

|29| And Reuven returned unto the bor; and, hinei, Yosef was not in the bor; and he made the keriah of his clothes [*compare Mk 14:63 OJBC*].

|30| And he returned unto his achim, and said, The yeled is not; and I, where shall I turn?

|31| And they took the kesones Yosef, and did shachat the se'ir izzim (slaughtered the kid of the goats), and dipped the kesones in the dahm;

|32| And they sent the kesones hapassim, and they brought it to Avihem; and said, This have we found; examine for identification purposes now whether it be the kesones Binecha or no.

|33| And he recognized it, and said, It is the kesones beni; a chayyah r'ah hath devoured him; Yosef is without doubt torn in pieces.

|34| And Ya'akov made the keriah of his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for beno yamim rabbim.

|35| And all his banim and all his banot rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to beni mourning to Sheol. Thus Aviv wept for him.

|36| And the Midyanim sold him into Mitzrayim unto Potiphar, a seris Pharaoh (courtier of Pharaoh), a sar hatabbachim (a captain of the slaughterers, executioners, i.e., captain of the guard).

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Yehudah went down from his achim, and turned in to an ish Adulami shmo Chirah.

|2| And Yehudah saw there a bat ish Kena'ani shmo Shua; and he took her, and went in unto her.

|3| She conceived, and bore ben; and he called shmo Er.

|4| And she conceived again, and bore ben; and she called shmo Onan.

|5| And she yet again conceived, and bore ben; and called shmo Shelah; at Keziv, when she bore him.

|6| And Yehudah took a wife for Er his bechor, whose shem was Tamar.

|7| And Er, bechor Yehudah, was rah in the eyes of Hashem; and Hashem slaughtered him.

|8| And Yehudah said unto Onan, Go in unto eshet achicha, and enter into levirate marriage with her, and raise up zera to achicha.

|9| And Onan knew that the zera should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto eshet achiv, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give zera to achiv.

|10| And the thing which he did was rah in the eyes of Hashem; therefore He slaughtered him also.

|11| Then said Yehudah to Tamar his kallah, Remain an almanah at thy bais avi, till Shelah beni is grown; for he said, Lest he die also, as his achim did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her bais avi.

|12| And in process of time the bat Shua, eshet Yehudah, died; and Yehudah was consoled, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnah, he and his re'a Chirah the Adulami.

|13| And it was told Tamar, saying, Hinei, thy kham (father-in-law) goeth up to Timnah to shear his tzon.

|14| And she put off her widow's garments from her, and covered her with a tze'if (veil), and disguised herself, and sat at the crossroads which is on the derech to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him as isha.

|15| When Yehudah saw her, he thought her to be a zonah; because she had covered her face.

|16| And he turned unto her by the derech, and said, Come now, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his kallah [daughter-in-law]). And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

|17| And he said, I will send thee a gedi izzim (kid of the goats). And she said, Wilt thou give me an ervon (pledge), till thou send it?

|18| And he said, What ervon shall I give thee? And she said, Thy chotam (signet), and thy [signet neck] cord, and thy staff that is in thine yad. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

|19| And she arose, and went away, and took off her tze'if from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

|20| And Yehudah sent the gedi izzim by the yad of his friend the Adulami, to get back his ervon from the yad haisha; but he found her not.

|21| Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the kedeshah (cult prostitute) that was on the crossroads by the derech? And they said, There was no kedeshah in this place.

|22| And he returned to Yehudah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said that there was no kedeshah in this place.

|23| And Yehudah said, Let her take for herself, lest we become buz (laughingstock); hinei, I sent this gedi, and thou hast not found her.

|24| And it came to pass about shlosh chadashim (three months) later, that it was told Yehudah saying, Tamar thy kallah