

grind in the prison house.

|22| Howbeit after he was shaven, the hair of his head began l'tzameach [to spring up; *Tzameach is Moshiach*] again.

|23| Then rulers of the Pelishtim gathered them together for to offer a zevach gadol unto Dagon eloheihem, and to rejoice; for they said, eloheinu hath delivered Shimshon oyveinu (our enemy) into our yad.

|24| And when the people saw him, they praised eloheihem; for they said, eloheinu hath delivered into our hands oyveinu, and the destroyer of our country, which slaughtered many of us.

|25| And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Shimshon, that he may entertain us. And they called for Shimshon out of the prison house; and he entertained them; and they set him between the am mudim.

|26| And Shimshon said unto the na'ar that held him by the yad, Put me where I may feel the am mudim whereupon the bais standeth, that I may lean upon them.

|27| Now the bais (temple) was full of anashim and nashim; and all the rulers of the Pelishtim were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand ish and isha, that beheld while Shimshon entertained.

|28| And Shimshon called unto Hashem, and said, Adonoi Hashem, remember me, now, and strengthen me, now, only this once, O HaElohim that I may be at once avenged of the Pelishtim for my two eyes.

|29| And Shimshon took hold of the two middle am mudim upon which the bais stood and he braced himself against

them, one with his right yad, and the other with his left.

|30| And Shimshon said, Let me die with the Pelishtim. And he pushed himself with all his ko'ach; and the bais fell upon the rulers, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slaughtered at his death were more than they which he slaughtered in his life.

|31| Then his brethren and all the bais of his av came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Tzorah and Eshtaol in the kever of Manoach his av. And he judged Yisroel esrim shanah.

17 And there was an ish from har Ephrayim, whose shem was Mikhay'hu.

|2| And he said unto his em, The eleven hundred pieces of kesef that were taken from thee, about which thou did utter a curse, and spoke of also in mine ears, Hinei, the kesef is with me; I took it. And his em said, Baruch beni LaHashem.

|3| And when he had restored the eleven hundred pieces of kesef to his em, his em said, I had wholly set apart as kodesh the kesef unto Hashem from my hand for beni (my son), to make a pesel (carved image, idol [*See Ex 20:4*]) and a masekhah (an image cast from a mold [*See Ex 32:4*]); now therefore I will return it unto thee.

|4| So he restored the kesef unto his em; and his em took two hundred pieces of kesef and gave them to the tzoref (goldsmith), who made thereof a pesel and a masekhah; and they were in the bais Mikhay'hu.

|5| And the ish Mikhay'hu had a bais elohim, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and

ordained one of his banim, who became his kohen.

|6| In those yamim there was no melech in Yisroel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

|7| Meanwhile there was a na'ar from Beit-Lechem Yehudah of the mishpakhat Yehudah, who was a Levi, and he sojourned there.

|8| And the ish departed out of the Ir from Beit-Lechem Yehudah to sojourn where he could find a place; and he came to har Ephrayim to the bais Mikhay'hu, as he made his derech.

|9| And Mikhay'hu said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levi of Beit-Lechem Yehudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

|10| And Mikhay'hu said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me an av and a kohen, and I will give thee ten pieces of kesef a year, and a set of begadim, and mikhyah (maintenance, livelihood). So the Levi went in.

|11| And the Levi agreed to dwell with the ish; and the na'ar was unto him as one of his banim.

|12| And Mikhay'hu ordained (literally, filled the hands of, consecrated, appointed as his own priest) the Levi; and the na'ar became his kohen, and was in the bais Mikhay'hu.

|13| Then said Mikhay'hu, Now I have da'as that Hashem will do me good, seeing I have a Levi as my kohen.

18 In those days there was no melech in Yisroel; and in those days the shevet (tribe) of the Dani sought them a nachalah to dwell in; for unto that day none had fallen for him [Dan] among the Shivtei Yisroel.