

ruach sheker in the mouth of all his nevi'im. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, do so.

|23| Now therefore, hinei, Hashem hath put a ruach sheker in the mouth of all these thy nevi'im, and Hashem hath spoken ra'ah concerning thee.

|24| But Tzidkiyah ben Kena'anah went near, and struck Mikhay'hu on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Ruach Hashem go when he went from me to speak to you?

|25| And Mikhay'hu said, Hinei, thou shalt see in that yom, when thou shalt go into a cheder b'cheder (inner room) to hide thyself.

|26| And the Melech Yisroel said, Take Mikhay'hu, and carry him back unto Amon Sar HaIr, and to Yoash ben HaMelech;

|27| And say, Thus saith HaMelech, Put this fellow in the bais hakeleh, and feed him with lechem lachatz (bread of affliction) and with mayim lachatz (water of affliction), until I come in shalom.

|28| And Mikhay'hu said, If thou return at all in shalom, Hashem hath not spoken by me. And he said, Pay heed, O people, every one of you.

|29| So the Melech Yisroel and Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah went up to Ramot-Gil'ad.

|30| And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the milchamah; but put thou on thy robes. And the Melech Yisroel disguised himself, and went into the milchamah.

|31| But HaMelech Aram commanded his 32 captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with katan nor gadol, save only with the Melech Yisroel.

|32| And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Yehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the Melech Yisroel. And they turned aside to fight against him. Yehoshaphat cried out.

|33| And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not Melech Yisroel, they turned from pursuing him.

|34| And a certain man drew a keshet (bow) at random, and struck Melech Yisroel between the joints of his armor; wherefore he said unto the driver of his merkavah, Turn around thine hand, and carry me out of the battle; for I am wounded.

|35| And the milchamah increased that yom; and HaMelech was propped up in his merkavah against the Syrians, and died at erev; and the dahm ran out of the wound onto the floor of the merkavah.

|36| And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the shemesh, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

|37| So Melech [*Ahab*] died, and was brought to Shomron; and they buried HaMelech in Shomron.

|38| And one washed the merkavah in the pool of Shomron; and the kelavim licked up his dahm while the zonot bathed; according to the Devar Hashem which he spoke.

|39| Now the rest of the acts of Ach'av (*Ahab*), and all that he did, and the Bais HaShen (House of Ivory) which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim l'Malkhei Yisroel?

|40| So Ach'av slept with his avot; and Achazyahu beno (his son) reigned in his place.

|41| And Yehoshaphat ben Asa began to reign over Yehudah in the fourth year of Ach'av Melech Yisroel.

|42| Yehoshaphat was 35 shanah when he began to reign; and he reigned 25 shanah in Yerushalayim. And the shem immo was Azuvah bat Shilchi.

|43| And he walked in kol derech Asa aviv; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem; nevertheless the high places (places of pagan worship) were not taken away; for HaAm offered and burned incense yet in the high places.

|44 [45]| And Yehoshaphat made peace with Melech Yisroel.

|45 [46]| Now the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, and his gevurah that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim l'Malkhei Yehudah?

|46 [47]| And the remnant of the kadesh (male and female cult prostitutes), which remained in the days of Asa aviv, he took out of HaAretz.

|47 [48]| There was then no melech in Edom; a deputy was melech.

|48 [49]| Yehoshaphat made [merchant] oniyot (ships) of Tarshish to go to Ophir for zahav; but they went not; for the oniyot were shipwrecked at Etzyon-Gever.

|49 [50]| Then said Achazyahu ben Ach'av unto Yehoshaphat, Let my avadim go with thy avadim in the oniyot. But Yehoshaphat would not.

|50 [51]| And Yehoshaphat slept with his avot, and was buried with his avot in the Ir Dovid aviv; and Yehoram bno reigned in his place.

|51 [52]| Achazyahu ben Ach'av began to reign over Yisroel in Shomron