

SHMUEL ALEF

Shechem, and on the south of
Levonah.

|20| Therefore they
commanded the Bnei
Binyamin, saying, Go and lie
in wait in the kramim
(vineyards);

|21| And watch, and, hinei, if
the Banot Shiloh come out to
join in dances, then come ye
out of the kramim (vineyards),
and catch you every ish his
isha of the Banot Shiloh, and
go to Eretz Binyamin.

|22| And it shall be, when
their avot or their achim come
unto us for riv (to complain),
we [*the Ziknei HaEdah*] will
say unto them, Give them to
us, for we did not receive every
ish his isha through the war;
for ye have not given them
unto them at this time; now
would ye be guilty.

|23| And the Bnei Binyamin
did so and took them nashim,
according to their number, of
them that danced, whom they
caught; and they went and
returned unto their nachalah,
and repaired the towns, and
dwelt in them.

|24| And the Bnei Yisroel
departed from there at that
time, every ish to his shevet
and to his mishpakhah, and
they went out from thence
every ish to his nachalah.

|25| In those days there was
no melech in Yisroel; every
man did that which was
yashar (right) in his own eyes.

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1 Now there was a certain
man of Ramatayim
Tzophim, of the hill
country of Ephrayim, and his
name was Elkanah ben
Yerocham ben Elihu ben
Tochu ben Tzuph, from
Ephrat;

[2] And he had two wives; the
name of the one was
Channah, and the

name of the other Peninnah;
and Peninnah had children,
but Channah had no children.

|3| And this man went up out
of his city yearly to worship
and to sacrifice unto Hashem
Tzva'os in Shiloh. And the two
banim of Eli, Chophni and
Pinchas, the kohanim of
Hashem, were there.

|4| And when the time was
that Elkanah offered sacrifice,
he gave to Peninnah his wife,
and to all her banim and her
banot, portions;

|5| But unto Channah he
gave a double portion; for he
loved Channah; but Hashem
had shut up her womb.

|6| And her tzarah
(adversary) also provoked her
greatly, for to make her fret,
because Hashem had shut up
her womb.

|7| And as he did so year by
year, when she went up to the
Bais Hashem, so she provoked
her; therefore she wept, and
did not eat.

|8| Then said Elkanah her
husband to her, Channah,
why weepest thou? And why
eatest thou not? And why is
thy lev bitter? Am not I better
to thee than asarah banim?

|9| So Channah rose up after
they had eaten in Shiloh, and
after they had drunk. Now Eli
HaKohen sat upon a chair by
mezuzat Heikhal Hashem.

|10| And she was in
bitterness of nefesh, and
davened unto Hashem,
and wept greatly.

|11| And she vowed a neder
(vow), and said, O Hashem
Tzva'os, if thou wilt indeed
look on the misery of thine
handmaid, and remember
me, and not forget thine
handmaid, but wilt give unto
thine handmaid zera
anashim, then I will give him
unto Hashem kol yamei of his
chayyah, and there shall no
razor come upon his head.

|12| And it came to pass, as
she continued davening before
Hashem, that Eli observed her
mouth.

|13| Now Channah, she
davened in her lev; only her
lips moved, but her voice was
not heard; therefore Eli
thought her to be shikkorah.

|14| And Eli said unto her,
How long wilt thou be drunk?
Put away thy yayin from thee.

|15| And Channah answered
and said, No, adoni, I am an
isha of a keshat ruach
(oppressed spirit); I have
drunk neither yayin nor strong
drink, but have poured out my
nefesh before Hashem.

|16| Take not thine amah
(handmaid, servant) for a bat
Beliyaal; for out of
the abundance of my anguish
and ka'as (grief) have I
davened hitherto.

|17| Then Eli answered and
said, Go in shalom; and
Elohei Yisroel grant thee thy
petition that thou hast asked
of Him.

|18| And she said, Let thine
handmaid find chen (grace,
favor) in thy sight. So the isha
went her way, and did eat, and
her countenance was no more
sad.

|19| And they rose up in the
boker early, and worshiped
before Hashem and returned,
and came to their bais in
Ramah; and Elkanah knew
Channah his wife; and
Hashem remembered her.

|20| And it came to pass in
due time, after Channah had
conceived, that she bore a ben,
and called his name Shmuel
(Heard of G-d) saying, Because
from Hashem I have asked for
him.

|21| And the man Elkanah,
and all his bais, went up to
offer unto Hashem the zevach
hayamim (sacrifice of the
days), and his neder (vow).