

|17| But as for the Bnei Yisroel which dwelt in the towns of Yehudah, Rechav`am reigned over them.

|18| Then HaMelech Rechav`am sent Adoram, who was over the mas (forced labor); and kol Yisroel stoned him, that he died. Therefore HaMelech Rechav`am made speed to get himself up to his merkavah, to flee to Yerushalayim.

|19| So Yisroel has been in rebellion against the Bais Dovid unto this day.

|20| And it came to pass, when kol Yisroel heard that Yarov`am was come again, that they sent and called him unto the Edah, and made him melech over kol Yisroel; there was none that followed the Bais Dovid, but the Shevet Yehudah only.

|21| And when Rechav`am was come to Yerushalayim he assembled kol Bais Yehudah, with the Shevet Binyamin, a hundred and fourscore thousand bachur oseh milchamah (chosen fighting men), to fight against Bais Yisroel, to regain the Kingdom for Rechav`am Ben Sh'lomo.

|22| But the Devar HaElohim came unto Shemayah the Ish HaElohim, saying,

|23| Speak unto Rechav`am Ben Sh'lomo Melech Yehudah, and unto kol Bais Yehudah and Binyamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

|24| Thus saith Hashem, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the Bnei Yisroel; Shuvu (go back! return!) every ish to his bais; for this thing is from Me. They paid heed therefore to the Devar Hashem, and turned around to depart, according to the Devar Hashem.

|25| Then Yarov`am built Shechem in har Ephrayim, and dwelt therein; and went

out from there, and built Penuel.

|26| And Yarov`am said in his lev, Now shall the mamlachah return to the Bais Dovid:

|27| If HaAm Hazeh go up to offer zevakhim (sacrifices) at the Beis Hashem at Yerushalayim, then shall lev HaAm Hazeh turn back unto adoneihem, even unto Rechav`am Melech Yehudah, and they shall kill me, and return to Rechav`am Melech Yehudah.
|28| Whereupon HaMelech took counsel, and made two eglei zahav (calves of gold), and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Yerushalayim; hinei, eloheicha, O Yisroel, which brought thee up out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

|29| He set the one in Beit-El, the other put he in Dan.

|30| And this thing became chattat (sin); for the people went to worship before the one, even as far as Dan.

|31| And he made a bais for the [idolatrous] high places, and made kohanim of the lowest of the people, which were not of the Bnei Levi.

|32| And Yarov`am ordained a chag in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the chag that is in Yehudah, and he offered upon the mizbe'ach. So did he in Beit-El, sacrificing unto the agalim (calves) that he had made; and he installed in Beit-El the kohanim of the [idolatrous] high places which he had made.

|33| So he offered upon the mizbe'ach which he had made in Beit-El the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own lev; and ordained a chag unto the Bnei Yisroel; and he offered upon the mizbe'ach, and burned ketoret.

13 And, hinei, by the Devar Hashem there came an Ish HaElohim out of Yehudah unto Beit-El; and Yarov`am stood by the mizbe'ach to burn ketoret.

|2| And he cried against the mizbe'ach by the Devar Hashem, and said, O mizbe'ach, mizbe'ach, thus saith Hashem; Hinei, ben nolad (a son shall be born) unto the Bais Dovid, Yoshiyah shmo; and upon thee shall he offer the kohanim of the [idolatrous] high places that burn ketoret upon thee, and atzmot adam shall be burned upon thee [2Kgs 23:15-16].

|3| And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the mofet (sign) that Hashem hath spoken: Hinei, the mizbe'ach shall be split apart, and the deshen (fat ashes) that are upon it shall be poured out.

|4| And it came to pass, when HaMelech Yarov`am heard the davar of the Ish HaElohim, which had cried against the mizbe'ach in Beit-El, that he put forth his yad from the mizbe'ach, saying, Lay hold on him. And his yad, which he put forth against him, shriveled up, so that he could not draw it back to him.

|5| The mizbe'ach also was split apart, and the deshen poured out from the mizbe'ach, according to the mofet which the Ish HaElohim had given by the Devar Hashem.

|6| And HaMelech answered and said unto the Ish HaElohim, Intercede now before the face of Hashem Eloheicha, and daven for me, that my yad may be restored to me. And the Ish HaElohim made intercessory prayer before Hashem, and the yad HaMelech was restored to him, and became as it was before.