

11 And when Rechav'am was come to Yerushalayim, he gathered of the Bais Yehudah and Binyamin a hundred and fourscore thousand bachur oseh milchamah (chosen men, which were warriors), to make war against Yisroel, that he might restore the mamlachah to Rechav'am.

[2] But the Devar Hashem came to Shemayah the Ish HaElohim, saying,

[3] Speak unto Rechav'am ben Sh'lomo Melech Yehudah, and to kol Yisroel in Yehudah and Binyamin, saying,

[4] Thus saith Hashem, Ye shall not go up, nor make war against your achim. Shuvu (return) every ish to his bais, for this thing is done from Me. And they obeyed the divrei Hashem, and returned back from going against Yarov'am.

[5] And Rechav'am dwelt in Yerushalayim, and built arim lematzor (cities for defense) in Yehudah.

[6] He built even Beit-Lechem, and Eitam, and Tekoa,

[7] Bei-Tzur, Socho, Adulam,

[8] Gat, Mareshah, Ziph,

[9] And Adorayim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

[10] And Tzorah, and Ayalon, and Chevron, which are in Yehudah and in Binyamin arei metzurot (fortified cities).

[11] And he fortified the metzurot (fortifications), and put negidim (rulers) in them, and otzerot ma'achal (storage places of food), and of shemen and yayin.

[12] And in all the cities he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Yehudah and Binyamin on his side.

[13] And the Kohanim and the Levi'im that were in kol Yisroel availed themselves to him from all their territories.

[14] For the Levi'im abandoned their common-lands and their achuzzah (possession, estate) and came to Yehudah and Yerushalayim; for Yarov'am and his banim had cast them off from executing the office of Kohen unto Hashem.

[15] And he ordained him kohanim for the high places, and for the se'irim (goat idols, demons) and for the agalim (calf idols) which he had made.

[16] And after them from all the Shivtei Yisroel such as set their hearts to seek Hashem Elohei Yisroel came to Yerushalayim, to sacrifice unto Hashem Elohei Avoteihem.

[17] So they strengthened the Malchut Yehudah, and made Rechav'am ben Sh'lomo strong, shanim shalosh. For shanim shalosh they walked in the Derech Dovid u'Sh'lomo.

[18] And Rechav'am took him Machalat bat Yerimot Ben Dovid as isha, and Avichayil bat Eliav ben Yishai,

[19] Which bore him banim: Yeush, and Shemaryah, and Zaham.

[20] And after her he took Ma'achah bat Avshalom, who bore him Aviyah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shlomit.

[21] And Rechav'am loved Ma'achah bat Avshalom more than any of his nashim and his pilagshim; (for he took eighteen nashim, and threescore pilagshim, and fathered twenty and eight banim, and threescore banot.)

[22] And Rechav'am made Aviyah ben Ma'achah the rosh, to be nagid among his achim, for he intended to make him melech.

[23] And he acted wisely, and dispersed kol banim of him throughout all the lands of Yehudah and Binyamin, unto

all of the arei hametzurot (fortified cities); and he gave them mazon (provision, food) in abundance. And he took for them many wives.

12 And it came to pass, when Rechav'am had established the malchut, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the Torat Hashem, and kol Yisroel with him.

[2] And it came to pass, that in the shanah hachamishit of Melech Rechav'am Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim, because they were unfaithful to Hashem,

[3] With 1200 chariots, and 60,000 parashim, and troops without number that came with him out of Mitzrayim, the Luvim, the Sukkiim, and the Cushim.

[4] And he captured the arei hametzurot (fortified cities) which are of Yehudah, and came as far as Yerushalayim.

[5] Then came Shemayah HaNavi to Rechav'am, and to the Sarim of Yehudah, that were assembled in Yerushalayim because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith Hashem, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also abandoned you in the yad Shishak.

[6] Whereupon the Sarim (princes) of Yisroel and HaMelech humbled themselves; and they said, Tzaddik Hashem.

[7] And when Hashem saw that they humbled themselves, the Devar Hashem came to Shemayah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some peleitah (deliverance, rescue); and My chamah (anger, wrath) shall not be poured out upon Yerushalayim by the yad Shishak.