

|29| Her chachemot sarot (wisest ladies) answered her, indeed, she repeats to herself her words,

|30| Are they not finding and dividing the prey; to every gever a girl or two; for Sisra colorful garments as plunder, a plunder of dyed work embroidered, of divers colors of needlework on both sides, fit for the necks of them that take the spoil?

|31| So let all thine enemies perish, Hashem; but let them that love Him be as the shemesh in its gevurah. And HaAretz had rest arba'im shanah.

**6** And the Bnei Yisroel did evil in the sight of Hashem; Hashem delivered them into the yad Midyan [*See Gn.25:2*] sheva shanim.

|2| And the yad Midyan prevailed against Yisroel; and because of Midyan the Bnei Yisroel made them dens in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds.

|3| And so it was, when Yisroel had sown, that Midyan came up, and Amalek, and the Bnei Kedem, even they came up against them;

|4| And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of ha'aretz, till thou come unto Azah (Gaza), and left no sustenance for Yisroel, neither seh, nor ox, nor donkey.

|5| For they came up with their cattle and their ohalim, and they came as a swarm of arbeh for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered into ha'aretz to destroy it.

|6| And Yisroel was greatly impoverished because of Midyan; and the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem.

|7| And it came to pass, when the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem because of Midyan,

|8| That Hashem sent an ish navi unto the Bnei Yisroel, which said unto them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, I brought you up from Mitzrayim, and brought you forth out of the bais avadim (house of bondage);

|9| And I delivered you out of the yad of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

|10| And I said unto you, I am Hashem Eloheichem; fear not the elohei HaEmori (g-ds of the Amorites), in whose land ye dwell; but ye have not obeyed My voice.

|11| And there came Malach Hashem, and sat under a terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, that belonged unto Yoash the Aviezri; and bno Gid'on threshed chittim (wheat) in the winepress, to hide it from Midyan.

|12| And the Malach Hashem appeared unto him, and said unto him, Hashem is with thee, thou Gibbor HeChayil.

|13| And Gid'on said unto him, Oh Adoni, if Hashem be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where be all His nifla'ot (miracles) which Avoteinu told us of, saying, Did not Hashem bring us up from Mitzrayim? But now Hashem hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of Midyan.

|14| And Hashem turned to him, and said, Go in this thy ko'ach, and thou shalt save Yisroel from the yad Midyan; have not I sent thee?

|15| And he said unto Him, O Adoni, wherewith shall I save Yisroel? Hinei, my eleph is poor in Menasheh, and I am the least in the Bais Avi.

|16| And Hashem said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt strike down Midyan as ish echad.

|17| And he said unto Him, If now I have found chen in Thy sight, then show me an ot that Thou speakest with me.

|18| Depart not from here, now, until I come unto Thee, and bring forth my minchah, and set it before Thee. And He said, I will tarry until thou come again.

|19| And Gid'on went in, and made ready a kid, and matzot of an ephah of flour; the basar he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto Him under the terebinth tree, and presented it.

|20| And the Malach HaElohim said unto him, Take the basar and the matzot, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

|21| Then the Malach Hashem put forth the tip of the staff that was in his yad, and touched the basar and the matzot; and there rose up eish from the rock, and consumed the basar and the matzot. Then the Malach Hashem departed out of his sight.

|22| When Gid'on perceived that he was the Malach Hashem, Gid'on said, Alas, Adonoi Hashem! I have seen Malach Hashem face to face.

|23| And Hashem said unto him, Shalom l'chah; fear not; thou shalt not die.

|24| Then Gid'on built a Mizbe'ach there unto Hashem, and called it Hashem Shalom; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Aviezri.

|25| And it came to pass the same night, that Hashem said unto him, Take thy father's young bull, even the second bull of sheva shanim, and tear down the mizbe'ach of Ba'al that thy av hath, and cut