

## DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF

|18| Did not your avot thus, and did not Eloheinu bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Yisroel by committing Chillul Shabbos (desecration of Shabbos).

|19| And it came to pass, that when the gates of Yerushalayim began to be dark before Shabbos, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after Shabbos, and some of my own men set I at the gates, that there should no massa (burden) be brought in on Shabbos.

|20| Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise lodged outside Yerushalayim.

|21| Then I warned them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on Shabbos.

|22| And I commanded the Levi'im that they should make themselves tahor, and that they should come and be shomer over the gates, to set apart as kodesh Shabbos. Remember me, O Elohai, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

|23| In those days also saw I Yehudim that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moav,

|24| And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the language of the Yehudim, but according to the language of each people.

|25| And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by Elohim, saying, Ye shall not give your banot unto their banim, nor

take their banot unto your banim, or for yourselves.

|26| Did not Sh'lomo Melech Yisroel sin by these things? Yet among many Goyim was there no melech like him, who was beloved of Elohav, and Elohim made him melech over kol Yisroel. Nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin.

|27| Shall we then pay heed unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against Eloheinu in marrying strange wives?

|28| And one of the Bnei Yoyada ben Elyashiv, the Kohen HaGadol, was son-in-law to Sanvalat the Choroni; therefore I drove him away from me.

|29| Remember them, O Elohai, because they have defiled the kehunah, and the brit (covenant) of the kehunah, and of the Levi'im.

|30| Thus I cleansed them from all that is foreign, and had them attend again to the duties of the Kohanim and the Levi'im, every one in his appointed work;

|31| And for the korban of wood, at times appointed, and for the bikkurim. Remember me, O Elohai, for good.

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**1** Adam, Shet, Enosh,  
|2| Kainan, Mahalal'el,  
Yered,

|3| Chanoch, Metushelach,  
Lemech,

|4| Noach, Shem, Cham, and  
Yephet.

|5| The Bnei Yephet: Gomer,  
and Magog, and Madai, and  
Yavan, and Tuval, and  
Meshech, and Tiras.

|6| And the Bnei Gomer:  
Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and  
Togarmah.

|7| And the Bnei Yavan:  
Elishah, and Tarshishah,  
Kittim, and Rodanim.

|8| The Bnei Cham: Cush,  
and Mitzrayim, Put, and  
Kena'an.

|9| And the Bnei Cush: Seva,  
and Chavilah, and Savta, and  
Ra'amah, and Savtecha. And  
the Bnei Ra'amah: Sheva, and  
Dedan.

|10| And Cush fathered  
Nimrod; he began to be a  
gibbor (mighty) one upon  
ha'arezt.

|11| And Mitzrayim fathered  
Ludim, and Anamim, and  
Lehavim, and Naphtuchim,  
|12| And Patrusim, and  
Casluchim (of whom came the  
Pelishtim [Philistines]), and  
Caphtorim.

|13| And Kena'an fathered  
Tzidon his bechor, and Chet,

|14| The Yevusi also, and the  
Emori, and the Girgashi,

|15| And the Chivi, and the  
Arki, and the Sini,

|16| And the Arvadi, and the  
Tzemari, and the Chamati.

|17| The Bnei Shem: Elam,  
and Ashur, and Arphachshad,  
and Lud, and Aram, and Utz,  
and Chul, and Geter, and  
Meshech.

|18| And Arphachshad  
fathered Shelach, and Shelach  
fathered Ever.

|19| And unto Ever were born  
two banim; the shem of the  
one was Peleg because in his  
days ha'arezt was divided [*Gen*  
*11:1-9*]; and his brother's shem  
was Yoktan.

|20| And Yoktan fathered  
Almodad, and Sheleph, and  
Chatzarmavet, and  
Yerach,

|21| Hadoram also, and Uzal,  
and Diklah,

|22| And Eval, and Avimael,  
and Sheva,

|23| And Ophir, and  
Chavilah, and Yovav. All  
these were the Bnei Yoktan.

|24| Shem, Arphachshad,  
Shelach,