

|35| But I will take the mamlachah out of yad beno, and will give it unto thee, even aseret hashevatom (ten tribes).

|36| And unto bno will I give shevet echad (one tribe), l'ma'an Dovid Avdi may have a ner (lamp) always before Me in Yerushalayim, the Ir which I have chosen for Me to put My Shem there.

|37| And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy nefesh desireth, and shalt be Melech over Yisroel.

|38| And it shall be, if thou wilt pay heed unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that is yashar in My sight, to be shomer over My chukkot and My mitzvot, as Dovid Avdi did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a bais ne'eman (enduring dynasty) as I built for Dovid, and will give Yisroel unto thee.

|39| And I will for this afflict the zera Dovid [See *Isaiah 53:10*], but not forever.

|40| Sh'lomo sought therefore to kill Yarov`am. And Yarov`am arose, and fled into Mitzrayim, unto Shishak Melech Mitzrayim, and was in Mitzrayim until the Mot Sh'lomo.

|41| And the rest of the acts of Sh'lomo, and all that he did, and his chochmah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei Sh'lomo?

|42| And the time that Sh'lomo reigned in Yerushalayim over kol Yisroel was arba'im shanah.

|43| And Sh'lomo slept with Avotav, and was buried in the Ir Dovid Aviv: and Rechav`am bno reigned in his place.

12 And Rechav`am went to Shechem; for kol Yisroel were come to Shechem to make him Melech.

|2| And it came to pass, when Yarov`am Ben Nevat, who was yet in Mitzrayim, heard of it, (for he had fled from the presence of HaMelech Sh'lomo, and Yarov`am dwelt in Mitzrayim);

|3| That they sent and called him. And Yarov`am and kol Kehal Yisroel came, and spoke unto Rechav`am, saying,

|4| Avicha made our ol (yoke) difficult; now therefore make thou the grievous avodat Avicha, and his heavy ol (yoke) which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

|5| And he said unto them, Depart yet for shloshah yamim, then come back to me. And HaAm departed.

|6| And HaMelech Rechav`am consulted with the Zekenim, that stood before Sh'lomo Aviv while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may return answer to HaAm Hazeh?

|7| And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou wilt be an eved unto this people today, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak devarim tovim to them, then they will be thy avadim kol hayamim.

|8| But he forsook the atzat HaZekenim (counsel of the Elders), which they had given him, and consulted with the yeladim (young people) that were grown up with him, and which stood before him (*i.e., were in his court*);

|9| And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may return answer to HaAm Hazeh, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the ol (yoke) which Avicha did put upon us lighter?

|10| And the yeladim

that were grown up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto HaAm hazeh that spoke unto thee, saying, Avicha made our ol (yoke) heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than the loins of Avi!

|11| And now whereas Avi did lay on you an ol kaved (heavy yoke), I will add to your ol (yoke); Avi hath scourged you with shotim (whips), but I will scourge you with akribim (scorpions).

|12| So Yarov`am and kol HaAm came to Rechav`am the Yom HaShelishi, just as HaMelech had appointed, saying, Come to me again the Yom HaShelishi.

|13| And HaMelech answered HaAm roughly, and forsook the atzat HaZekenim (counsel of the Elders) that they gave him;

|14| And spoke to them according to atzat HaYeladim, saying, Avi made your ol (yoke) heavy, and I will add to your ol (yoke); Avi also scourged you with shotim (whips), but I will scourge you with akribim.

|15| So HaMelech paid heed not unto HaAm; for the sibbah (turn of events) was from Hashem, in order that He might perform His davar, which Hashem spoke by Achiyah the Shiloni unto Yarov`am Ben Nevat [See *1Kgs 11:29-39*].

|16| So when kol Yisroel saw that HaMelech paid heed not unto them, HaAm answered HaMelech, saying, What chelek have we in Dovid? Neither have we nachalah in Ben Yishai; to your ohalim, O Yisroel; now see to thine own Bais, Dovid. So Yisroel departed unto their ohalim.