

unto HaMelech, and stood before him.

|17| And the one isha said, O adoni, I and this isha dwell in one bayit; and I was delivered of child with her babayit (in the house).

|18| And it came to pass the Yom HaShelishi after that I was delivered, that this isha was delivered also: and we were together; there was no zar (stranger, outsider) with us babayit, except we two babayit.

|19| And this ben haisha died in the lailah; because she had lain upon him.

|20| And she arose in the middle of the lailah, and took beni (my son) from beside me, while thine amah (handmaid) slept, and laid it in her kheyk (bosom), and laid her ben hamet (dead son) in my kheyk.

|21| And when I rose in the boker to nurse beni, hinei, met! (dead!) But when I had examined him in the boker, hinei, he was not beni I bore!

|22| And the isha ha'acheret (other woman) said, Lo (no); but hachai (the living) is beni (my son), and hamet (the dead) is the ben of yours. But this one said, Lo (no), the ben of yours is hamet (the dead [one]), and beni is hachai! Thus they went on arguing before HaMelech!

|23| Then said HaMelech, The one saith, This is beni (my son) hachai (the living [one]), and thy ben is hamet (the dead [one]); and the other saith, Lo; but the ben of yours is hamet, and beni is hachai.

|24| And HaMelech said, Bring me a cherev. And they brought the cherev before HaMelech.

|25| And HaMelech said, Cut the yeled hachai in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

|26| Then spoke unto HaMelech the isha whose was the ben hachai, for her rachamim yearned for her ben, and she said, O adoni, give her the yeled hachai, and in no wise put him to death. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but cut him in two!

|27| Then HaMelech answered and said, Give her the yeled hachai, and in no wise put him to death; she is immo (his mother).

|28| And kol Yisroel heard of the mishpat (judgment) in which HaMelech had given verdict; and they feared HaMelech; for they saw that the chochmat Elohim was within him, to administer mishpat (justice).

**4** So HaMelech Sh'lomo was Melech over kol Yisroel.

|2| And these were the sarim which he had; Azaryah Ben Tzadok HaKohen,

|3| Elichoreph and Achiyah, the Bnei Shisha, Sofrim (scribes); Yehoshaphat Ben Achilud, the Mazkir (secretary).

|4| And Benayah Ben Yehoyada was over the Tzava (army); and Tzadok and Evyatar (Abiathar) were the Kohanim;

|5| And Azaryah Ben Natan was over the Nitzavim (commissioners) and Zavud Ben Natan kohen re'eh HaMelech;

|6| And Achishar was over the Bais (palace); and Adoniram Ben Avda was over the forced labor.

|7| And Sh'lomo had twelve Nitzavim (commissioners) over kol Yisroel, which provided provision for HaMelech and his Bais (palace); each man his

month in a shanah (year) made provision.

|8| And these are their shemot; Ben Hur, in har Ephrayim;

|9| The Ben Deker, in Makatz, and in Sha'alvim, and Beit Shemesh, and Elon Beit Chanan;

|10| Ben Chesed, in Arubot; to him pertained Sochoh, and kol Eretz Chepher;

|11| Ben Avinadav, in kol Naphat Dor; which had Taphat Bat Sh'lomo as his isha;

|12| Ba'ana Ben Achilud; Ta'nach and Megiddo, and kol Beit She'an, which is near Zartanah below Yizre'el (Jezreel), from Beit She'an to Avel Mecholah, even unto beyond Yokme'am;

|13| Ben Gever, in Ramot Gil'ad; to him pertained the towns of Yair Ben Menasheh, which are in Gil'ad; to him also pertained the region of Argov, which is in Bashan, threescore arim gedolim with chomah and gate bars of nechoshet;

|14| Achinadav Ben Iddo had Machanayim;

|15| Achima'atz was in Naphtali; he also took Ba'smat Bat Sh'lomo as his isha;

|16| Ba'anah Ben Chushai was in Asher and in Alot;

|17| Yehoshaphat Ben Paruach, in Yissakhar;

|18| Shimei Ben Elah, in Binyamin;

|19| Gever Ben Uri was in Eretz Gil'ad, in Eretz Sichon Melech Emori, and of Og Melech HaBashan; and he was the only Netziv (commissioner) which was in the land.

|20| Yehudah and Yisroel were many, as the chol (sand) which is by the yam in multitude, eating and drinking, and rejoicing.