 (The Lewiy and His Concubine)

**1.** It was in those days, when *there was* no king in Yisrael, that there was a young man of Lewiy sojourning on the far end of the hill country of Ephrayim, who took a woman as concubine 6370 from Beyth-Lechem 6370 Yahudah.

**2.** And his concubine played the harlot 2181 against him, and went from him to her father's house to Beyth-Lechem Yahudah, and was there for four whole months.

**3.** And her husband rose up, and went after her, to speak upon his heart to her to return her (to him), with his servant and two asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the concubine saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

**4.** He was detained 2388 by his father-in-law 2859, the father of the damsel 5291; and he abode with him three days; and they ate and drank, and lodged 3885 there.

**5.** And it was on the fourth day, they arose early in the morning, and rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said to his son-in-law 2860, "Refresh 5582 your heart with a morsel 6595 of bread, and afterward go your way."

**6.** They sat down, and ate and drank both together: for the damsel's father had said to the man, "Will you 2974 please 4994 tarry all night, and let your heart be pleased 3190."

**7.** And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him 6484: therefore he returned 7725 to lodge there.

**8.** He rose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said: "Refresh your heart, please:" And they tarried until the day stretched out 5186, and both of them ate.

**9.** When the man rose to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said to him, "Behold, now the day declines 7503 toward evening 6150; please, tarry all night: behold, the day declines 2583, lodge here, so your heart be pleased; and tomorrow rise early on your journey, and go home."

**10.** But the man would not lodge that night, but rose up and departed, and came opposite to Yebus 2982 which is Yerushalaim; and with him two saddled 2280 asses, and his concubine also with him.

11. They were by Yebus, the day 3117 was beat down 7286 very much 3966; the servant said to his master, "Come, please, and turn aside into this city of the Yebusiy 2983, and lodge in it."

12. And his master said to him: "We will not turn aside into the city of racial aliens 5327 that are not of the children of Yisrael; we will pass through to Gibeah."

13. And he said to his servant: "Come, let us draw near to one of these places to lodge, in Gibeah, or Ramah."

14. And they passed through and went on; and the sun went down upon them by Gibeah, which *belongs* to Binyamin.

15. They turned adise there, to go in to lodge in Gibeah: and he went and sat down in the square 7339 of the city: for no man took them to his house to lodge.

16. Behold, there came an old man from his work from the field at evening, who also was of the hill country of Ephrayim; and he resided at 1481 Gibeah: but the men of the place were B'ney Yemiyniy.

17. He lifted up his eyes, and saw a traveling 732 man in the square of the city: and the old man said: "To where do you go, and from where do you come?"

18. And he replied to him, "We are passing through from Beyth Lechem Yahudah toward the hill country of Ephrayim; from there *am* I: and I went to Beyth Lechem Yahudah but I am going to the House of Yahweh; and there is no man that receives me into his house.

19. There is both straw 8401 and fodder 4554 for our asses: and there is bread and wine for me and your handmaid 519, and the young man with your servants 5650: *there is* no lack of any thing."

20. And the old man said: "Peace (be) with you; howsoever, all your wants are upon me; only do not lodge in the town square,

21. So he brought him to his house, and mixed provender 1101 for the asses: and they washed 7364 their feet, and ate and drank.

22. They were pleasing their hearts, and behold, the men of the city, men of the sons of Beliyaal 1100 surrounded 5437 the house, and beat at the door, and spoke to the owner 1167 of the house, the old man, saying: "Bring forth the man that came into your house, that we may know him 3045."

23. And the man, the owner of the house, went forth to them, and said to them: "Nay, my brothers; please, do not this wickedness; after that this man is come into my house, do not this disgraceful folly 5039!"

24. Behold, my virgin daughter, and his concubine I bring forth now. Humble 6031 them, and do what is good in your eyes: but to this man do no such disgraceful thing!"

25. But the men would not listen to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her outside to them; and they knew 3045 her, and abused her 5953 all night until the morning: and when the dawn began to rise they released her.

26. Then came the woman in the turning 6437 of morning and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master 113 was, until it was daylight.



27. And her master rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went forth to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down *at* the door of the house, with her hands upon the threshold 5592.

28. And he said to her: Rise up, and let us go. But *there was* no reply. So the man took her away upon an ass, and the man rose up and went to his place.

29. When he came to his house, he took a knife 3979 and cut her into pieces 5408, with her bones, into twelve pieces 5409, and sent *her* to all the territories 1366 of Yisrael.

30. And it was, that all that saw it said, “There was no such thing 2063 done nor seen from the day the children of Yisrael came up from the land of Mitsrayim to this day: direct your mind 7760, toward it 5921, take counsel 5779 and speak out 1696!”

## Chapter 19 Notes

The degenerates in Gibeah did what the degenerates in Sodom tried with Lot. These "men" wanted to sexually abuse another man, but when the concubine was sent out they raped her so badly that she died on the doorstep. They are called sons of Beliyaal, which means worthlessness. This type exists today among us, and in the next chapter we are shown how to deal with them, and with all who support them. When we as a people repent, and return to Yahweh, we will re-institute His laws and methods of justice.

## References Chapter 19

Verses 22-24 – Gen. 19:5-8;

Verse 29 – 1 Sam. 11:7.

## Chapter 20 (Yisrael Punishes Binyamin)

1. All the children of Yisrael went forth, and the congregation assembled as one man, from Dan to Beer-Sheba 884, with the land of Gilead, to Yahweh in Mitspah.

2. And the chiefs 6438 of all the people, of all the tribes of Yisrael, presented themselves 3320 in the assembly of the people of Elohiym, four hundred thousand men of foot that drew sword.

3. The children of Binyamin heard that the children of Yisrael had gone up to Mitspah. Then said the children of Yisrael, “Tell us, in what manner was this wickedness 7451?”

4. And the Lewiy, the husband of the murdered 7523 woman, answered and said, “I came to Gibeah of Binyamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5. The citizens of Gibeah rose up against me, and surrounded the house upon me by night, thinking 1819 to slay me: and my concubine they raped 6031 until she died.

6. And I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Yisrael: because they have committed licentiousness 2154 and disgraceful folly in Yisrael.

7. Behold, you are all children of Yisrael; give here your words of counsel.”

8. And all the people rose up as one man, declaring, "No man of us shall go to his tent, nor will a man of us turn toward his house. 9. But now this is the thing which we shall do to Gibeah by lot 1486 against it;

10. We will take ten men of a hundred from all the tribes of Yisrael, a hundred of a thousand, a thousand of ten thousand, to fetch 3947 provisions 6720 for the people so they may do 6213 when they come to Geba 1387 of Binyamin, according to all the disgraceful folly they have done in Yisrael."

11. So gathered 622 the men of Yisrael against the city, men as one 259 united together 2270.

12. And the tribes of Yisrael sent men through all the tribe of Binyamin, saying, "What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?"

13. Now therefore give us these men, the sons of Beliyaal, which *are* in Gibeah, to be put to death, and remove 1197 evil from Yisrael!" But the children of Binyamin would not listen to the voice of their kinsmen, the children of Yisrael.

14. But the children of Binyamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go forth to do battle against the children of Yisrael.

15. And the children of Binyamin were numbered at that time from the cities twenty-six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven-hundred chosen men.

16. From all these people *were* seven-hundred chosen men bound of the right hand 334/3027/3225: every one could sling 7049 stones at a hair 8185, and not miss 2398.

17. And the men of Yisrael, beside Binyamin, were numbered four-hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.

18. The children of Yisrael rose up, and went up to Beyth-El and inquired 7592 of Elohiym, and asked, "Which shall go up first to the battle against the children of Binyamin?" And Yahweh answered: "**Yahudah first.**"

19. And the children of Yisrael rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20. And the men of Yisrael went forth to do battle against Binyamin; and the men of Yisrael prepared 6186 to fight against them at Gibeah.

21. And the children of Binyamin came forth from Gibeah, and destroyed 7843 of Yisrael that day two and twenty thousand men to the ground 776.

22. The people of the men of Yisrael strengthened themselves 2388, and prepared 6186 their battle again in the place where they prepared the first day.

23. The children of Yisrael went up and wept 1058 before Yahweh until evening, and inquired of Yahweh, asking, "Shall we bring 5066 again battle against the children of Binyamin our kinsmen?" And Yahweh replied, "**Go up against them.**"

24. And the children of Yisrael approached to the children of Binyamin the second day.

25. And Binyamin went forth to meet them from Gibeah the second day, and destroyed of the children of Yisrael again eighteen thousand men to the ground; all these drew sword.

26. All the children of Yisrael, all the people, went up, and came to Beyth-El, and wept, and sat there before Yahweh, and fasted 6684 that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and offerings of well being before Yahweh.
27. And the children of Yisrael inquired of Yahweh, as the Ark of the Covenant of Elohiym was there in those days.
28. And Piynechas 6372 the son of Eleazar 499 the son of Aharon 175, stood before it in those days, and asked, "Shall we again go forth to battle against the children of Binyamin our kinsmen, or shall we cease?" And Yahweh said: "**Go up; for tomorrow I will give them into your hand.**"
29. And Yisrael set liers-in-wait around Gibeah.
30. And the children of Yisrael went up against the children of Binyamin on the third day, and put themselves in order against Gibeah, as at other times.
31. And the children of Binyamin went forth to meet the people, *and* were drawn away 5423 from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill 2491 as at other times, in the highways 4546 by which one goes up to Beyth-El, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Yisrael.
32. The children of Binyamin said, "They *are* smitten 5062 before us, as the first," But the children of Yisrael said: "Let us flee 5127 and draw them from the city to the highways."
33. And all the men of Yisrael rose up from their place, and ordered themselves at Baal-Tamar 1193: and the liers-in-wait of Yisrael came forth from their places from Maareh-Gaba 4629/1390.
34. There came in front of Gibeah ten-thousand chosen men from all of Yisrael, and the battle was heavy: but they knew not that harm 7451 was approaching them.
35. And Yahweh smote Binyamin before Yisrael: and the children of Yisrael destroyed 7843 of Binyamin that day twenty-five thousand one-hundred men: all these drew sword.
36. So the children of Binyamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Yisrael gave place to Binyamin because they trusted to the liers-in-wait which they had placed beside Gibeah.
37. And the liers-in-wait hastened 2363 and rushed 6584 upon Gibeah; and the liers-in-wait proceeded 4900 to smite all the city with the edge of the sword.
38. There was an appointed sign 4150 between the men of Yisrael and the liers-in-wait, that they should make a great uprising 4864 of smoke 6227 from the city.
39. And when the men of Yisrael turned away 2015 in the battle, Binyamin began to smite and kill of the men of Yisrael about thirty men: because they said, "Surely they are smitten down before us as in the first battle."
40. But when the uprising of smoke began to ascend from the city with a column 5982 of smoke, Binyamin looked behind them, and behold, the entire city ascended up to the sky.
41. And when the men of Yisrael turned again, the men of Binyamin were dismayed 926: because they saw that harm was come upon them.
42. Therefore they turned 6437 *their backs* before the men of Yisrael to the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them 1692; and those which *came* from the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

43. They surrounded 3803 Binyamin, and pursued them 7291 and trod them down 1869 from Menuchah 4496 opposite to Gibeah toward the place of the sun rising.

44. And there fell from Binyamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valor.

45. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the Rock of Rimmon 7417: and they gleaned of them 5953 in the highways five thousand men; and pursued closely 1692 after them to Gidom 1440, and slew two thousand of them.

46. So all that fell that day of Binyamin were twenty- five thousand men that drew sword; all these *were* men of valor.

47. But six-hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness to the Rock Rimmon, and abode in the Rock Rimmon four months.

48. And the men of Yisrael turned back upon the children of Binyamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, the men from the cities, and the beasts, and all that they found: also they set on fire all the cities they found.

## Chapter 20 Notes

This is a story of the battle of retribution by Yisrael against the tribe of Binyamin. Binyamin protected the sodomite murderers in Gibeah, and refused to deliver them for punishment by the assembled congregation of all of the rest of Yisrael, according to the law of the Torah. Now Yisrael was trusting solely in the righteousness of their cause, and did not inquire of Yahweh at the first. Even with their overwhelming numbers, and strength of arms, Yahweh let them be defeated in several battles. When they humbled themselves before Yahweh in supplication and fasting, then He gave them their victory. Please remember, "Judges" is not in a time-line format. This chapter occurs back when Piynchas is still the high priest, and the Ark of the Covenant was still in Yisrael's possession. In verse 48, the term "beasts" is used, and is 929 behemah.

It says "beast" in the KJV, the J.P.S. Tanakh has "cattle", the N.R.S.V. has "animals", and The Scriptures by the Institute for Scripture Research has "beasts". Now, unless Yisrael was instructed to "dedicate to destruction" all the useful livestock, they would take it as booty of war. No such instruction is given in this chapter, therefore these "beasts" were more than likely of the two-legged field-hand variety. Yes, I know this is not popular with "churchianity", but they worship on the day of the "sun-god", so their opinion is not of much value. Beast has always been a term applied to non-adamic hominids by Yisrael.

By the way, I have found The Scriptures to be an interesting version of both the Old and New Testaments. It is a Sacred Name Bible, and although they do not go as far as pointing out who true Yisrael is, their version is a good read. They are out of South Africa, and their U.S. address is - Institute for Scripture Research, 545 Newport Ave. #151, Pawtucket, R. I. 02861.

They have made many correction throughout, and a lot is in transliterated Hebrew, and the entire book uses YHWH and Yahshua in the Hebrew letters.

## Chapter 21 (Wives for the Tribe of Binyamin)

1. The men of Yisrael had sworn 7650 in Mitspah, saying: "No man of us shall give his daughter to Binyamin to wife."

2. And the people came to Beyth-El, and abode there until evening before Elohiym, and lifted up their voices, and wept *1058* great *1419* tears *1065*;
3. And said, “O Yahweh Elohey *430* Yisrael, for what reason has this come to pass in Yisrael, that one tribe is lacking *6485* this day in Yisrael?”
4. It was on the morrow *4283*, the people rose early, and built there an altar, and sent up burnt offerings *5930* and offerings of well being *8002*.
5. And the children of Yisrael said, “Who among all the tribes of Yisrael did not come up with the congregation to Yahweh?” Because they had made a great oath *7621* concerning him that came not up to Yahweh to Mitspah, saying: “He shall surely be put to death *4191/4191*.”
6. And the children of Yisrael had pity *5162* for Binyamin their kinsmen, and said, “There is one tribe cut off *1438* from Yisrael this day.
7. What shall we do for wives for those that remain *3498* as we have sworn *7650* by Yahweh that we will not give them from our daughters to wives?”
8. And they said: “What one of the tribes of Yisrael that did not come up to Mitspah to Yahweh?” And behold, there came no man to the camp from Yabesh-Gilead *3003/1568* to the assembly.
9. The people were mustered *6485*, and, behold, no man from the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead there.
10. And the congregation sent from there twelve thousand men of the sons of valor, and commanded them, saying, “Go and smite the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.
11. And this thing is what you shall do, You shall devote *to destruction* *2763* every male, and every woman that has known by lying with *4904* a male *2145*.
12. And they found among the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead four-hundred virgin *1330* damsels *5291* that had known no man by lying with a male: and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Kenaan.
13. And the whole congregation sent word to the children of Binyamin that *were* in the Rock Rimmon, to proclaim *7121* peace *7965* to them.
14. And Binyamin returned *7725* at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive from the women of Yabesh-Gilead: and did not *3808* find *4672* them *1992* sufficient *3651*.
15. The people had compassion *5162* for Binyamin, because Yahweh had made a breach *6556* in the tribes of Yisrael.
16. The elders of the congregation said: “What shall we do for wives for those that remain *3498*, because the women are destroyed from Binyamin?”
17. And they said, “An inheritance *3425* for those that escaped *6413* of Binyamin, so a tribe is not blotted out *4229* of Yisrael!
18. But we may not give them wives from our daughters: for the children of Yisrael have sworn, saying, ‘Cursed *779* be he that gives a wife to Binyamin.’”
19. They said, “Behold, a feast of Yahweh in Shiloh is this year, which is on the north side of Beyth-El toward the rising of the sun of the highway going up from Beyth-El to Shechem, and from the south of Lebonah *3829*.”

20. They commanded the children of Binyamin, saying, “ Go and lie-in-wait in the vineyards;

21. And look and see if the daughters of Shiloh come forth to dance <sup>2342</sup> in dances <sup>4246</sup>, then go forth from the vineyards, and every man catch him a wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Binyamin.

22. And it shall be, if their fathers or brothers come to us to complain <sup>7378</sup>, we will say to them, ‘Favor us <sup>2603</sup> for them: because we saved no man his wife in the war: because you did not give to them at this time, *that* you incur guilt <sup>816</sup>.’”

23. And the children of Binyamin did so, and took wives according to their number to their inheritance, and rebuilt the cities, and dwelt in them.

24. And the children of Yisrael departed from there at that time, each man to his tribe and to his clan, and they went forth from there each man to his inheritance.

25. In those days was no king in Yisrael: each man did *what was* upright in his own eyes.



This ends the Book of Shophetiym. The Chapters do not follow any time-line, so are not to be taken as following each other where specific events are concerned. Some of the passages in these stories are difficult to put in English, and some words have been corrupted by scribes or damaged text. I have noted them where possible.

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