

lechem and yayin also for me, and for thy amah (maidservant), and for the na'ar which is with thy avadim; there is no machsor (want, need) of any thing.

[20] And the ish hazaken said, Shalom lach; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the rechov.

[21] So he brought him into his bais, and mixed fodder for the donkeys; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

[22] Now as they were making their hearts content, hinei, the anshei haIr, anshei bnei Beliya'al, surrounded the bais, and pounded incessantly on the delet, and shouted to the ish, the Ba'al HaBayit, the zaken, saying, Bring out the ish that came into thine bais, that we may know him [*T.N. a thin line drawn between homosexual rape and murder*].

[23] And the ish, the Ba'al HaBayit, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, do not so wickedly; seeing that this ish is come into mine bais, do not this nevalah (outrage).

[24] Hinei, here is my bat a betulah, and his pilegesh; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth hatov unto your eyes; but unto this ish do not so devar hanevalah (vile, wicked a thing).

[25] But the anashim would not pay heed to him; so the ish took his pilegesh, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her kol halailah until the boker; and when the shachar (dawn) came, they let her go.

[26] Then came the isha at the break of haboker, and fell down at the petach bais haish where her adon was, ad haohr (until daylight, sunrise).

[27] And her adon rose up in the boker, and opened the daletot habais, and stepped out to go on his derech; and, hinei, the isha, his pilegesh, was fallen at the petach habais! And her hands were upon the sahf (threshold).

[28] And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the ish took [the corpse] upon a donkey, and the ish rose up, and set out for his makom (place, home).

[29] And when he was come into his bais, he took a ma'akhelet (knife), and laid hold on his pilegesh, and divided her, together with her atzmot, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the territory of Yisroel.

[30] And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the yom that the Bnei Yisroel came up out of Eretz Mitzrayim unto this day; give ye heed unto it, make up your minds [about the punishment], and speak.

20 Then all the Bnei Yisroel came out, and HaEdah was gathered together as ish echad, from Dan even to Beer-Sheva, including Eretz HaGil'ad, unto Hashem at Mitzpah.

[2] And the Pinot (Corner pillars, Leaders, Chiefs) kol HaAm, even of kol Shivtei Yisroel, presented themselves in the Kahal Am HaElohim, four hundred thousand foot soldiers armed with cherev.

[3] (Now the Bnei Binyamin heard that the Bnei Yisroel were gone up to Mitzpah.) Then said the Bnei Yisroel, Tell us, how this ra'ah came to be?

[4] And the Levi, the ish haisha that was murdered, answered and said, I came into Giv'ah that belongeth to

Binyamin, I and my pilegesh, to lodge.

[5] And the ba'alei haGiv'ah rose against me, and surrounded the bais upon me by lailah, and intended to have murdered me; and my pilegesh have they raped, that she is dead.

[6] And I took my pilegesh, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout kol sedeh nachalat Yisroel; for they have committed zimmah (lewdness) and nevalah (wickedness, outrage, disgrace) in Yisroel.

[7] Hinei, ye are all Bnei Yisroel; give here your advice and etzah (counsel, verdict).

[8] And kol haAm arose as ish echad, saying, We will not any of us go to his ohel, neither will we any of us return into his bais.

[9] But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Giv'ah; we will go up bigoral (by lot) against it;

[10] And we will take ten anashim of a hundred throughout kol Shivtei Yisroel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to supply provisions for the troops, that they may do, when they come to Giv'ah of Binyamin, according to all the nevalah that they have wrought in Yisroel.

[11] So kol ish Yisroel were gathered against the Ir, k'ish echad chaverim (comrades as one man, united as one).

[12] And the Shivtei Yisroel sent anashim through all the shivtei Binyamin, saying, What ra'ah is this that is done among you?

[13] Now therefore deliver us the anashim, the Bnei Beliyaal, which are in Giv'ah, that we may put them to death, and purge ra'ah from Yisroel. But the Bnei Binyamin would not pay heed to the voice of their achim the Bnei Yisroel.