

[42] And he said unto him, Thus saith Hashem, Because thou hast let go out of thy yad an ish whom I appointed to cherem (utter destruction), therefore thy nefesh shall be for his nefesh, and thy people instead of his people.

[43] And Melech Yisroel came to his bais sar veza'ef (sullen and dejected), and came to Shomron.

**21** And it came to pass after these things, that Navot the Yizre'eli had a kerem (vineyard), which was in Yizre'el (Jezreel), beside the heikhal (palace) Ach'av Melech Shomron.

[2] And Ach'av spoke unto Navot, saying, Give me thy kerem (vineyard), that I may have it for an herb gan (garden), because it is karov (near) unto my Bais; and I will give thee in exchange for it a tov kerem (better vineyard) than it; or, if it seem tov in thine eyes, I will give thee the worth of it in kesef.

[3] And Navot said to Ach'av, Chalilah li me'Hashem (far be it from me before Hashem), that I should give the nachalat Avoti unto thee.

[4] And Ach'av came into his Bais sar veza'ef (sullen and dejected) because of the davar which Navot the Yizre'eli had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee the nachalat avoti. And he lay down upon his mittah, and turned away his face, and would eat no lechem.

[5] But Izevel his isha came to him, and said unto him, Mah zeh (What [is] this?) Thy ruach is sarah (sullen), that thou eatest no lechem?

[6] And he said unto her, Because I spoke unto Navot the Yizre'eli and said unto him, Give me thy kerem

(vineyard) for kesef; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another kerem (vineyard) in its place; but he answered, I will not give thee my kerem (vineyard).

[7] And Izevel his isha said unto him, What a grand sovereign over Yisroel you are! Arise, and eat lechem, and let thine lev be cheerful; I will give thee the kerem (vineyard) of Navot the Yizre'eli.

[8] So she wrote sefarim (letters) b'shem Ach'av, and sealed them with his chotam (seal), and sent the sefarim unto the zekenim and to the chorim (nobles, rulers) that were in his city, dwelling with Navot.

[9] And she wrote in the sefarim, saying, Proclaim a tzom, and set Navot on high among the people;

[10] And seat two men, bnei beliyaal, opposite him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst upon Elohim and Melech make a [blasphemous] berakhah! And then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.

[11] And the anashim of his city, even the zekenim and the chorim (nobles) who were the inhabitants in his city, did just as Izevel had sent unto them, and just as it was written in the sefarim which she had sent unto them.

[12] They proclaimed a tzom, and seated Navot on high among the people.

[13] And there came in two anashim, bnei beliyaal, and sat opposite him; and the anashim of beliyaal witnessed against him, even against Navot, in the presence of the people, saying, Navot blasphemed Elohim vaMelech! Then they took him forth outside of the Ir, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

[14] Then they sent to Izevel, saying, Navot is stoned, and is dead.

[15] And it came to pass, when Izevel heard that Navot was stoned, and was dead, that Izevel said to Ach'av, Arise, take possession of the kerem of Navot the Yizre'eli, which he refused to give thee for kesef; for Navot is not chai (alive), but met (dead).

[16] And it came to pass, when Ach'av heard that Navot was dead, that Ach'av rose up to go down to the kerem of Navot the Yizre'eli, to take possession of it.

[17] And the Devar Hashem came to Eliyahu the Tishbi, saying,

[18] Arise, go down to meet Ach'av Melech Yisroel, which is in Shomron; hinei, he is in the kerem of Navot, where he has gone down to take [inheritance] possession of it.

[19] And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Hashem, Hast thou committed murder, then also hast thou inherited? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Hashem, In the makom (place) where kelavim licked the dahm Navot shall kelavim lick thy dahm also, even thine.

[20] And Ach'av said to Eliyahu, Hast thou found me, O mine oyev? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work rah in front of the eyes of Hashem.

[21] Hineni, I will bring ra'ah upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off from Ach'av mashtin b'kir (him that urinates against a wall, *i. e.*, *all males*), atzur (bond) and azuv (free) in Yisroel,

[22] And will make thine Bais like the Bais Yarov' am Ben Nevat, and like the Bais Ba'asha