

The Early Prophets - One Book, One Theme - class #49

Achav & Eliyahu - Who's the villain and who's the hero?

What's happening in the middle of Sefer Melachim

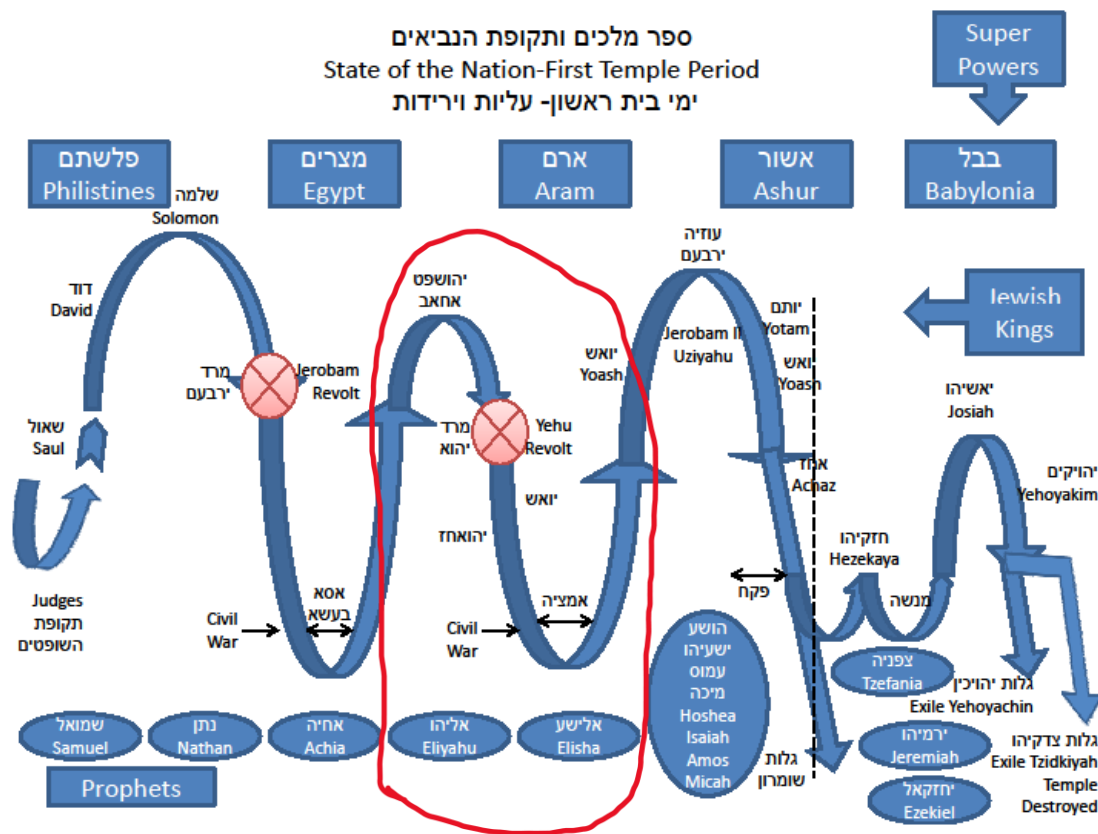
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Introduction -

Over the last month, we have studied the opening and closing sections of Sefer Melachim. In today's class, we begin a short series on the middle section of Sefer Melachim to understand the centrality and purpose of the stories of Eliyahu and Elisha- and why the book changes its focus from Kings to Prophets.

I. Review of the time period of approx 400 years of Sefer Melachim

Noting where and when the stories of Eliyahu & Elisha take place:



II. From Generals to Kings – what's happening 'up North'?

Melachim Aleph chapter 15 - Between Assa & Baasha

ט וּבַשְּׁנַת עֶשְׂרִים, לִירְבֵּעַם מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל, מֶלֶךְ אַסָּא, מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה.
9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah.

י וְאַרְבָּעִים וְאַחַת שָׁנָה, מֶלֶךְ בִּירוּשָׁלַם; וְשֵׁם אִמּוֹ, מַעֲכָה בַת-אַבִּישָׁלוֹם.
10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

יא וַיַּעַשׂ אַסָּא הַיָּשָׁר, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה, כְּדָוִד, אָבִיו.
11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

יב וַיַּעֲבֵר הַקִּדְּשִׁים, מִן-הָאָרֶץ; וַיִּסֶּר, אֶת-כָּל-הַגִּלְלִים, אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ, אֲבֹתָיו.
12 And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

יג וְגַם אֶת-מַעֲכָה אִמּוֹ, וַיִּסְרָהּ מִגְּבִירָה, אֲשֶׁר-עָשְׂתָה מִכְּלָצֶת, לְאַשְׁרָה; וַאֲסָא כָּטַח אֶת-מִכְּלָצֶתָהּ, בְּנַחַל קִדְרוֹן.
13 And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

יד וְהַגְּבוּהֹת, לֹא-סָרוּ; רַק לִבִּב-אַסָּא, הָיָה שְׁלֵם עִם-יְהוָה--כָּל-יָמָיו. {ס}
14 But the high places were not taken away; nevertheless the heart of Asa was whole with the LORD all his days. {S}

טו וַיָּבֵא אֶת-קִדְּשֵׁי אָבִיו, וְקִדְּשׁוֹ (וְקִדְּשָׁיו) בֵּית יְהוָה, כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב, וְכֵלִים.
15 And he brought into the house of the LORD the things that his father had hallowed, and the things that himself had hallowed, silver, and gold, and vessels.

טז וַיִּמְלַחֲמָה הַיָּתֵה בֵּין אַסָּא, וּבֵין בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל-כָּל-יְמֵיהֶם.
16 And there was war between Asa and Baasa king of Israel all their days.

יז וַיַּעַל בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל-יְהוּדָה, וַיִּבֶן אֶת-הָרָמָה--לְבִלְתִּי, תֵּת יֵצֵא וּבֵא, לְאַסָּא, מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה.
17 And Baasa king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

יח וַיִּקַּח אַסָּא אֶת-כָּל-הַכֶּסֶף וְהַזָּהָב הַנּוֹתָרִים בְּאוֹצְרוֹת בֵּית-יְהוָה, וְאֶת-אוֹצְרוֹת בֵּית מֶלֶךְ (הַמֶּלֶךְ), וַיִּתְּנֵם, בְּיַד-עֲבָדָיו; וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ אַסָּא, אֶל-בֶּן-הַדָּד בֶּן-טַבְרִמּוֹן בֶּן-חִזְיוֹן מֶלֶךְ אַרָם, הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּדַמֶּשֶׁק, לֵאמֹר.
18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, that dwelt at Damascus, saying:

יט בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ, בֵּין אָבִי וּבֵין אָבִיךָ; הִנֵּה שִׁלַּחְתִּי לְךָ שֶׁמֶט, כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב--לְךָ הַפָּרָה אֶת-בְּרִיתְךָ אֶת-בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיַּעֲלֶה מֵעָלַי.
19 'There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasa king of Israel, that he may depart from me.'

כ וַיִּשְׁמַע בֶּן-הַדָּד אֶל-הַמֶּלֶךְ אַסָּא, וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת-שָׂרֵי הַחַיִּלִּים אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ עַל-עָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיִּךְ אֶת-עִיּוֹן וְאֶת-דָּן, וְאֶת אָבֵל בֵּית-מַעֲכָה; וְאֶת, כָּל-כְּנַעֲנֹת, עַל, כָּל-אָרֶץ נַפְתָּלִי.
20 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

כא וַיְהִי, כַּשֶּׁמַּע בַּעֲשָׂא, וַיִּחְדַּל, מִבְּנוֹת אֶת-הָרָמָה; וַיֵּשֶׁב, בְּתִרְזָה.
21 And it came to pass, when Baasa heard thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

כב וְהַמֶּלֶךְ אָסָא הִשְׁמִיעַ אֶת-כָּל-יְהוּדָה, אִין נָקִי, וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֶת-
אֲבָנֵי הָרָמָה וְאֶת-עֵצֶיהָ, אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בַעְשָׂא; וַיִּבְנוּ בָם הַמֶּלֶךְ
אָסָא, אֶת-גִּבְעָה בְּנֵימָן וְאֶת-הַמִּצְפָּה.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasa had builded; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

כג וַיֵּתֶר כָּל-דְּבָרֵי-אָסָא וְכָל-גְּבוּרָתוֹ וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה,
וְהָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה--הֲלֹא-הֵמָּה כְּתוּבִים עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי
הַיָּמִים, לְמַלְכֵי יְהוּדָה; רַק לְעַת זְקֻנָּתוֹ, חָלָה אֶת-רַגְלָיו.

23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

כד וַיִּשְׁכַּב אָסָא, עִם-אֲבֹתָיו, וַיִּקְבַּר עִם-אֲבֹתָיו, בְּעִיר דָּוִד
אָבִיו; וַיִּמְלֹךְ יְהוֹשָׁפָט בְּנוֹ, תַּחֲתָיו. {פ}

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. {P}

כה וַנָּדָב בֶּן-יִרְבֵּעָם, מֶלֶךְ עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּשָׁנַת שְׁתַּיִם,
לְאָסָא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; וַיִּמְלֹךְ עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, שְׁנַתִּים.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

כו וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה; וַיֵּלֶךְ, בְּדַרְוֹ אָבִיו, וּבַחֲטָאתוֹ,
אֲשֶׁר הִחֲטִיא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל.

26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

כז וַיִּקְשֹׁר עָלָיו בַּעְשָׂא בֶן-אֲחִיָּה, לְבֵית יִשְׁשָׁכָר, וַיַּכְהוּ
בַּעְשָׂא, בְּגִבְתוֹן אֲשֶׁר לְפִלְשְׁתִּים; וַנָּדָב, וְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל,
צָרִים, עַל-גִּבְתוֹן.

27 And Baasa the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasa smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.

כח וַיִּמְתְּהוּ בַּעְשָׂא--בְּשָׁנַת שָׁלֹשׁ, לְאָסָא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; וַיִּמְלֹךְ,
תַּחֲתָיו.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasa slay him, and reigned in his stead.

כט וַיְהִי כַּמֶּלְכוֹ, הַכֹּהֵן אֶת-כָּל-בֵּית יִרְבֵּעָם--לֹא-הִשְׁאִיר
כָּל-נְשָׁמָה לִירְבֵּעָם, עַד-הַשְּׁמָדוֹ:
כְּדָבַר יְהוָה--אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר, בְּיַד-עַבְדּוֹ אֲחִיָּה הַשִּׁילֹנִי.

29 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of the LORD, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Ahijah the Shilonite;

ל עַל-חַטָּאוֹת יִרְבֵּעָם אֲשֶׁר חָטָא, וְאֲשֶׁר הִחֲטִיא אֶת-
יִשְׂרָאֵל: בְּכַעֲסוֹ--אֲשֶׁר הִכְעִיס, אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin; because of his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD, the God of Israel.

לא וַיֵּתֶר דְּבָרֵי נָדָב, וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: הֲלֹא-הֵם כְּתוּבִים,
עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

לב וּמִלְחָמָה הָיְתָה בֵּין אָסָא, וּבֵין בַּעְשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל--
כָּל-יְמֵיהֶם. {פ}

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasa king of Israel all their days. {P}

לג בְּשָׁנַת שָׁלֹשׁ, לְאָסָא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה--מֶלֶךְ בַּעְשָׂא בֶן-אֲחִיָּה
עַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּתִרְצָה, עָשָׂרִים וָאַרְבַּע, שָׁנָה.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasa the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty and four years.

לד וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה; וַיֵּלֶךְ, בְּדַרְוֹ יִרְבֵּעָם, וּבַחֲטָאתוֹ,
אֲשֶׁר הִחֲטִיא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל. {ס}

34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. {S}

Chapter 16

- א וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-יְהוּא בֶן-חַנָּנִי, עַל-בַּעְשָׁא לֵאמֹר.
- ב יַעַן, אֲשֶׁר הִרְיַמְתִּיךָ מִן-הָעֶפְרָי, וְאַתָּנָךְ נָגִיד, עַל עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַתֵּלֶךְ בְּדַרְךָ יִרְבָּעָם, וַתַּחַטֵּא אֶת-עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְהַכְעִיסֵנִי, בְּחַטָּאתָם.
- ג הִנְנִי מִבְּעִיר אַחֲרֵי בַעְשָׁא, וְאַחֲרֵי בֵיתוֹ; וְנָתַתִּי, אֶת-בֵּיתְךָ, כְּבֵית, יִרְבָּעָם בֶּן-נֶבַט.
- ד הַמֵּת לְבַעְשָׁא בָּעִיר, יֹאכְלוּ הַכְּלָבִים; וְהַמֵּת לוֹ בַּשָּׂדֶה, יֹאכְלוּ עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם.
- ה וַיֵּתֶר דְּבָרֵי בַעְשָׁא וְאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, וּגְבוּרָתוֹ: הֲלֹא-הֵם כְּתוּבִים, עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.
- ו וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּעְשָׁא עִם-אֲבֹתָיו, וַיִּקְבֹּר בְּתַרְצָה; וַיִּמְלֹךְ אֵלָה בְּנוֹ, תַחְתָּיו.
- ז וְגַם בְּיַד-יְהוּא בֶן-חַנָּנִי הִנְבִּיא, דְּבַר-יְהוָה הִזְהִי אֶל-בַּעְשָׁא וְאֶל-בֵּיתוֹ וְעַל כָּל-הַרְעָה אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה לְהַכְעִיסוֹ בְּמַעֲשָׂה יָדָיו, לְהִיּוֹת, כְּבֵית יִרְבָּעָם; וְעַל אֲשֶׁר-הִכָּה, אֹתוֹ.
- ח בַּשָּׁנָה עָשָׂרִים וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנָה, לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה: מֶלֶךְ אֵלָה בֶּן-בַּעְשָׁא עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּתַרְצָה--שְׁנַתִּים.
- ט וַיִּקְשֹׁר עָלָיו עַבְדּוֹ זִמְרִי, שֵׁר מַחְצִית הַרְקָב; וְהוּא בְּתַרְצָה, שָׁתָה שְׂכֹר, בֵּית אַרְצָא, אֲשֶׁר עַל-הַבַּיִת בְּתַרְצָה.
- י וַיִּבֵּא זִמְרִי, וַיַּכְהוּ וַיִּמִּיתֵהוּ, בַּשָּׁנָה עָשָׂרִים וְשֵׁבַע, לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; וַיִּמְלֹךְ, תַּחְתָּיו.
- יא וַיְהִי כַּמֵּלְכוֹ כַּשְׁבָּתוֹ עַל-כִּסְאוֹ, הִכָּה אֶת-כָּל-בֵּית בַּעְשָׁא--לֹא-הִשְׁאִיר לוֹ, מִשְׁתֵּינ בְּקִיר; וְגֹאֲלָיו, וְרַעְהוּ.
- יב וַיִּשְׂמַד זִמְרִי, אֶת כָּל-בֵּית בַּעְשָׁא, כְּדִבַּר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֶל-בַּעְשָׁא, בְּיַד יְהוּא הַנְּבִיא.
- יג אֵל כָּל-חַטָּאוֹת בַּעְשָׁא, וְחַטָּאוֹת אֵלָה בְּנוֹ--אֲשֶׁר חָטְאוּ, וְאֲשֶׁר חָטְיאוּ אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְהַכְעִיס אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּהַבְלִיָּהֶם.
- יד וַיֵּתֶר דְּבָרֵי אֵלָה, וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: הֲלֹא-הֵם כְּתוּבִים, עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. {פ}
- 1 And the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasa, saying:
- 2 'Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over My people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me with their sins;
- 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasa and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
- 4 Him that dieth of Baasa in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.'
- 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasa, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- 6 And Baasa slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his stead.
- 7 And moreover by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasa, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he smote him. {P}
- 8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasa to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and reigned two years.
- 9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him; now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah;
- 10 and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.
- 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he smote all the house of Baasa; he left him not a single man-child, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.
- 12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasa, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasa by Jehu the prophet,
- 13 for all the sins of Baasa, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, with their vanities.
- 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? {P}

טו בַּשָּׁנָה עֶשְׂרִים וְשִׁבְעָה שָׁנָה, לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה, מֶלֶךְ
זִמְרִי שִׁבְעַת יָמִים, בְּתִרְצָה; וְהָעָם חֲנִימִים, עַל-גִּבְתֹּן
אֲשֶׁר לְפִלְשְׁתִּים.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

טז וַיִּשְׁמַע הָעָם, הַחֲנִימִים לְאֹמֶר, קִשֶׁר זִמְרִי, וְגַם הִפָּה אֶת-
הַמֶּלֶךְ; וַיִּמְלְכוּ כָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-עֹמְרִי שׂוֹר-צָבָא עַל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא--בַּמַּחֲנֶה.

16 And the people that were encamped heard say: 'Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king'; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

יז וַיַּעֲלֶה עֹמְרִי וְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמּוֹ, מִגִּבְתֹּן; וַיִּצְרוּ, עַל-
תִּרְצָה.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

יח וַיְהִי כִּרְאוֹת זִמְרִי, כִּי-נִלְכְּדָה הָעִיר, וַיָּבֵא, אֶל-אַרְמוֹן
בֵּית-הַמֶּלֶךְ; וַיִּשְׂרֹף עָלָיו אֶת-בֵּית-מֶלֶךְ בְּאֵשׁ, וַיָּמָת.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died;

יט עַל-חַטָּאתָיו אֲשֶׁר חָטָא, לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה--
לְלַכֵּת, בְּדַרְךְ יִרְבְּעָם, וּבַחַטָּאתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, לְהַחֲטִיא אֶת-
יִשְׂרָאֵל.

19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

כ וַיִּתֵּר דְּבָרֵי זִמְרִי, וְקִשְׁרוֹ אֲשֶׁר קִשֶׁר: הֲלֹא-הֵם כְּתוּבִים,
עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. {פ}

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? {P}

כא אֲזִי יִחַלַק הָעָם יִשְׂרָאֵל, לַחֲצֵי: חֲצֵי הָעָם הָיָה אַחֲרֵי
תַּבְּנִי בֶן-גִּינָת, לְהַמְלִיכוֹ, וְהַחֲצֵי, אַחֲרֵי עֹמְרִי.

21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

כב וַיַּחֲזֹק הָעָם, אֲשֶׁר אַחֲרֵי עֹמְרִי, אֶת-הָעָם, אֲשֶׁר
אַחֲרֵי תַּבְּנִי בֶן-גִּינָת; וַיָּמָת תַּבְּנִי, וַיִּמְלֹךְ עֹמְרִי. {פ}

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. {P}

כג בַּשָּׁנָה שְׁלֹשִׁים וְאַחַת שָׁנָה, לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה, מֶלֶךְ
עֹמְרִי עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, שָׁתִים עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה; בְּתִרְצָה, מֶלֶךְ שְׁשֶׁ-
שָׁנִים.

23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, and reigned twelve years; six years reigned he in Tirzah.

כד וַיִּקֶן אֶת-הַהֵר שֶׁמֶר, מֵאֵת שֶׁמֶר--בְּכַפְרִים כֶּסֶף;
וַיְבִנוּ, אֶת-הַהֵר, וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שֵׁם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה, עַל שֵׁם-
שֶׁמֶר אֲדֹנֵי הַהֵר שֶׁמֶרוֹן.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria.

כה וַיַּעַשֶׂה עֹמְרִי הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה; וַיִּרַע, מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר לִפְנָיו.

25 And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him.

כו וַיֵּלֶךְ, בְּכָל-דַּרְךְ יִרְבְּעָם בֶּן-נֶבֶט, וּבַחַטָּאתָיו (וּבַחַטָּאתוֹ), אֲשֶׁר
הַחֲטִיא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל: לְהַכְעִיס, אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--בְּהַבְלִיָּהֶם.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, with their vanities.

כז וַיִּתֵּר דְּבָרֵי עֹמְרִי אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, וּגְבוּרָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: הֲלֹא-הֵם
כְּתוּבִים, עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

כח וַיִּשְׁכַּב עֹמְרִי עִם-אֲבֹתָיו, וַיִּקְבֹּר בְּשֶׁמֶרוֹן; וַיִּמְלֹךְ אַחָאָב בְּנוֹ,
תַּחְתָּיו. {פ}

28 And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. {P}

כט וַאֲחָאָב בֶּן-עֹמְרִי, מָלַךְ עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּשָׁנַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּשְׁמֹנֶה שָׁנָה, לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; וַיִּמְלֹךְ אַחָאָב בֶּן-עֹמְרִי עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּשָׁמְרוֹן, עָשָׂרִים וּשְׁתַּיִם, שָׁנָה.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

ל וַיַּעַשׂ אַחָאָב בֶּן-עֹמְרִי הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה--מִכָּל, אֲשֶׁר לִפְנָיו.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

לא וַיְהִי הַנֶּקֶל לְכַתּוֹ, בְּחַטָּאוֹת יִרְבֵּעַם בֶּן-נֶבֶט; וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה אֶת-אֵיזָבֵל, בַּת-אֶתְבַּעַל מֶלֶךְ צִידוֹנִים, וַיִּלְךָ וַיַּעֲבֹד אֶת-הַבַּעַל, וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לוֹ.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

לב וַיִּקַּם מִזְבֵּחַ, לַבַּעַל, בַּיַּת הַבַּעַל, אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בְּשָׁמְרוֹן.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

לג וַיַּעַשׂ אַחָאָב, אֶת-הָאֲשֵׁרָה; וַיּוֹסֶף אַחָאָב לַעֲשׂוֹת, לְהַכְעִיס אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִכָּל מַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לִפְנָיו.

33 And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

לד בְּיָמָיו בָּנָה חִיאֵל, בַּיַּת הָאֱלִי--אֶת-יְרִיחָה: ּבְּאֲבִירָם בָּכְרוּ יְסָדָהּ, וּבִשְׁגוּב (וּבִשְׁגוּב) צָעִירוֹ הֵצִיב דְּלָתֶיהָ, כַּדָּבָר יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר בְּיַד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן-נּוּן. {ס}

34 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho; with Abiram his first-born he laid the foundation thereof, and with his youngest son Segub he set up the gates thereof; according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun. {S}

Chapter 17

א וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי מִתְּשֻׁבֵי גִלְעָד, אֶל-אַחָאָב, חִי-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר עִמָּדָתִי לִפְנָיו, אִם-יְהִי הַשָּׁנִים הָאֵלֶּה טַל וּמָטָר--כִּי, אִם-לִפְנֵי דְבָרִי. {ס}

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said unto Ahab: 'As the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.' {S}

ב וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying:

ג לֶךָ מִזֶּה, וּפְנִיתָ לְךָ קִדְמָה; וַנְּסַתְרָתָּ בְּנַחַל כְּרִית, אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן.

3 'Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan.

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