

|26| And when he cut the hair of his rosh, (for it was from time to time that he cut it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he cut it); he weighed the se'ar (hair) of his rosh at two hundred shekels after the royal standard.

|27| And unto Avshalom there were born three banim, and one bat, whose shem was Tamar; she was an isha of a fair countenance.

|28| So Avshalom dwelt two full shanim in Yerushalayim, and saw not the face of HaMelech.

|29| Therefore Avshalom sent for Yoav, to have sent him to HaMelech; but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

|30| Therefore he said unto his avadim, See, the allotted land of Yoav is near mine, and he hath se'orim (barley) there; go and kindle it with eish. And the avadim of Avshalom set eish to the allotted land.

|31| Then Yoav arose, and came to Avshalom unto his bais, and said unto him, Why have thy avadim set eish to my allotted land?

|32| And Avshalom answered Yoav, Hinei, I sent unto thee, saying, Come here, that I may send thee to HaMelech, to say, why am I come from Geshur? It had been tov (better) for me to have been there still; now therefore let me see the face of HaMelech; and if there be any avon (iniquity) in me, let him kill me.

|33| So Yoav came to HaMelech, and told him; and when he had called for Avshalom, he came to HaMelech, and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before HaMelech; and HaMelech kissed Avshalom.

**15** And it came to pass after this, that Avshalom

prepared him merkavah and susim, and fifty ish to run before him.

|2| And Avshalom rose up early, and stood beside the derech hash'a'ar; and it was so, that when any ish that had a riv (lawsuit, complaint) came to HaMelech for mishpat, then Avshalom called unto him, and said, Of what town art thou? And he said, Thy eved is of one of the Shivtei Yisroel.

|3| And Avshalom said unto him, See, thy case is tovim and right; but there is no man deputy of HaMelech to hear thee.

|4| Avshalom said moreover, Oh that I were made Shofet in the land, that every ish which hath any riv or mishpat might come unto me, and I would bring him justice!

|5| And it was so, that when any ish came near to him to prostrate himself before him, he put forth his yad, and took him, and kissed him.

|6| And on this manner did Avshalom to kol Yisroel that came to HaMelech for mishpat; so Avshalom stole the lev anshei Yisroel.

|7| And it came to pass after arba'im shanah, that Avshalom said unto HaMelech, Now let me go and fulfill my neder, which I have vowed unto Hashem, in Chevron.

|8| For thy eved vowed a neder (vow) while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If Hashem shall bring me again indeed to Yerushalayim, then I will serve Hashem.

|9| And HaMelech said unto him, Go in shalom. So he arose, and went to Chevron.

|10| But Avshalom sent secret messengers throughout kol Shivtei Yisroel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the

shofar, then ye shall say, Avshalom reigneth in Chevron.

|11| And with Avshalom went two hundred ish out of Yerushalayim, that were invited; and they went innocently, and they had da'as of not anything.

|12| And Avshalom sent for Achitophel the Giloni, Dovid's yo'etz (counsellor), from his town, even from Giloh, while he offered zivakhim. And the kesher (conspiracy) was strong; for the people increased continually with Avshalom.

|13| And there came a maggid to Dovid, saying, Lev Ish Yisroel are with Avshalom.

|14| And Dovid said unto all his avadim that were with him at Yerushalayim, Arise, and let us flee; or else we shall not escape from Avshalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring ra'ah (disaster) upon us, and strike the Ir with the edge of the cherev.

|15| And the avadim of HaMelech said unto HaMelech, Hinei, thy avadim are ready to do whatsoever adoni HaMelech commands.

|16| And HaMelech went forth, and all his Bais after him. And HaMelech left ten nashim, which were pilagshim (concubines), to be shomer over the Bais (palace).

|17| And HaMelech went forth, and kol haAm after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

|18| And all his avadim passed on by his yad; and all the Kereti, and all the Peleti, and all the Gittim, and six hundred men which came after him from Gat, passed on before HaMelech.

|19| Then said HaMelech to Ittai the Gitti, Why goest thou also with us? Return to thy place, and