had cut before Me, when they cut the egel (calf) in two, and passed between the parts thereof, |19| The sarim of Yehudah,

and the sarim of Yerushalayim, the sarisim, and the kohanim, and kol Am HaAretz, which passed between the parts of the egel (calf);

[20] I will even give them into the vad of their ovevim, and into the yad of them that seek their nefesh: and their nevilah (dead body) shall be for food unto the oph HaShomayim, and to the behemat ha'aretz. 21 And Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah and his sarim will I give into the yad of their ovevim, and into the yad of them that seek their nefesh, and into the yad of Melech Bavel's army, which hast withdrawn from you. |22| Hineni, I will command. saith Hashem, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and capture it, and burn it with eish; and I will make the towns of Yehudah a desolation without an inhabitant.

The Davar which 6 came unto U Yirmeyah from Hashem in the days of Yhoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, saving, 2 Go unto the Bais of the Rechavim, and speak unto them, and bring them into the Beis Hashem, into one of the leshakhot (side rooms), and give them yayin to drink. 3 Then I took Ya'azanyah Ben Yirmeyah Ben Chavatzinyah, and his brethren, and all his banim, and kol Bais Rechavim; 4 And I brought them into the Beis Hashem, into the lishkah (room) of the Bnei Chanan Ben Yigdalyahu, an Ish HaElohim, which was by

the lishkah of the sarim, which was above the lishkah of Ma'aseiyah Ben Shallum, the Shomer HaSaf (Gatekeeper): [5] And I set before the Bnei Bais Rechavim bowls full of vavin, and kosot (cups), and I said unto them, Drink ve yayin. [6] But they said, We will drink no yayin; for Yonadav Ben Rechav avinu commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no yayin, neither ye, nor your banim ad olam; [7] Neither shall ye build bais, nor sow zera, nor plant kerem (vineyard), nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in ohalim; that ye may live yamim rabbim in the adamah where ye are sojourners.

|8| Thus have we obeyed the voice of Yonadav Ben Rechav avinu in all that he hath charged us, to drink no yayin kol yameinu (all our days), we, our nashim, our banim, nor our banot;

|9| Nor to build batim for us to dwell in; neither have we kerem, nor sadeh, nor zera;
|10| But we have dwelt in ohalim, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Yonadav avinu commanded us.

|11| But it came to pass,
when Nevuchadretzar Melech
Bavel invaded ha'aretz, that
we said, Come, and let us go to
Yerushalayim because of the
army of the Kasdim
(Chaldeans), and because of
the army of Aram (the
Syrians); so we dwell in
Yerushalayim.
|12| Then came the Devar
Hashem unto Yirmeyah,
saying,
|13| Thus saith Hashem
Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Go and
tell the Ish Yehudah and the

tell the Ish Yehudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, Will ye not learn musar to pay heed to My devarim? saith Hashem. |14| The devarim of Yonadav Ben Rechay, that he commanded his banim not to drink vavin, has been carried out; for unto this day they drink none, but obey the mitzvat avihem; notwithstanding, I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye paid heed not unto Me. |15| I have sent also unto you all My avadim the Nevi'im, rising up early and sending them, saying, Turn ye now every ish from his derech hara'ah, and amend your doings, and go not after elohim acherim to serve them, and ye shall dwell in ha'adamah which I have given to you and to avoteichem; but ve have not inclined your ozen (ear), nor paid heed unto Me. 16 Indeed the Bnei Yonaday Ben Rechav have carried out the mitzvat avihem, which he commanded them; but this people hath not paid heed unto Me: |17| Therefore, thus saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Hineni, I will bring upon Yehudah and upon all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim all the ra'ah that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken unto them, but they

spoken unto them, but they have not paid heed; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. |18| And Yirmeyah said unto the Bais Rechavim, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel; Because ye have obeyed the mitzvat Yonadav avichem, and have been shomer over all his mitzvot, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you, |19| Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Yonadav Ben

Rechav shall not