

A Parody on Piety: Micha's Broken Home

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1: The Promise of reconciliation

Judges 17:1-6

(1) There was a man in the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah. (2) He said to his mother, “The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, so that you uttered an imprecation which you repeated in my hearing—I have that silver; I took it.” “Blessed of the LORD be my son,” said his mother.

(3) He returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother; but his mother said, “I herewith consecrate the silver to the LORD, transferring it to my son to make a sculptured image and a molten image. I now return it to you.” (4) So when he gave the silver back to his mother, his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave it to a smith. He made of it a sculptured image and a molten image, which were kept in the house of Micah. (5) Now the man Micah had a house of God; he had made an ephod and teraphim and he had inducted one of his sons to be his priest.

(6) In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did as he pleased.

Rashi on Judges 17:3:2

I expressly consecrated the silver, from my hand to my son's. I resolved to deliver it from my hand to yours for the purpose of making an image and a molten figure. Give it to me now, so that I may return it from my hand to you. Some say that this woman was Delilah, since Scripture specifies eleven hundred pieces of silver. However, they are in error, as Michah preceded Shimshon by many years. But the episodes are juxtaposed because of the corrupt silver, which was of equal value in each of the incidents. The silver inflicted injury in both cases.

שופטים י"ז:א-ו'

(א) וַיְהִי־אִישׁ מִהַר־אֶפְרַיִם וּשְׁמוֹ
מִיכָהוּ: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר לְאִמּוֹ אֵלַי וּמֵאֵה
הַכֶּסֶף אֲשֶׁר לָקַחְתָּ לִּי (וְאֵתִי) [וְאֵתָה]
אֵלַיִת וְגַם אֶמְרַתְּ בְּאָזְנִי הִנֵּה־הַכֶּסֶף
אֵתִי אָנֹכִי לָקַחְתָּ וַתֹּאמֶר אִמּוֹ בְּרוּךְ
בְּנֵי לַה':

(ג) וַיָּשֻׁב אֶת־אֵלָּהִי וּמֵאֵה הַכֶּסֶף לְאִמּוֹ
וַתֹּאמֶר אִמּוֹ הַקֹּדֶשׁ הַקֹּדֶשׁתִּי אֶת־
הַכֶּסֶף לַה' מִיָּדִי לְבְנֵי לַעֲשׂוֹת פִּסְלִים
וּמִסְכָּה וְעֵתָה אֲשִׁיבֶנּוּ לָהּ: (ד) וַיָּשֻׁב
אֶת־הַכֶּסֶף לְאִמּוֹ וַתִּקַּח אִמּוֹ מֵאֵתֶיךָ
כֶּסֶף וַתַּתְּנֶהוּ לְצוּרָף וַיַּעֲשֶׂהוּ פִּסְלִים
וּמִסְכָּה וַיְהִי בְּבֵית מִיכָהוּ: (ה) וַהֲאִישׁ
מִיכָה לָן בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וַיַּעַשׂ אֶפֹּד־
וּתְרָפִים וַיְמַלֵּא אֶת־יָד אַחַד־מִבְּנָיו
וַיְהִי־לָן לַכֹּהֵן:

(ו) בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם אֵין מֶלֶךְ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
אִישׁ הָיָה עֹשֶׂה כַּאֲשֶׁר יָצָא: {פ}

רש"י על שופטים י"ז:ג:ב'

הַקֹּדֶשׁ הַקֹּדֶשׁתִּי אֶת הַכֶּסֶף מִיָּדִי לְבְנֵי.
קִבַּלְתִּי עָלַי לְמַסְרוֹ מִיָּדִי לְיָדְךָ לְשֵׁם דְּמוּת
וּמִסְכָּה, תִּנְהוּ לִי עֵתָה וּמִיָּדִי אֲנִי אֲשִׁיבֶנּוּ
אֵלַיִךְ יֵשׁ אוֹמְרִים שֶׁהָאִשָּׁה הַזֹּאת הִיא
דְּלִילָה, לְפִי שֶׁכְּתוּב (לְעִיל טז ה'): אֵלָּה
וּמֵאֵה כֶּסֶף, וְטֵעוֹת הוּא בִּידֵם, שֶׁהִרְבֵּה
שָׁנִים קָדַם מִיכָה לְשִׁמְשׁוֹן, אֲךָ הַפְּרָשִׁיּוֹת
נִסְמְכוּ עַל הַכֶּסֶף הָרַע שֶׁשׁוּה כֹּאן וְכֹאן,
וְכֶסֶף שֶׁל פּוֹרְעָנוֹת הָיוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם:

2. Levite and priest, father and son

Judges 17:7-13

(7) There was a young man from Bethlehem of Judah, from the clan seat of Judah; he was a Levite and had resided there as a sojourner. (8) This man had left the town of Bethlehem of Judah to take up residence wherever he could find a place. On his way, he came to the house of Micah in the hill country of Ephraim. (9) "Where do you come from?" Micah asked him. He replied, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem of Judah, and I am traveling to take up residence wherever I can find a place." (10) "Stay with me," Micah said to him, "and be a father and a priest to me, and I will pay you ten shekels of silver a year, an allowance of clothing, and your food." The Levite went.^d (11) The Levite agreed to stay with the man, and the youth became like one of his own sons. (12) Micah inducted the Levite, and the young man became his priest and remained in Micah's shrine. (13) "Now I know," Micah told himself, "that the LORD will prosper me, since the Levite has become my priest."

Rashi on Judges 17:7:1

Of the clan of Yehudah. He was a Leivi maternally. However, the Rabbis interpret that, because he behaved like Menasheh, who was descended from Yehudah, he is described as "of the clan of Yehudah." He was actually a Leivi, the son of Gershom, son of our master Moshe, as stated explicitly below, "Yehonasan, son of Gershom, etc."

שופטים י"ז:ז-י"ג

(ז) וַיְהִי־נָעַר מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת יְהוּדָה וְהוּא לְוִי וְהוּא גֵר־שָׂם: (ח) וַיֵּלֶךְ הָאִישׁ מִהַעִיר מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה לְגוֹר בְּאֶשֶׁר יִמְצָא וַיָּבֹא הַר־אֶפְרַיִם עַד־בֵּית מִיכָה לְעִשְׂוֹת דְּרָכּוֹ: (ט) וַיֹּאמְרֵהוּ מִיכָה מֵאֵיזן תָּבוֹא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו לְוִי אָנֹכִי מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה וְאָנֹכִי הֵלֶךְ לְגוֹר בְּאֶשֶׁר אִמְצָא: (י) וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מִיכָה שְׂבֵה עִמָּדִי וְהָיִה־לִּי לְאָב וּלְכַהֵן וְאָנֹכִי אֶתּוֹ־לָךְ עֲשֶׂרֶת כֶּסֶף לְיָמִים וְעֵרֶךְ בְּגָדִים וּמַחֲיָתָךְ וַיֵּלֶךְ הַלְוִי: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר הַלְוִי לְשִׁבְתָּ אֶת־הָאִישׁ וַיְהִי הַנָּעַר לוֹ כְּאֶחָד מִבְּנָיו: (יב) וַיִּמְלֵא מִיכָה אֶת־יָד הַלְוִי וַיְהִי־לוֹ הַנָּעַר לְכַהֵן וַיְהִי בְבֵית מִיכָה: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר מִיכָה עֲתָה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי־יִטִּיב ה' לִי כִּי הָיָה־לִּי הַלְוִי לְכַהֵן: {פ}

רש"י על שופטים י"ז:ז-א'

ממשפחת יהודה. והוא לוי מן האם ורבותינו אמרו (בבא בתרא קט ב): לפי שעשה מעשה מנשה שבא מיהודה, קראו ממשפחת יהודה, והוא לוי בן גרשום בן משה רבינו היה, כמו שמפורש בענין (לקמן יח ל): ויהונתן בן גרשום וגו':

3: The promise of *teshuva*

Judges 18:1-6

(1) In those days there was no king in Israel, and in those days the tribe of Dan was seeking a territory in which to settle; for to that day no territory had fallen to their lot among the tribes of Israel. (2) The Danites sent out five of their number, from their clan seat at Zorah and Eshtaol—valiant men—to spy out the land and explore it. “Go,” they told them, “and explore the land.” When they had advanced into the hill country of Ephraim as far as the house of Micah, they stopped there for the night. (3) While in the vicinity of Micah’s house, they recognized the speech of the young Levite, so they went over and asked him, “Who brought you to these parts? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?” (4) He replied, “Thus and thus Micah did for me—he hired me and I became his priest.” (5) They said to him, “Please, inquire of God; we would like to know if the mission on which we are going will be successful.” (6) “Go in peace,” the priest said to them, “the LORD views with favor the mission you are going on.”

Judges 18:7-10

(7) The five men went on and came to Laish. They observed the people in it dwelling carefree, after the manner of the Sidonians, a tranquil and unsuspecting people, with no one in the land to molest them and with no hereditary ruler. Moreover, they were distant from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anybody. (8) When [the men] came back to their kinsmen at Zorah and Eshtaol, their kinsmen asked them, “How did you fare?” (9) They replied, “Let us go at once and attack them! For we found that the land was very good, and you are sitting idle! Don’t delay; go and invade the land and take possession of it, (10) for God has delivered it into your hand. When you come, you will come to an unsuspecting people; and the land is spacious and nothing on earth is lacking there.”

שופטים י"ח:א-ו

(א) בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם אִין מֶלֶךְ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
וּבַיָּמִים הָהֵם שָׁבַט הַדָּנָן מִבְּקִשׁ-לוֹ נַחֲלָה
לְשֹׁבֵת כִּי לֹא-נָפְלָה לּוֹ עַד-הַיּוֹם הַהוּא
בְּתוֹךְ-שְׁבֵטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּנַחֲלָה: {פ}
(ב) וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ בְנֵי-דָן וּמִמְשַׁפְּחֹתָם חֲמִשָּׁה
אָנָשִׁים מִקְצוֹתָם אָנָשִׁים בְּנֵי-חֵיל
מִצְרָעָה וּמֵאֶשְׁתָּאֵל לְרַגֵּל אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
וּלְחַקְרָהּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֵיהֶם לְכוּ חַקְרוּ אֶת-
הָאָרֶץ וַיָּבֹאוּ הַרְאָפְרַיִם עַד-בֵּית מִיכָה
וַיִּלְנֹו שָׁם: {ג} הֲמָה עִם-בֵּית מִיכָה
וְהֲמָה הַכִּירוּ אֶת-קוֹל הַנְּעָר הַלְוִי וַיִּסְוֹרוּ
שָׁם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לּוֹ מִי-הִבִּיאָה הַלֵּם וּמָה-
אַתָּה עֹשֶׂה בָזֶה וּמָה-לָּךְ פֶּה: {ד} וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלֵיהֶם כֹּהֵן וְכֹהֵן עֹשֶׂה לִי מִיכָה וַיִּשְׁכְּרֵנִי
וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְכֹהֵן: {ה} וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ שְׂאֵל-נָא
בְּאֱלֹקִים וּנְדַע הַתְּצַלַח דְרָכֵנוּ אֲשֶׁר
אֲנַחְנוּ הוֹלְכִים עֲלֵיָהּ: {ו} וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם
הַכֹּהֵן לְכוּ לְשִׁלּוֹם נִכַח ה' דְרַכְכֶם אֲשֶׁר
תִּלְכוּ-בָהּ: {פ}

שופטים י"ח:ז-י

(ז) וַיִּלְכוּ חֲמִשָּׁת הָאָנָשִׁים וַיָּבֹאוּ לַיִּשָּׁה
וַיִּרְאוּ אֶת-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-בְּקִרְבָּהּ יוֹשְׁבֵת-
לְבִטָּח כַּמְשַׁפֵּט צִדְוִיִּם שְׁקֵט וּבִטָּח וַאֲיִן-
מִכְלִים דְּבַר בְּאָרֶץ יוֹרֵשׁ עֹצֵר וּרְחוּקִים
הַמָּה מִצִּדְוִיִּם וְדָבַר אִין-לָהֶם עִם-אָדָם:
(ח) וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-אֲחִיהֶם צְרָעָה וְאֶשְׁתָּאֵל
וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהֶם אֲחִיהֶם מָה אַתֶּם: {ט}
וַיֹּאמְרוּ קוּמָה וּנְעַלְהָ עֲלֵיהֶם כִּי רָאִינוּ
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְהִנֵּה טוֹבָה מְאֹד וְאַתֶּם
מֹחְשִׁים אֶל-תַּעְצָלוֹ לְלַכֵּת לְבֹא לְרִשֵׁת
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ: {י} כְּבִאֲכֶם תָּבֹאוּ וְאֶל-עַם
בִּטָּח וְהָאָרֶץ רַחֲבַת יָדַיִם כִּי-נִתְּנָה אֲלֵיכֶם
בְּיַדְכֶם מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אִין-שָׁם מַחְסוֹר כָּל-
דְּבַר אֲשֶׁר בְּאָרֶץ:

4: Righting a wrong

Numbers 14:6-10

(6) And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, of those who had scouted the land, rent their clothes (7) and exhorted the whole Israelite community: "The land that we traversed and scouted is an exceedingly good land. (8) If the LORD is pleased with us, He will bring us into that land, a land that flows with milk and honey, and give it to us; (9) only you must not rebel against the LORD. Have no fear then of the people of the country, for they are our prey: their protection has departed from them, but the LORD is with us. Have no fear of them!" (10) As the whole community threatened to pelt them with stones, the Presence of the LORD appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites.

במדבר י"ד:ו-י

(ו) ויהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נוּן וְכָלֵב בֶּן־יִפְנֹה מִן־הַתְּרִים אֶת־הָאָרֶץ קָרְעוּ בְּגָדֵיהֶם: (ז) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־כָּל־עֵדֶת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר עָבְרָנוּ בָּהּ לְתוֹר אֲתָהּ טוֹבָה הָאָרֶץ מְאֹד מְאֹד: (ח) אִם־חַפֵּץ בָּנוּ ה' וְהֵבִיא אֶתְנוּ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וּנְתַנָּה לָנוּ אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־הִיא זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדִבְשׁ: (ט) אַךְ בָּהּ אֵל־תִּמְרְדוּ וְאַתֶּם אֶל־תִּירְאוּ אֶת־עַם הָאָרֶץ כִּי לַחֲמֹנוּ הֵם סָר צַלְמֵם מֵעֲלֵיהֶם וְה' אִתְּנוּ אֶל־תִּירָאֵם: (י) וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל־הָעֵדָה לְרַגֹּם אֹתָם בְּאֲבָנִים וּכְבוֹד ה' נִרְאָה בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד אֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (פ)

7: Institutionalizing an error

Deuteronomy 12:5-8

(5) but look only to the site that the LORD your God will choose amidst all your tribes as His habitation, to establish His name there. There you are to go, (6) and there you are to bring your burnt offerings and other sacrifices, your tithes and contributions, your votive and freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and flocks. (7) Together with your households, you shall feast there before the LORD your God, happy in all the undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you. (8) You shall not act at all as we now act here, every man as he pleases,

דברים י"ב:ה-ח

(ה) כִּי אִם־אֶל־הַמְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִכָּל־שְׁבֵטֵיכֶם לְשׁוֹם אֶת־שְׁמוֹ שָׁם לְשַׁכְּנוֹ תִדְרְשׁוּ וּבָאתָ שָׁמָּה: (ו) וְהֵבֵאתֶם שָׁמָּה עֲלֵתֵיכֶם וְזִבְחֵיכֶם וְאֵת מִעֲשֵׂרְתֵיכֶם וְאֵת תְּרוּמַת יְדֵכֶם וּנְדָרֵיכֶם וְנִדְבַתֵיכֶם וּבְכוֹרֹת בְּקָרְכֶם וּצְאֻנְכֶם: (ז) וְאָכַלְתֶּם־שָׁם לִפְנֵי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּשְׂמַחְתֶּם בְּכָל־מַשְׁלַח יְדֵכֶם אֹתָם וּבִתְיֻכֶם אֲשֶׁר בְּרַכָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: (ח) לֹא תַעֲשׂוּן כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכֶם עֹשִׂים פֶּה הַיּוֹם אִישׁ כָּל־הַיֶּשֶׁר בְּעֵינָיו:

5: Another thieving son

Judges 18:11-21

(11) They departed from there, from the clan seat of the Danites, from Zorah and Eshtaol, six hundred strong, girt with weapons of war.. (13) From there they passed on to the hill country of Ephraim and arrived at the house of Micah. (14) Here the five men who had gone to spy out the Laish region remarked to their kinsmen, “Do you know, there is an ephod in these houses, and teraphim, and a sculptured image and a molten image? Now you know what you have to do.” (15) So they turned off there and entered the home of the young Levite at Micah’s house and greeted him. (16) The six hundred Danite men, girt with their weapons of war, stood at the entrance of the gate, (17) while the five men who had gone to spy out the land went inside and took the sculptured image, the ephod, the teraphim, and the molten image. The priest was standing at the entrance of the gate, and the six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, (18) while those men entered Micah’s house and took the sculptured image, the molten image, the ephod, and the household gods.^c The priest said to them, “What are you doing?” (19) But they said to him, “Be quiet; put your hand on your mouth! Come with us and be our father and priest. Would you rather be priest to one man’s household or be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?” (20) The priest was delighted. He took the ephod, the household gods, and the sculptured image, and he joined the people. (21) They set out again, placing the children, the cattle, and their household goods in front.

שופטים י"ח:יא-כ"א

(יא) ויסעו משם ממשפחת הדני מצרעה ומאשתאֵל שש־מאות איש חגור כלי מלחמה.. (יג) ויעברו משם הר־אפרים ויבאו עד־בית מיכה: (יד) ויענו חמשת האנשים ההלכים לרגל את־הארץ ליש ויאמרו אל־ אחיהם הידעתם כִּי יש בבתי האלה אפוד ותרפים ופסל ומסכה ועתה דעו מה־תעשו: (טו) ויסורו שמה ויבאו אל־בית־הנער הלוי בית מיכה וישאלו־לוֹ לשלום: (טז) ושש־מאות איש חגורים כלי מלחמתם נצבים פתח השער אשר מבני־דן: (יז) ויעלו חמשת האנשים ההלכים לרגל את־הארץ באו שמה לקחו את־הפסל ואת־האפוד ואת־התרפים ואת־המסכה והכהן נצב פתח השער ושש־מאות האיש החגור כלי המלחמה: (יח) ואלה באו בית מיכה ויקחו את־פסל האפוד ואת־התרפים ואת־המסכה ויאמר אליהם הכהן מִה אתם עשים: (יט) ויאמרו לו החרש שים ידך על־פיה וְלֹךְ עִמָּנוּ וְהִיָּה לָנוּ לְאָב וְלִכְהֵן הַטּוֹב וְהִיֹּתָ כֹהֵן לְבֵית אִישׁ אֶחָד אוֹ הִיֹּתָ כֹהֵן לְשֵׁבֶט וְלְמִשְׁפָּחָה בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל: (כ) וייטב לֵב הַכֹּהֵן וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָאֲפֹד וְאֶת־הַתְּרָפִים וְאֶת־הַפְּסֵל וַיָּבֵא בְּקֶרֶב הָעַם: (כא) ויפנו וילכו וישלמו את־הטף ואת־המקנה ואת־הכבודָה לפניָהם:

6: Might makes right

Judges 18:22-31

(22) They had already gone some distance from Micah's house, when the men in the houses near Micah's mustered and caught up with the Danites. (23) They called out to the Danites, who turned around and said to Micah, "What's the matter? Why have you mustered?" (24) He said, "You have taken my priest and the gods that I made, and walked off! What do I have left? How can you ask, 'What's the matter'?" (25) But the Danites replied, "Don't do any shouting at us, or some desperate men might attack you, and you and your family would lose your lives." (26) So Micah, realizing that they were stronger than he, turned back and went home; and the Danites went on their way,

(27) taking the things Micah had made and the priest he had acquired. They proceeded to Laish, a people tranquil and unsuspecting, and they put them to the sword and burned down the town. (28) There was none to come to the rescue, for it was distant from Sidon and they had no dealings with anyone; it lay in the valley of Beth-rehob. They rebuilt the town and settled there, (29) and they named the town Dan, after their ancestor Dan who was Israel's son. Originally, however, the name of the town was Laish. (30) The Danites set up the sculptured image for themselves; and Jonathan son of Gershom son of Manasseh, and his descendants, served as priests to the Danite tribe until the land went into exile. (31) They maintained the sculptured image that Micah had made throughout the time that the House of God stood at Shiloh.

שופטים י"ח:כ"ב-ל"א

(כב) הָמָּה הִרְחִיקוּ מִבַּיִת מִיכָה וְהָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר בְּבָתִּים אֲשֶׁר עִם-בַּיִת מִיכָה נִזְעְקוּ וַיִּדְבְּקוּ אֶת-בְּנֵי-דָן: (כג) וַיִּקְרְאוּ אֶל-בְּנֵי-דָן וַיִּסְבּוּ פְּנֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְמִיכָה מַה-לָּה כִּי נִזְעַקְתָּ: (כד) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת-אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂיתִי לְקַחְתֶּם וְאֶת-הַכֹּהֵן וְתִלְכוּ וּמַה-לִּי עוֹד וּמַה-זֶּה תֹאמְרוּ אֵלַי מַה-לָּה: (כה) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו בְּנֵי-דָן אַל-תִּשְׁמַע קוֹלֵךְ עִמָּנוּ פֶּן-יִפְגְּעוּ בְּכֶם אַנְשִׁים מְרִי נֹפֵשׁ וְאִסְפְּתָה נֹפֵשׁ וְנִפְשׂוּ בֵיתָה: (כו) וַיִּלְכוּ בְנֵי-דָן לְדַרְכָּם וַיֵּרָא מִיכָה כִּי-חֲזָקִים הָמָּה מִמָּנוּ וַיִּפֶן וַיָּשָׁב אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ:

(כז) וְהָמָּה לָקְחוּ אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה מִיכָה וְאֶת-הַכֹּהֵן אֲשֶׁר הָיָה-לוֹ וַיָּבֵאוּ עִלַּי לַיֵּשׁ עַל-עַם שְׁקֵט וּבִטָּח וַיִּכּוּ אוֹתָם לְפִי-חֶרֶב וְאֶת-הָעִיר שָׂרְפוּ בְּאֵשׁ: (כח) וַאֲיִן מִצֵּיל כִּי רְחֹקָה-הָיָא מִצִּדוֹן וְדָבָר אִין-לָהֶם עַם-אֲדָם וְהָיָא בְּעַמֻּק אֲשֶׁר לְבֵית-רְחוֹב וַיִּבְנוּ אֶת-הָעִיר וַיִּשְׁבּוּ בָּהּ: (כט) וַיִּקְרְאוּ שֵׁם-הָעִיר דָּן בְּשֵׁם דָּן אֲבִיהֶם אֲשֶׁר יוֹלֵד לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְאוֹלָם לַיֵּשׁ שֵׁם-הָעִיר לְרֵאשֻׁנָּה: (ל) וַיִּקְיִמוּ לָהֶם בְּנֵי-דָן אֶת-הַפֶּסֶל וַיְהוֹנָתָן בֶּן-גֵּרְשֹׁם בֶּן-מִישָׁה הוּא וּבְנָיו הָיוּ כֹהֲנִים לְשִׁבְט הַדָּנִי עַד-יּוֹם גְּלוֹת הָאָרֶץ: (לא) וַיִּשְׁיִמוּ לָהֶם אֶת-פֶּסֶל מִיכָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה כָּל-יְמֵי הַיּוֹם בֵּית-הָאֱלֹהִים בְּשִׁלֹּה: {פ}