

|5| And he was not able there to do many nissim (miracles), except on a few cholim (sick people) he laid (his) hands and administered refuah (healing) to them.

|6| And he wondered on account of their lack of emunah. And he was going around the shtetlach in a circuit, saying shiurim.

|7| And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach summons the Shneyim Asar, and he began to send them out two by two, and he was giving to them samchut [over] the ruchot hatumah.

[DEVARIM 17:6]

|8| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave directives to them that they should take nothing on [the] derech except a mere walking stick, not lechem, not a schnorrer's sack, nor a money belt;

|9| But instead, to wear sandals, and not to take an extra kaftan.

|10| And he was saying to them, Wherever you enter into a bais, stay there until you leave that area.

|11| And whatever place does not give you the kabbalat panim (welcome), and does not listen to you, then, as you are leaving there, let it be NIER CHATZNO, shake off the dust of your feet, for an edut to them.

|12| And having gone out, they preached that Bnei Adam should make teshuva.

|13| And many shedim they were casting out, and they were anointing with shemen many cholim, and they were administering refuah to them.

|14| And Herod the king heard of it, for the name of Yehoshua had become bavust (famous), and some were saying, Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva has been made to stand up alive from [the] mesim, and for this reason the nissim (miracles)

are at work in him.

|15| But others were saying, It is Eliyahu HaNavi. Still others were saying, He is a navi, like one of the neviim of old.

[MALACHI 4:5]

|16| But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, Yochanan whom I beheaded has stood up alive from the mesim!

|17| For Herod himself had sent and had Yochanan arrested and bound in the beis hasohar, on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip, for he had married her.

|18| But Yochanan was saying to Herod, It is not mutar according to the Torah for you to have your brother's wife. [VAYIKRA 18:16, 20:21]

|19| And Herodias bore a grudge against Yochanan and desired to kill him. But she could not.

|20| For Herod feared Yochanan, knowing him [to be] a tzaddik and kadosh, and Herod was protecting Yochanan. And when Herod heard Yochanan, he was greatly disturbed, and [yet] gladly Herod was listening to Yochanan.

|21| And, an opportune day having come, when Herod, on his yom huledet (birthday), gave a mishteh for the court of his nobles, and the military commanders, and those of chashivut (prominence) of the Galil, [ESTHER 1:3, 2:18]

|22| And when his daughter entered and danced, she pleased Herod and the ones reclining at the seudah with him. And the king said to the girl, Ask me whatever you wish and I will give [it] to you.

|23| And he made a shevuah (oath) to her solemnly, Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my Malchut. [ESTHER 5:3,6; 7:2]

|24| And having gone out, she said to her mother, What

should I ask [for]? And her mother said, The rosh Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva.

|25| And having entered, ofen ort, with haste before the king, she made a request, saying, You may give to me upon a platter the rosh Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva.

|26| And having become very sad, the king, on account of his shevuah and on account of the ones reclining at the seudah [with him], was unwilling to refuse her.

|27| And, ofen ort, the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring the rosh Yochanan. And having left, the executioner beheaded Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva in the beit hasohar. |28| And he brought the rosh Yochanan upon a platter and gave it to the young girl, and the young girl gave it to her mother.

|29| And, having heard this, Yochanan's talmidim came and carried away his geviyah (body) and placed it in a kever (grave).

|30| And the Shlichim gathered together with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and reported to him everything which they did and the torah which they had taught.

|31| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Come away a while, you yourselves, for a yechidus in a quiet place for a Shabbaton (rest from work). For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time for okhel (food).

|32| And they departed in the sirah (boat) to a secluded place for a yechidus.

|33| And the people, recognizing them, saw them departing, and from all the shtetlach they ran there and arrived