Brotherhood and Memory: Between Caleb and Achsah

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Course description:

The Book of Judges explores an era of national decline and alienation, but its horrors penetrate private families as well. How are the book's families shaped by their era? And how do they come to represent it in turn?

1: A potent beginning

Judges 1:1-3

(1) After the death of Joshua, the Israelites inquired of the LORD, "Which of us shall be the first to go up against the Canaanites and attack them?" (2) The LORD replied, "Let [the tribe of] Judah go up. I now deliver the land into their hands." (3) Judah then said to their brother-tribe Simeon, "Come up with us to our allotted territory and let us attack the Canaanites, and then we will go with you to your allotted territory." So Simeon joined them.

שופטים א':א'-ג'

(א) וַיְהִי אַחֲבִי מְוֹת יְהוֹשֻׂעַ וַיִּשְׁאֲלוּ בְּנֵי
 יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּה' לֵאמֹר מִי יַעֲלֶה־לְּנֵוּ אֶל־הַלְּצֵעְיֵ בַּתְּחַלֶּה לְהַלְּחֶם בִּוֹּ (ב) וַיִּאמֶר הַיְיְהוּדָה לְשִׁמְעוֹן אָחִיוּ
 בְּיִבְוֹּ (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְשִׁמְעוֹן אָחִיוּ
 עֲלֵה אִתִּי בְּגוֹרָלִי וְנְלֶחֲמָה בַּנְנַעֵנִי
 וְהָלַכְתִּיְ גַם־אֲנֵי אִתְּךָ בְּגוֹרָלֶךְ וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתְּוֹ
 שְׁמְעוֹן.

Joshua 1:1-2

(1) After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' attendant: (2) "My servant Moses is dead. Prepare to cross the Jordan, together with all this people, into the land that I am giving to the Israelites.

<u>יהושע א':א'-ב'</u>

(א) וַיְהִי אַחֲבֵרֶי מִוֹת מֹשֶׁה עֶבֶד ה' וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בִּן־נוֹן מְשֶׁבֵת מֹשֶׁה לֵאמְר. (ב)
 מֹשֶׁה עַבְּדִּי מֵת וְעַתָּה קוֹּם עֲבֹר אֶת־הַיַּרְבֵּן
 הַּיֶּה אַתָּה וְכָל־הָעָם הַיֶּה אֶל־הָאָבֶרץ אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכֵי
 נֹתֵן לָהֶם לִבְנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Judges 1:19-21

The LORD was with Judah, so that they took possession of the hill country; but they were not able to dispossess the inhabitants of the plain, for they had iron chariots. They gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had promised; and he drove the three Anakites out of there. The Benjaminites did not dispossess the Jebusite inhabitants of Jerusalem; so the Jebusites have dwelt with the Benjaminites in Jerusalem to this day.

שופטים א':י"ט-כ"א

וַיְהִי ה' אֶת־יְהוּדָה וַיֹּרֶשׁ אֶת־הָהָר כִּי לֹּא לְהוֹרִישׁ אֶת־יִשְׁבֵי הָעֵּמֶק כִּי־גָכֶב בַּרְזֶל לָהֶם. וַיִּתְנוּ לְכָלֵב אֶת־חֶבְרוֹן כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה וַיִּנֹרֶשׁ מִשְּׁם אֶת־שְׁלֹשָׁה בְּנֵי הָעֲנֵק. וְאֶת־ הַיְבוּסִי יִשֵּׁב יְרוּשָׁלַיִם לֹא הוֹרִישׁוּ בְּנִי בִנְיָמֵן וַיֵּשֶׁב הַיְבוּסִי אֶת־בְּנֵי בִנְיָמִן בִּירְוּשָׁלַ ִם עַד היִּם הזָה. {פּ}

2. Uncomfortable echoes

Genesis 37:18-27

- (18) They saw him from afar, and before he came close to them they conspired to kill him.
- (19) They said to one another, "Here comes that dreamer! (20) Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we can say, 'A savage beast devoured him.' We shall see what comes of his dreams!" (21) But when Reuben heard it, he tried to save him from them. He said, "Let us not take his life." (22) And Reuben went on, "Shed no blood! Cast him into that pit out in the wilderness, but do not touch him yourselves"—intending to save him from them and restore him to his father. (23) When Joseph came up to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the ornamented tunic that he was wearing, (24) and took him and cast him into the pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. (25) Then they sat down to a meal. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, their camels bearing gum, balm, and ladanum to be taken to Egypt. (26) Then Judah said to his brothers, "What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood?
- (27) Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do away with him ourselves. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh." His brothers agreed.

בראשית ל"ז:י"ח-כ"ז

- (יח) וַיִּרְאנִּ אֹתוֹ מֵרָחֹלֶק וּבְטֶּלֶם ׁ יִקְרָב אֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְנַכְּלֹנִּ אֹתוֹ לַהֲמִיתִוֹּ
- (יט) וַיֹּאמָרוָ אִישׁ אֵל־אַחָיו הָנָּה בעל החלמות הלזה בא: (כ) ּוְעַתַּה וּ לְכִוּ וְנַהַרְגִּהוּ וְנַשְׁלְכֵהוּ בָּאַחַד הַבּרוֹת וָאַמַּרְנוּ חַיָּה רַעַה אַכַלַתָהוּ וִנְרָאֵהׁ מַה־יִהִיוּ חַלֹּמֹתַיוּ (כא) וַיִּשְׁמַע רָאוּבֵן וַיַּצְלָהוּ מִיַּדָם (כא) וַלֹּאמֶר לֹא נַכָּנַוּ נַפָּשׁ: (כב) וַלּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם ו רְאוּבֵן אַל־תִּשִׁפִּכוּ־דַם הַשָּׁלְיכוּ אתוֹ אֱל־הַבּוֹר הַזָּה אַשֶּׁר בַּמַדְבַּר וִיַד אַל־תִּשְׁלְחוּ־בוֹ לְמַעַן ּהַצִּיל אֹתוֹ מִיָּדָם לַהֲשִׁיבוֹ אֶל־אָבְיוּ (כג) וַיָּהֶי כַּאֲשֶׁר־בָּא יוֹסֵף אֱל־אֶחַיו ויפשיטו את־יוֹסָף אַת־כַּתנַתוֹ אַת־ בָּתֹנֶת הַפַּסִים אֲשֶׁר עַלֵיוּ (כד) וַיָּקַחָהוּ וַיַּשָׁלְכוּ אתוֹ הַבַּרָה וְהַבּוֹר רַק אָין בּוֹ מַיִם: (כה) וַיִּשְׁבוּ ֹלַאֲכַל־ ֹלֶחֶם וַיִּשָּׂאוּ עֵינֵיהֶם וַיִּרָאוֹּ וְהָנֵּה ׁ אֹרָחַת יִשְׁמִעֵאלִים בַּאַה מִגִּלְעַד וגמליהם נשאים נכאת וצרי ולט הוֹלְכִים לְהוֹרִיד מִצְרֵימַהּ
- (כו) וַיָּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל־אֶחָיִו מַה־ בָּצֵע כִּי נַהֲרֹג אֶת־אָחִינוּ וְכִסִּינוּ אֶת־דָּמְוֹּ (כז) לְכוּ וְנִמְכְּנֶרְנֵּוּ לַיִּשְׁמְצֵאלִים וְיָדֵנוּ אֵל־תְּהִי־בוֹ כִּי־ אָחִינוּ בִשְׂרֵנִוּ הוָא וַיִּשִׁמִעוּ אֵחָיוּ

3: Memory and infidelity

Judges 2:1-3

(1) An angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, "I brought you up from Egypt and I took you into the land which I had promised on oath to your fathers. And I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. (2) And you, for your part, must make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you must tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed Me—look what you have done! (3) Therefore, I have resolved not to drive them out before you; they shall become your oppressors, and their gods shall be a snare to you."

שופטים ב':א'-ג'

(א) וַיַּעַל מַלְאַךְ־ה' מִן־הַגּלְגֶל אֶל־הַבּׂכִים {פ}
 ויאמֶר אַעֲלֶה אֶתְכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם וָאָבִיא
 אָתְכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם וָאָבִיא
 אָתְכֶם וֹאמֵר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי
 לְאַבְּתֵיכֶם וָאמֵר לְא־אָפֵּר בְּּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם לְאַבְּתֵיכֶם וָאמֵר לְא־אָפֵּר בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם לְעוֹלֵם. (ב) וְאַתֶּם לְא־תִכְרְתוּ בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם לְאִבִּי הָאָתְ עֲשִׂיתֶם. וְלֹא־שְׁמֵעְתֶּם בְּקוֹלִי מַה־זֹּאת עֲשִׂיתֶם. וְלֹא־שְׁמַעְתָם בְּקוֹלִי מַה־זֹּאת עֲשִׂיתֶם. מִפְּנֵיכֶם וְהָיִּי לָא־אֲגָרֵשׁ אוֹתָם מִפְּנֵיכֶם וְהָיִּי לָא־אֲגָרֵשׁ אוֹתָם לַמִּלְּמָה. לַּא־אֲגָרֵשׁ אוֹתָם לַמִּלְמָה.
 לַבֶם לְמוֹקֵשׁ.

Judges 2:6-11

(6) When Joshua dismissed the people, the Israelites went to their allotted territories and took possession of the land. (7) The people served the LORD during the lifetime of Joshua and the lifetime of the older people who lived on after Joshua and who had witnessed all the marvelous deeds that the LORD had wrought for Israel. (8) Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten years, (9) and was buried on his own property, at Timnath-heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. (10) And all that generation were likewise gathered to their fathers.

Another generation arose after them, which had not experienced [the deliverance of] the LORD or the deeds that He had wrought for Israel. (11) And the Israelites did what was offensive to the LORD. They worshiped the Baalim

שופטים ב':ו'-י"א

(ו) וַיִשַׁלָּח יִהוֹשָׁעַ אֵת־הָעָם וַיֵּלְכוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרַאֵל אִישׁ לְנַחֵלַתוֹ לַרֵשֶׁת אֵת־ הַאַרץ: (ז) וַיַּעַבְדוּ הַעַם אַת־ה' כֹּלְ יִמֵי יִהוֹשָׁעַ וִכְל וּ יִמֵי הַוַּּקְנִים אֲשֵׁר הַאָרִיכוּ יָמִים אַחֲרִי יִהוֹשׁוֹּעַ אֲשֵׁר רָאוֹּ אָת כַּל־מַעשֵׂה ה' הַגַּדוֹל אַשֵׁר עַשַׂה לִישָׂרָאֵלּ (ח) וַיָּמַת יְהוֹשָׁעַ כִּן־נוּן עַבֶּד ה' בֵּן־מֵאָה וַעֲשֵׂר שָׁנִים ּ (ט) וַיָּקבָּרוִ אוֹתוֹ בָּגִבוּל נַחֲלַתוֹ בִּתִמְנַת־ הַרֶס בָּהַר אֵפָרַיָם מִצְפוֹן לְהַר־גַּעַשׁי (י) וְגַם ֹכַל־הַדְּוֹר הַהוֹּא נָאֵסְפּוּ אֵל־ אַבוֹתַיו וַיַּלֶּקָם דּוֹר אָחֶר אַחַרִיהָם אֲשֵׁר לא־יַדעוּ אַת־ה' וָגם אַת־הַמּעשה אַשֶׁר עַשָּׂה לִישִׂרָאֵל: {פּ יא) וַיַּעֲשׂוְּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵלְ אֶת־הָרַע ּבָעֵינֵי ה' וַיַּעַבָדוּ אֱת־הַבְּעַלִים:

Exodus 1:6-8

(6) Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. (7) But the Israelites were fertile and prolific; they multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the land was filled with them. (8) A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.

שמות אי:וי-חי

(ו) וַיֶּמָת יוֹסֵף (וְכָל־אֶחָיו וְכֹּל הַדְּוֹר הַהְוּאּ (וֹ) וּבְנֵי יִשְּׂרָאֵל פָּרוּ וִיִּשְׁרְצוּ וַיִּרְבּוּ וַיִּעַצְמוּ בִּמְאֹד מְאֹד וַתִּמָּלֵא הָאָרֵץ אֹתִם: {פ}

4: A doubly odd anecdote

Judges 1:12-15

(12) And Caleb announced, "I will give my daughter Achsah in marriage to the man who attacks and captures Kiriathsepher." (13) His younger kinsman, Othniel the Kenizzite, captured it; and Caleb gave him his daughter Achsah in marriage. (14) When she came [to him], she induced him to ask her father for some property. She dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb asked her, "What is the matter?" (15) She replied, "Give me a present, for you have given me away as Negeb-land; give me springs of water." And Caleb gave her Upper and Lower Gulloth.

Joshua 15:16-19

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שופטים א':י"ב-ט"ו

(יב) וַיּאמֶר כָּלֵב אֲשֶׁר־יַכֶּה אֶת־קְרְיַת־ סָפֶר וּלְכָדָה וְנָתַתִּי לּוֹ אֶת־עַכְסָה בִתִּי לְאשֶׁהּ (יג) וַיִּלְכְּדָה עָתְנִיאֵל בֶּן־קְנֵז אֲחִי כָלֶב הַקָּטֹן מִמֶּנִּוּ וַיִּתֶּוֹ־לֹּוֹ אֶת־ וַתְּסִיתֵהוּ לִשְׁאֹל מֵאֵת־אָבִיּהְ הַשְּׁדֶה מַה־לֵּהְ (טו) וַתֹּאמֶר לוֹ הָבָה־לָּה כָּלֶב מַה־לֵּהְ (טו) וַתֹּאמֶר לוֹ הָבָה־לָּה כָּלֶב מָה־לֵּה כָּלֶב גְּלֹת תַחִתִּית ּ (פּן

יהושע ט"ו:ט"ז-י"ט

(טז) וַיּאמֶר כָּלֵב אֲשֶׁר־יַכֶּה אֶת־קּרְיַת־ סָפֶּר וּלְּכָדְהּ וְנְתַּתִּי לֹן אֶת־עַכְסָה בִתִּי לְאשֶׁהּי (יז) וַיִּלְכְּדָהּ עָתְנִיאֵל בֶּן־קְנָּן אֲחִי כָלֶב וַיִּתֶּן־לֹן אֶת־עַכְסָה בִתּן לְאשֶׁהּי מֵאֵת־אָבִיּהָ שָּׁדֶה וַתִּצְנַח מֵעַל הַחֲמֵוֹר וַיְּאמֶר־לָהְ כָּלֶב מַה־לֵּךְי (יט) וַתֹּאמֶר תְנָתִתְּה לִי גָּלָת מָיֵם וַיִּתֶּן־לָהּ אֵת גִּלֹת עִלְיוֹת וְאֵת גִּלֹת מָיֵם וַיִּתֶּן־לָהּ אֵת גִּלֹת עִלְיוֹת וְאֵת גִּלֹת מָיֵם וַיִּתֶּוֹיתִּי {פּ}

5. The meaning of water

Exodus 15:22-26

(22) Then Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. They went on into the wilderness of Shur; they traveled three days in the wilderness and found no water. (23) They came to Marah, but they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; that is why it was named Marah. (24) And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" (25) So he cried out to ¬¬¹, and ¬¬¹ showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There [God] made for them a fixed rule; there they were put to the test. (26) [God] said, "If you will heed your God ¬¬¹ diligently, doing what is upright in God's sight, giving ear to God's commandments and keeping all God's laws, then I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians, for I ¬¬¹ am your healer."

שמות ט"ו:כ"ב-כ"ו

(כב) וַיַּפַּע משֶׁה שֶׁת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּם־סוּף
וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל־מִדְבַּר־שׁוּר וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁלְשֶׁת־
יַּמְים בַּמִּדְבָּר וְלֹא־מָצְאוּ מֵיִם. (כג)
יַּמִים בַּמִּדְבָּר וְלֹא־מָצְאוּ מֵיִם. (כג)
וַיְּלֹא יֵכְלוּ לִשְׁתֹּת מֵיִּם מָפְּרָה. (כד) וַיִּלְנוּ הָעָם עַל־מֵשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר מֵּמְה מֵיִם מַה־נִּשְׁתָּה. (כה) וַיִּצְעַק אֶל־ה' וַיּוֹרֵהוּ מַה־נִּשְׁתֹּקוּ הַמָּים וְיִּמְתְּקוּ הַמָּיֵם הַיֹּמְתְקוּ הַמָּיֵם וְיִּמְתְּקוּ הַמָּיֵם וְיֹשֶׁם נִפְּהוּ. (כו)
וַיִּאמֶר בְּעִינִיוֹ תִּשְׁמֵע לְקוֹל ו ה'
וַיְּאמֶר בְּעִינִיוֹ תִּשְׁמֵע לְקוֹל ו ה'
אֲמֶר־שַׂמְתִּי בְמִצְרַיִּם לֹא־אִמִּים עָלֶּיהְ
אֲשֶׁר־שַׂמְתִּי בְמִצְרַיִּם לֹא־אִמִּים עָלֶּיהְ
בְּנִי אֲנִי ה' רִפְּאֵךְ. {ס}

6: Passing 'water' forward

Deuteronomy 4:9

(9) But take utmost care and watch yourselves scrupulously, so that you do not forget the things that you saw with your own eyes and so that they do not fade from your mind as long as you live. And make them known to your children and to your children's children:

דברים די:טי

(ט) רַלָּ הִשָּׁמֶר לְךֵּ וּשְׁמֹר נַפְשְׁךְּ מְאֹד פֶּן־תִּשְׁכַּח אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־ רָאוּ עֵינָידְ וּפֶּן־יָסוּרוּ מִלְבָנְרְ כֹּל יָמֵי חַיֵּיִדְ וְהוֹדַעְתָּם לְבָנֵידְ וְלִבְנִי בָנֵידְ:

Deuteronomy 6:10-15

(10) When your God ה' brings you into the land that was sworn to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to be assigned to you—great and flourishing cities that you did not build, (11) houses full of all good things that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and you eat your fill, (12) take heed that you do not forget ה' who freed you from the land of Egypt, the house of bondage. (13) Revere only your God ה' and worship [God] alone, and swear only by God's name. (14) Do not follow other gods, any gods of the peoples about you— (15) for your God ה' in your midst is an impassioned God—lest the anger of your God ה' blaze forth against you, wiping you off the face of the earth.

דברים וי:יי-טייו

(י) וְהָיֶּה כִּי יְבִיאֲהָ ו ה' אֱלֹקֶיֹך אֶלֹ־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׂר נִשְׁבַּע לַאֲבֹתֶיְה לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְיָצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְיָצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְיָצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְיָצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְיָצְחָק לְיַצְקֹב לְתְּ וְטֹבֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־בְּנְיְתָּ (יָא) וּבָתִּים מְלֵאֹיִם כָּל־טוּב אֲשֶׁר לֹא־בְנְטָעְתָּ וְשָׂבְרָת חֲצוּבִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־בְּעָתְיּ וְשְׁבַּחְ לְּאַבַלְתָּ וְשְׂבָרִים מְבֵּית חְצַבְּרָת וְשְׁבַרְים מִבְּית אֲלַבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֶבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֶבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֶבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֶבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֶבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֹבְיִם מְבָּית אָלֹבְיִם מְבָּית אֲלֹבְיִם מְבָּית מְאֵלְבִים מְבָּית מְאֵלְבִים מְבִּית אָלֹבְיִם מְבָּית מְבִיל פְּנָא ה' אֱלֹבֶיך בְּבְּרִ מְעִל פְּנָּא ה' אֱלֹבֶיך בְּבְּר מְעַל פְּנָי הָאֲדְמָה. (טו) כִּי אֵל קַנְּא ה' אֱלֹבֶיך בְּרְ בַּרְ בְּבְר בְּיִב מְעֵל פְּנָּא ה' אֱלֹבֶיך בְּרְ בְּבְר בְּבְּר בְּים מְלֵל פְּנָי הְאֲדְמָה. (טו) כִּי אֵל קּבְּיָה וְ אֲלֹבְיְר בְּיִב מְעָל פְּנָּיְ הְאֲדְמָה. (סו)

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

(20) When, in time to come, your children ask you, "What mean the decrees, laws, and rules that our God ה' has enjoined upon you?" (21) you shall say to your children, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt and ה' freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand. (22) ה' wrought before our eyes marvelous and destructive signs and portents in Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household; (23) and us [God] freed from there, in order to take us and give us the land promised on oath to our fathers. (24) Then ה' commanded us to observe all these laws, to revere our God ה', for our lasting good and for our survival, as is now the case. (25) It will be therefore to our merit before our God ה' to observe faithfully this whole Instruction, as [God] has commanded us."

דברים ו':כ'-כ"ה

(כ) כִּי־יִשְׁאָלְּךָ בִּנְךָ מְחָר לֵאמֹר מְה הָעֵדֹת וְהַחָקִים וְהָמִשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר צְנָה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ אֶתְכֶם. (כא) וְאָמַרְתָּ לְבִנְּהְ עֲבָדְיָם הָיִינוּ אֶתְכֶם. (כא) וְאָמַרְתָּ לְבִנְּהְ עֲבָדְיָם הָיִינוּ לְפַרְעֹה בְּמִצְרָיָם וְיִּמֵן ה' אוֹתֹת וֹמֹפְתִים גְּדֹלִים חֲזָקָה. (כב) וַיִּמֵן ה' אוֹתֹת וֹמֹפְתִים גְּדֹלִים וְבְּמִצְרֵים בְּפַרְעֹה וּבְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ לְעֵינֵינוּ. (כג) וְאוֹתָגוּ הוֹצִיא מִשָּׁם לְמַעַּוֹ הַלְּרִי בִּיתוֹ לְעִינִר לְעִינוּ. (כג) וְיִצַנִּנוּ ה' לַעֲשׁוֹת אֶת־כָּל־ לְאֲבֹתִינוּ. (כה) לְנִוּ בָּיִרְיִאָה אֶת־ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ לְעוֹב לְנִי בְּיִבְיָה לְנִוּ כִּיִינְשְׁמֹר לַעְשׁוֹת אֶת־כָּל־ וּצְדָקָה תִּהְיָה־לְנִוּ כִּיִּנְשִׁמֹר לַעְשׁוֹת אֶת־כָּל־ הִמִּצְוָה הַוֹּאת לִפְנְיִ ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר בִּמִינִוּ הַוֹּאת לִפְנְיִ ה' אֱלֹקִינוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר

7: Caleb and Achsah's dark mirror

Judges 19:1-14

(1) In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a Levite residing at the other end of the hill country of Ephraim took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah. (2) Once his concubine deserted him, leaving him for her father's house in Bethlehem in Judah; and she stayed there a full four months. (3) Then her husband set out, with an attendant and a pair of donkeys, and went after her to woo her and to win her back. She admitted him into her father's house; and when the girl's father saw him, he received him warmly. (4) His father-in-law, the girl's father, pressed him, and he stayed with him three days; they ate and drank and lodged there. (5) Early in the morning of the fourth day, he started to leave; but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Eat something to give you strength, then you can leave." (6) So the two of them sat down and they feasted together. Then the girl's father said to the man, "Won't you stay overnight and enjoy yourself?" (7) The man started to leave, but his father-in-law kept urging him until he turned back and spent the night there. (8) Early in the morning of the fifth day, he was about to leave, when the girl's father said, "Come, have a bite." The two of them ate, dawdling until past noon. (9) Then the man, his concubine, and his attendant started to leave. His father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Look, the day is waning toward evening; do stop for the night. See, the day is declining; spend the night here and enjoy yourself. You can start early tomorrow on your journey and head for home." (10) But the man refused to stay for the night. He set out and traveled as far as the vicinity of Jebus—that is, Jerusalem; he had with him a pair of laden donkeys, and his concubine was with him. (11) Since they were close to Jebus, and the day was very far spent, the attendant said to his master, "Let us turn aside to this town of the Jebusites and spend the night in it." (12) But his master said to him, "We will not turn aside to a town of aliens who are not of Israel, but will continue to Gibeah. (13) Come," he said to his attendant, "let us approach one of those places and spend the night either in Gibeah or in Ramah." (14) So they traveled on, and the sun set when they were near Gibeah of Benjamin.

שופטים י"ט:א'-י"ד

(א) וַיִּהִי בַּיַּמִים הַהֶּם וּמֵלֵךְ אֵין בִּישְׂרָאֵל וַיָהָיוּ אִישׁ לֵוֹי גַּר בִּיַרְכָּתֵי הַר־אֵפְרַיִם וַיָּקַח־לוֹ אָשַׁה פִילֵגשׁ מִבֵּית לֵחֵם יְהוּדָהּ. (ב) וַתִּזְנֵה עָלַיוֹ פֵּילַגִּשׁוֹ וַתֵּלֵךְ מֵאִתּוֹ אֵל־ בֵּית אַבִּיהַ אֵל־בֵּית לַחֵם יָהוּדָה וַתִּהִי־שַּׂם יָמָיָם אַרְבָּעָה חָדָשִׁים: (ג) וַיַּקָם אִישַׂה וַיֶּלֵךְ אַחַרֵיהָ לְדַבֶּר עַל־לְבָּהֹ (להשיבו) [לַהַשִּׁיבָה] וְנַעַרוֹ עִמּוֹ וְצֵמֵד חַמֹרִים וַתִּבִיאָהוֹ בֵּית אַבִּיהַ וַיִּרְאָהוּ אַבִי הַנַּעַרָה וַיִּשָׂמַח לִקרַאתוֹּ (ד) וַיַּחַזֶק־בּוֹ חֹתִנוֹ אֲבִי ֹהַנַּעַרָּה וַיָּשֶׁב אָתוֹ שָׁלֹשֶׁת יַמְיִם וַיֹּאכִלוּי ויִשְׁתוֹ ויַלִינוּ שם: (ה) ויִהִי ביום הרביעי וַיַּשְׁכִּימוּ בַבֹּקֵר וַיָּקָם לָלֶכֵת וַיֹּאמֵר אֲבִי הַנַּעַרָה אֵל־חַתָנוֹ סָעָד לְבָּךָ פַּת־לֵחֵם וְאַתַר תֵּלֵכוּ (ו) וַיֵּשָׁבוֹּ וַיֹּאכִלוּ שָׁנֵיהֵם יַחָדָן וַיִּשִׁתֹּוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבִי הַנַּעַרַה אַל־הָאִישׁ הוֹאֵל־נָא וִלְיָן וִיִּיטָב לְבֵּךְּ: (ז) וַיֻּקָם הָאִישׁ לַלֶּכֶת וַיִּפִצַר־בּוֹ חֹתִנוֹ וַיַּשַׁב וַיַּלֵן שַׁם: (ח) ויַשָּׁכֵּם בּבֹּקָר בּיוֹם הַחֲמִישִׁי ּלְלָכַת ֿוַיֹּאמֶרוּ אֲבִי הַנַּעֲרָה סְעַד־נָא ֹלְבָבְרָ וָהָתִמַהִמָהוּ עַד־נִטוֹת הַיֹּוֹם וַיֹּאכִלוּ שָׁנֵיהֵם: (ט) וַיַּקָם הַאִישׁ לַלֶּכֶת הוּא וּפִילַגִשׁוֹ וְנַעֲרוֹ וַיֹּאמֵר לוֹ חֹתִנוֹ אֲבִי הַנַּעַרָה הִנָּה נָא רַפַּה הַיּוֹם לַעַרוֹב לִינוּ־ נָ"א הָנֵּה חֲנִוֹת הַיּוֹם ֹלְיָן פֹּה ֹוְיִיטַב לְבָבֵּךְ וָהָשָׁכַּמְתָּם מַחַר ֹלְדַרְכָּכֵם וְהַלְכַתַּ. לְאֹהַלֶבָּי (י) וְלֹא־אַבָה הָאִישׁ לָלוּוְ וַיָּקְם וַיַּלֵרְ וַיָּבֹא עַד־נְכַח יִבוּס הָיָא יִרוּשָׁלָ ַם וְעָמּוֹ צָמֶד חַמוֹרִים ֹחַבוּשִׁים וּפִּילַגִשׁן עמוֹ: (יא) הֶם עם־יִבוֹּס וְהַיּוֹם רָד מִאֹד וַיּאמֶר הַנַּעַר אֵל־אַדנַיו לְכַה־נַּא וְנַסוּרַה אֶל־עִיר־הַיִבוּסִי הַוּּאָת וְנָלְיוֹ בֶּהּ ּ (יב) וַיֹּאמֵר אֵלַיוֹ אַדֹנָיו לֹאָ נָסוּר אֶל־עִיר נָכְרִי אַשֵׁר לא־מִבּנִי יִשֹּׂרָאֵל הֻנַּה וְעַבַרְנוּ עַד־ גִּבְעַה: (יג) וַיֹּאמֵר לְנַעַרוֹ לְךָ וִנְקְרְבָה בּאַחָד הַמִּקֹמוֹת וְלַנוּ בַגִּבְעָה אוֹ בַרַמַהּ (יד) וַיַּעַבָרוּ וַיֵּלֵכוּ וַתַּבֹא לַהֶם הַשְּׁמֵשׁ אַצֵל הַגָּבַעָה אַשֵׁר לְבַנְיַמֵן.