

edge of the cherev, and burnt the ir with eish.

[28] And there was no matzil (deliverer, rescuer), because it was far from Tzidon, and they had no tie with adam (any man); and it was in the valley that lieth near Beit-Rechov. And they built an ir, and dwelt therein.

[29] And they called the shem of the Ir Dan, after the shem of Dan their av, who was born unto Yisroel; howbeit the shem of the Ir was Layish previously.

[30] And the Bnei Dan set up the pesel; and Yhonatan ben Gershom ben Menasheh, he and his banim were kohanim to the shevet haDani until the yom Golus HaAretz [722 B.C.E.].

[31] During all the time that the Bais HaElohim was in Shiloh they set up for them pesel Mikhah, which he made.

19 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no melech in Yisroel, that there was a certain Levi sojourning in the remote har Ephrayim country, who took to him a pilegsh out of Beit-Lechem Yehudah.

[2] And his pilegsh played the zonah against him, and went away from him unto her bais av to Beit-Lechem Yehudah, and was there four whole months.

[3] And her ish arose, and went after her, to speak unto her lev, and to bring her back, having his na'ar (servant) with him, and a couple of donkeys; and she brought him into her bais av; and when the avi hana'arah saw him, he had simcha to welcome him.

[4] And his khoten (father-in-law), the avi hana'arah, held him fast; and he abode with him shloshet yamim; so they

did eat and drink, and lodged there.

[5] And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the boker, that he rose up to depart; the avi hana'arah said unto his choson (son-in-law), Refresh thine lev with a morsel of lechem, and afterward go your way.

[6] And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together; for the avi hana'arah had said unto the ish, Be pleased, and tarry all night, and let thine lev be content.

[7] And when the ish rose up to depart, his khoten (father-in-law) urged him; therefore he lodged there again.

[8] And he arose early in the boker on the yom hachamishi to depart; and the avi hana'arah said, Refresh now thine lev. Tarry till the yom turns [past midday], and they did eat both of them.

[9] And when the ish rose up to depart, he, and his pilegsh, and his na'ar, his khoten (father-in-law), the avi hana'arah, said unto him, Hinei, now the yom draweth toward erev, tarry the night now; hinei, the yom groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine lev may be content; and makhar (tomorrow) get you early on your derech, that thou mayest go to your ohel.

[10] But the ish would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came to nokhach (straight before, in the direction of) Yevus, which is Yerushalayim; and there were with him two donkeys saddled, his pilegsh also was with him.

[11] And when they were near Yevus, the yom was far spent; and the na'ar said unto his adon, Come, now, and let us turn in into ir haYevusi, and lodge in it.

[12] And his adon said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the ir nochri, that is not of the Bnei Yisroel; we will pass over to Giv'ah.

[13] And he said unto his na'ar, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Giv'ah, or in Ramah.

[14] And they passed on and went their way; and the shemesh went down upon them when they were near Giv'ah, which belongeth to Binyamin.

[15] And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge the night in Giv'ah; and when he went in, he sat him down in the rechov of the ir; for there was no ish that took them into his bais to lodge the night [T.N. See *Iyov 31:32 regarding the sin here, made more shameful in that it was committed against a Lev*].

[16] And, hinei, there came an ish zaken from his work out of the sadeh at erev, and the ish was also from har Ephrayim; and he sojourned in Giv'ah; but the anashim of the place were Bnei Yemini (Benjamites).

[17] And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw haish haoreach (the wayfaring man, traveling man) in the rechov haIr; and the ish hazaken said, Whither goest thou? And whence comest thou?

[18] And he said unto him, We are passing from Beit-Lechem Yehudah toward the remote har Ephrayim country; from thence am I; and I went to Beit-Lechem Yehudah, but I am now going to the Bais Hashem [see *18:31*]; but there is no ish that receiveth me into the bais.

[19] Yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys; and there is