

|12| And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Ruach [*Hakodesh*] of Hashem shall carry thee to where I know not; and so when I come and tell Ach'av, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me; but I thy eved fear Hashem from my youth.

|13| Was it not told to adoni what I did when Izevel slaughtered the Nevi'im of Hashem, how I hid a hundred ish of Hashem's Nevi'im by fifty in a me'arah, and fed them with lechem and mayim?

|14| And now thou sayest, Go, tell adoneicha, Hinei, Eliyahu! And he shall slay me.

|15| And Eliyahu said, As Hashem Tzva'os liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him today.

|16| So Ovadyah went to meet Ach'av, and told him; and Ach'av went to meet Eliyahu.

|17| And it came to pass, when Ach'av saw Eliyahu, that Ach'av said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Yisroel?

|18| And he answered, I have not troubled Yisroel; but thou, and the Bais Avicha, in that ye have forsaken the Mitzvot Hashem, and thou hast followed after the Ba'alim.

|19| Now therefore summon, and gather to me kol Yisroel unto Har HaCarmel and the nevi'im of Ba'al four hundred and fifty, and the nevi'im haAsherah four hundred, which eat at shulchan Izevel.

|20| So Ach'av sent unto kol Bnei Yisroel, and gathered the Nevi'im together unto Har HaCarmel.

|21| And Eliyahu came unto kol haAm, and said, Ad Mosai (how long) ye be polekhim (limping ones, dancing ones) between two se'ipim (opinions)? If Hashem be HaElohim, follow after him; but if HaBa'al, then follow

after him. And HaAm answered him not a word.

|22| Then said Eliyahu unto HaAm, I, even I only, am left a navi of Hashem; but Ba'al's nevi'im are four hundred and fifty ish.

|23| Let them therefore give us two parim (bulls); and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no eish under it; and I will dress the other bull, and lay it on wood, and put no eish under it;

|24| And call ye on the shem eloheichem, and I will call on the Shem of Hashem; and haelohim that answereth by eish, let him be HaElohim. And kol haAm answered and said, Tov hadavar!

|25| And Eliyahu said unto the nevi'im of Ba'al, Choose you one bull for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are rabbim (many); and call on the shem eloheichem, but put no eish under it.

|26| And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the shem of Ba'al from boker even until tzohorayim (noon), saying, O Ba'al, answer us. But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they danced [*same word used in verse 21*] around the mizbe'ach which had been made.

|27| And it came to pass at tzohorayim, that Eliyahu mocked them, taunting, saying, Shout with a kol gadol (loud voice); for he is a g-d; either he is meditating, or he is pursuing [something], or ki derech lo (perhaps he had to travel, he's relieving himself), or perhaps he sleepeth and must be awakened.

|28| And they shouted with a kol gadol, and cut themselves after their mishpat (custom) with charavot (swords) and

lances, till the dahm gushed out upon them.

|29| And it came to pass, when tzohorayim was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the minchah (evening sacrifice), that there was neither kol (voice), nor any oneh (responder) nor any attender. |30| And Eliyahu said unto kol HaAm, Come near unto me. And kol HaAm came near unto him. And he repaired the Mizbe'ach Hashem that was in ruins.

|31| And Eliyahu took twelve avanim (stones), according to the mispar (number) of the Shivtei Bnei Ya'akov, unto whom the Devar Hashem came, saying, Yisroel shall be Shemecha;

|32| And with the avanim (stones) he built a Mizbe'ach in the Shem of Hashem; and he made a te'alah (trench) around the Mizbe'ach, as the space of two seahs of zera (seed).

|33| And he laid the wood in order, and cut up the bull, and laid it on the wood, and said, Fill four jugs with mayim, and pour it on the olah and on the wood.

|34| And Eliyahu said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

|35| And the mayim ran around about the Mizbe'ach; and even filled the te'alah (trench) also with mayim.

|36| And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the minchah (evening sacrifice), that Eliyahu HaNavi came near, and said, Hashem Elohei Avraham, Yitzchak and of Yisroel, let it be known this day that Thou art Elohim in Yisroel, and that I am Thy Eved, and that