

|18| And Avishai, the brother of Yoav Ben Tzeruyah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his khanit (spear) against three hundred, and slaughtered them, and had the shem among the Three.

|19| Was he not most honored of the Three? Therefore he was their sar; howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

|20| And Benayah Ben Yehoyada was a ben chayil, of Kavtze'el, who had done many deeds: he slaughtered two lionlike men of Moav; he went down also and slaughtered an aryeh in the midst of a pit on a snowy day;

|21| And he slaughtered an Egyptian, a goodly man; and the Egyptian had a khanit (spear) in his yad; but he went down to him with a shevet (club), and plucked the khanit out of the Egyptian's yad, and slaughtered him with his own khanit.

|22| These things did Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and had the shem among three gibborim.

|23| He was more honored than the Shloshim, but he attained not to the first Three. And Dovid set him over his bodyguard.

|24| Asah-el the brother of Yoav was one of the thirty; Elchanan Ben Dodo of Beit-Lechem,

|25| Shammah the Harodi, Elika the Charodi,

|26| Cheletz the Palti, Ira Ben Ikkesh the Tekoi,

|27| Aviezer the Anethoti, Mevunai the Chushati,

|28| Tzalmon the Achochi, Maharai the Netophati,

|29| Chelev Ben Ba'anah, a Netophati, Ittai Ben Rivai out of Giveah of the Bnei Binyamin,

|30| Benayah the Pirathoni, Hiddai of the ravines of Ga'ash,

|31| Abi-albon the Arvati, Azmavet the Barchumi,

|32| Elyachba the Sha'alvoni, of the Bnei

Yashen, Yonatan,

|33| Shammah the Harari, Achiam Ben Sharar the Arari,

|34| Eliphelet Ben Ahasbai son of the Maachati, Eliam Ben Achitophel the Giloni,

|35| Chetzrai the Carmeli, Pa'arai the Arbi,

|36| Yigal Ben Natan of Tzovah, Bani the Gadi,

|37| Tzelek the Ammoni, Nachrai the Be'eroti, armor-bearer to Yoav Ben Tzeruyah,

|38| Ira a Yitri, Garev a Yitri,

|39| Uriyah the Chitti; 37all.

24 And again the Af Hashem was kindled against Yisroel, and He incited Dovid against them to say, Go, number Yisroel and Yehudah.

|2| For HaMelech said to Yoav Sar HaChayil, who was with him, Go now through kol Shivtei Yisroel, from Dan even to Beer Sheva, and number ye HaAm, that I may know the Mispar HaAm.

|3| And Yoav said unto HaMelech, Now Hashem Eloheicha add unto HaAm, how many soever they be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of adoni HaMelech may see it; but why doth adoni HaMelech delight in this thing?

|4| Notwithstanding the devar HaMelech prevailed against Yoav, and against the Sarei HeChayil. And Yoav and the Sarei HaChayil went out from before HaMelech, to number HaAm Yisroel.

|5| And they passed over Yarden, encamped in Aroer, on the south of the Ir that lieth in the middle of the ravine of Gad, toward Yazer;

|6| Then they came to Gil'ad, to Eretz Tachtim-Chodshi; they came to Dan-Ya'an, went around to Tzidon,

|7| And came to the fortress of Tzor, and to all the cities of the Chivi, and of Kena'ani; and they went out to the Negev of Yehudah, to Beer Sheva.

|8| So when they had gone through kol HaAretz, they came to Yerushalayim at the end of 9 months and 20 days.

|9| And Yoav gave up the sum of the number of HaAm unto HaMelech; and there were in Yisroel Shmoneh Me'ot Elef ish chayil that drew the cherev; and the Ish Yehudah were chamesh Me'ot Elef ish.

|10| And the lev Dovid struck him after that he had

numbered HaAm. And Dovid said unto Hashem, Chatati (I have sinned) me'od (greatly) in what I have done; and now, Hashem, take away the avon (iniquity, guilt) of Thy eved; for I have done very foolishly.

|11| For when Dovid rose up in the boker, the Devar Hashem came unto Gad HaNavi, the Chozeh Dovid (Seer of Dovid), saying,

|12| Go, say unto Dovid, Thus saith Hashem, I offer thee shalosh (three, three things); choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

|13| So Gad came to Dovid, and told him, and said unto him, Shall shalosh [*see 1Chr 21:12, Hebrew here says sheva*]

shanim of ra'av (famine) come unto thee in thy land? Or wilt thou flee shloshah chodashim before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? Or that there be shloshet yamim dever (three days of pestilence) in thy land? Now consider, and see what answer I shall return to Him that sent me.

|14| And Dovid said unto Gad, I am in a great tzar (distress); let