

| 13| I will be his Av, and he shall be My Ben [*HaElohim*]; and I will not take My chesed away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee,

| 14| But I will set him in Mine Bais and in My Malchut ad olam, and his kisse shall be established ad olam.

| 15| According to all these devarim, and according to all this chazon (revelation), so did Natan speak unto Dovid.

| 16| And Dovid HaMelech came and sat before Hashem, and said, Who am I, Hashem Elohim, and what is mine bais, that Thou hast brought me hitherto?

| 17| And as if this were not sufficient in Thine eyes, O Elohim, Thou hast also spoken of Bais Avdecha in the future afar off, and hast regarded me according to the estate of ha'adam hama'alach (the man of high degree), O Hashem Elohim.

| 18| What more can Dovid speak to Thee regarding the kavod of Thy eved? For Thou hast da'as of Thy eved.

| 19| Hashem, for the sake of Thy eved, and according to Thine own lev (heart, will), hast Thou done all this gedullah (greatness), in making known kol hagedulot (all great things).

| 20| Hashem, there is none like Thee, neither is there any Elohim zulah (besides) Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

| 21| And what one goy (nation) in ha'aretz is like Thy people Yisroel, whom HaElohim went to redeem to be His own people, to make for Thee Shem Gedullot and Nora'ot, by driving out Goyim from before Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed out of Mitzrayim?

| 22| For Thy people Yisroel didst Thou make Thine own people ad olam; Thou

Hashem, became their Elohim.

| 23| Therefore now, Hashem, let the davar that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy eved and concerning his Bais be established ad olam, and do as Thou hast said.

| 24| Let it even be established, that Thy Shem may be magnified ad olam, saying, Hashem Tzva'os is Elohei Yisroel, even Elohim to Yisroel; let Bais Dovid Avdecha be established before Thee.

| 25| For Thou, O Elohai, hast revealed in the ozen of Thy eved that Thou wilt build him a Bais; therefore Thy eved hath found to daven in prayer before Thee.

| 26| Now, Hashem, Thou art HaElohim, and hast promised this tovah unto Thy eved.

| 27| Now therefore let it please Thee to make berakhah upon the Bais of Thy eved, that it may be before Thee l'olam; for Thou makest berakhah, Hashem, and it shall be mevorech l'olam (blessed forever).

18 Now after this it came to pass, that Dovid struck the Pelishtim, and subdued them, and took Gat and her villages out of the yad of the Pelishtim.

| 2| And he struck Moav, and Moav became Dovid's avadim, and brought minchah.

| 3| And Dovid struck Hadadezer Melech Tzovah unto Chamat, as he [*Hadadezer*] went to establish his dominion over the river Euphrates.

| 4| And Dovid captured from him elef chariots, and 7,000 parashim, and 20,000 foot soldiers. Dovid also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them 100 chariot horses.

| 5| And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer Melech Tzovah, Dovid slaughtered of the Syrians 22,000 ish.

| 6| Then Dovid put garrisons in Aram Damascus; and the Syrians became Dovid's avadim (subjects), bearing minchah (tribute). Thus Hashem saved Dovid wherever he went.

| 7| And Dovid took the shields of zahav that were on avadim of Hadadezer, and brought them to Yerushalayim.

| 8| Likewise from Tivchat, and from Kun, towns of Hadadezer, Dovid took very much nechoshet, wherewith Sh'lomo made the Yam HaNechoshet, and the Ammudim, and the kelei hanechoshet.

| 9| Now when To'u Melech Chamat heard how Dovid had struck down the whole army of Hadadezer Melech Tzovah,

| 10| He sent Hadoram bno to HaMelech Dovid, to give him a shalom greeting, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and struck him down (for Hadadezer was an ish milchamah often against To'u); and he sent all manner kelim zahav, kesef and nechoshet.

| 11| Them also Dovid HaMelech dedicated as kodesh unto Hashem, with the kesef and the zahav that he brought from all these Goyim; from Edom, and from Moav, and from the Bnei Ammon, and from the Pelishtim, and from Amalek.

| 12| Moreover Avishai Ben Tzeruyah slaughtered of Edom in the Gey HaMelach eighteen elef.

| 13| And he put garrisons in Edom, and kol Edom became Dovid's