

# The Early Prophets - One Book, One Theme - class # 7

## Sefer Shoftim- A book about Judges or Kings -Part III

### The final unit (chapters 17-21)

- its thematic purpose in light of its Biblical precedent

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#### Review

SEFER SHOFTIM – *Chronicle or Composition?*

What to consider –

*Who is the author? / Who are the key characters?*

**WHAT DOES THE AUTHOR ASSUME THE READER KNOWS !**

**WHAT IS THE THEMATIC CONNECTION BETWEEN ITS UNITS**

#### I. The final unit – chapters 17-21

*What makes it a distinct unit?*

**NO JUDGES**

**NO CYCLE**

**COMMON REFRAIN**

**“During those days... NO KING in Israel...”**

## II. Review of the Outline

#### Chapter

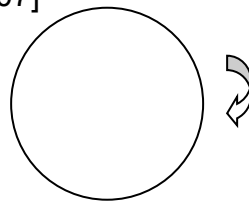
#### Topic

1

**Background** - *Who conquered, and who didn't*  
[A segue from Sefer Yehoshua to Shoftim]

2

**Stating the thesis** - *the 'cycle' - intro to the **first** theme:*  
→ *The danger of appointing a King*  
[leaving God → trouble → 'crying out' → salvation → quiet...]  
[compare this cycle with Tehillim 107]



3 - 8

**Proving the thesis** - *the 'good' "shoftim" [judges]*

*The stories of*

**Otniel (40 years)**

**Ehud (80 years / includes Shamgar?),**

**Devorah (40 years)**

**Gideon (40 years, note request re: King at end of story!)**

9 -10

**The story re: Avimelech** - *an 'anomaly'*

*Intro to the **second** theme: The danger of **not** appointing a King*

[note how Avimelech **does not** fit the above cycle - note his character]

10 -16

**The stories re: Yiftach & Shimshon** -

*Proof from the 'not so good' "shoftim" - note years are not '40'*

*Note as well the numerous 'one-liner' shoftim*

## 17 -21 Three additional 'stories' - 'not involving' shoftim"

*Third & final theme: the need for educational leadership of shevet Levi*

*Note the phrase "ba'yamim ha'heym, ein melech b'Yisrael..."*

*In each story - note as well how they relate to 'anarchy'*

*Pay attention to the character of the "ish Levi" involved in each story!*

1. "pesel Micha" - Idol made by Micha & shevet Dan,
2. "pilegash b'Givah" - (how & why he cut up her body)
3. "milchemet Binyamin" - the civil war against Binyamin  
& the attempt to find wives for the 600 male survivors.

## III. Allusions to Sefer Breishit -primarily story of Sodom

Shoftim chapter 19

- א** וַיְהִי בַיָּמִים הֵהֵם, וּמֶלֶךְ אֵין בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל;  
וַיְהִי אִישׁ לְוִי, גֵּר בְּיַרְכְּתֵי הַר-אֶפְרַיִם, וַיִּקַּח-  
לוֹ אִשָּׁה פִּילְגֶשֶׁת, מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה.
- ב** וַתִּזְנֶה עָלָיו, פִּילְגֶשֶׁתוֹ, וַתֵּלֶךְ מֵאִתּוֹ אֶל-בֵּית  
אָבִיהָ, אֶל-בֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה; וַתְּהִי-שָׁם, יָמִים  
אַרְבָּעָה חֳדָשִׁים.
- ג** וַיִּקָּם אִישָׁהּ וַיֵּלֶךְ אַחֲרֶיהָ, לְדַבֵּר עַל-לִבָּהּ  
לְהָשִׁיבוּ (לְהַשְׁיבָהּ), וַנֵּעְרוּ עִמּוֹ, וַצְמַד חֲמֹרִים;  
וַתְּבִיאֵהוּ, בֵּית אָבִיהָ, וַיֵּרְאֵהוּ אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה,  
וַיִּשְׂמַח לִקְרָאתוֹ.
- ד** וַיִּחְזַק-בוֹ חֲתָנוֹ אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה, וַיֵּשֶׁב אִתּוֹ  
שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים; וַיֹּאכְלוּ, וַיִּשְׁתּוּ, וַיִּלְּנוּ, שָׁם.
- ה** וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הָרְבִיעִי, וַיִּשְׁכְּמוּ בַבֹּקֶר וַיִּקָּם  
לָלֶכֶת; וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה אֶל-חֲתָנוֹ, סַעֲד  
לֶבֶךְ פֶּת-לָחֶם-- וְאַחַר תֵּלְכוּ.
- ו** וַיֵּשְׁבוּ, וַיֹּאכְלוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו-- וַיִּשְׁתּוּ; וַיֹּאמֶר  
אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה, אֶל-הָאִישׁ, הוֹאֵל-נָא וְלִין, וַיֵּיטֵב  
לִבָּד.
- ז** וַיִּקָּם הָאִישׁ, לָלֶכֶת; וַיִּפְצָר-בוֹ, חֲתָנוֹ, וַיֵּשֶׁב,  
וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם.
- ח** וַיִּשְׁכֶם בַּבֹּקֶר בַּיּוֹם הַחֲמִישִׁי, לָלֶכֶת, וַיֹּאמֶר
- 1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem in Judah.
- 2 And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem in Judah, and was there the space of four months.
- 3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly unto her, to bring her back, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses; and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.
- 4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days; so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.
- 5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart; and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law: 'Stay thy heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall go your way.'
- 6 So they sat down, and did eat and drink, both of them together; and the damsel's father said unto the man: 'Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thy heart be merry.'
- 7 And the man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he lodged there again.
- 8 And he arose early in the morning on

אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה סָעַד-נָא לְבָבְךָ, וְהִתְמַהְמְהוּ עַד-  
נְטוֹת הַיּוֹם; וַיֹּאכְלוּ, שְׁנֵיהֶם.

the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said: 'Stay thy heart, I pray thee, and tarry ye until the day declineth'; and they did eat, both of them.

ט וַיִּקָּם הָאִישׁ לָלֶכֶת, הוּא וּפְיִלְגָשׁוֹ וַנְּעָרוֹ;  
וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ חֲתָנוֹ אָבִי הַנְּעִרָה הִנֵּה נָא רָפָה הַיּוֹם  
לְעָרוֹב, לִינּוּ-נָא הִנֵּה חֲנוֹת הַיּוֹם **לִין פה וַיִּטֵּב**  
**לְבָבְךָ**, וְהִשְׁכַּמְתֶּם מָחָר לְדַרְכְּכֶם, וְהִלַּכְתֶּם  
לְאֶהְלָךְ.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him: 'Behold, now the day draweth toward evening; tarry, I pray you, all night; behold, the day groweth to an end; lodge here, that thy heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.'

י וְלֹא-אָבָה הָאִישׁ, לָלוֹן, וַיִּקָּם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיָּבֹא עַד-  
נֶכַח יְבוּס, הִיא יְרוּשָׁלַם; וְעֲמוּ, צֶמֶד חֲמֹרִים  
חֲבוּשִׁים, וּפְיִלְגָשׁוֹ, עִמּוֹ.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus--the same is Jerusalem; and there were with him a couple of asses saddled; his concubine also was with him.

יא הִם עִם-יְבוּס, וְהַיּוֹם רַד מְאֹד; וַיֹּאמֶר  
הַנְּעַר אֶל-אֲדָנָיו, לֵכֶה-נָא וְנִסּוּרָה אֶל-עִיר-  
הַיְבוּסִי הַזֹּאת--וְנָלִין בָּהּ.

11 When they were by Jebus--the day was far spent--the servant said unto his master: 'Come, I pray thee, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.'

יב וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו, אֲדָנָיו, לֹא נָסוּר אֶל-עִיר  
נְכָרִי, **אֲשֶׁר לֹא-מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִנֵּה**; וְעַבְרָנוּ,  
עַד-גִּבְעָה.

12 And his master said unto him: 'We will not turn aside into the city of a foreigner, that is not of the children of Israel; but we will pass over to Gibeah.'

יג וַיֹּאמֶר לְנְעָרוֹ, לֵךְ וְנִקְרְבָה בְּאַחַד  
הַמְּקוֹמוֹת; וְלָנוּ בְּגִבְעָה, אוֹ בְּרָמָה.

13 And he said unto his servant: 'Come and let us draw near to one of these places; and we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah.'

יד וַיַּעֲבְרוּ, וַיֵּלְכוּ; וַתְּבֹא לָהֶם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ, אֶצֶל  
הַגִּבְעָה אֲשֶׁר לְבִנְיָמִן.

14 So they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them near to Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

טו וַיִּסְרוּ שָׁם, לְבוֹא לָלוֹן בְּגִבְעָה; וַיָּבֹא, וַיִּשָּׁב  
**בְּרָחוֹב הָעִיר, וַאִין אִישׁ מְאַסֶּף-אוֹתָם**  
**הַבַּיְתָה, לָלוֹן.**

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in to lodge in Gibeah; and he went in, and sat him down in the broad place of the city; for there was no man that took them into his house to lodge.

טז וְהִנֵּה אִישׁ זָקֵן, בָּא מִן-מַעֲשָׂהוּ מִן-הַשָּׂדֶה  
בְּעָרֵב, וְהָאִישׁ מֵהַר אֶפְרַיִם, וְהוּא-גֵר בְּגִבְעָה;  
וְאֲנָשֵׁי הַמְּקוֹם, בְּנֵי יְמִינִי.

16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even; now the man was of the hill-country of Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites.

יז וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו, וַיֵּרָא אֶת-הָאִישׁ הָאֵרֶח--  
בְּרָחוֹב הָעִיר; וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ הַזֶּקֶן אָנָּה תֵּלֵךְ,  
וּמֵאֵין תְּבוֹא.

17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the broad place of the city; and the old man said: 'Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?'

**יח** וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו, עֲבָרִים אֲנַחֲנוּ מִבֵּית-לָחֶם יְהוּדָה עַד-יִרְכַּתֵּי הַר-אֶפְרַיִם--מִשָּׁם אָנֹכִי, וְאֵלֶיךָ עַד-בֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה; וְאַתָּה-בֵּית יְהוָה, אֲנִי הֵלֵךְ, וְאֵין אִישׁ, מֵאִסֵּף אוֹתִי הַבַּיְתָה.

**18** And he said unto him: 'We are passing from Beth-lehem in Judah unto the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim; from thence am I, and I went to Beth-lehem in Judah, and I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that taketh me into his house.'

**יט** וְגַם-תֵּבֶן גַּם-מִסְפּוֹא, יֵשׁ לַחֲמוֹרֵינוּ, וְגַם לָחֶם וַיִּין יֵשׁ-לִי וְלָאִמָּתְךָ, וְלַנַּעַר עִם-עֲבָדֶיךָ; אֵין מַחְסוֹר, כָּל-דָּבָר.

**19** Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man that is with thy servants; there is no want of any thing.'

**כ** וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ הַזֶּקֶן שְׁלוֹם לָךְ, רַק כָּל-מַחְסוֹרְךָ עָלַי; רַק בְּרָחוּב, אֶל-תֵּלֶן.

**20** And the old man said: 'Peace be unto thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the broad place.'

**כא** וַיְבִיֵאֵהוּ לְבֵיתוֹ, וַיְבּוֹל (וַיִּבֶל) לַחֲמוֹרִים; וַיִּרְחְצוּ, רַגְלֵיהֶם, וַיֹּאכְלוּ, וַיִּשְׁתּוּ.

**21** So he brought him into his house, and gave the asses fodder; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

**כב** הִמָּה, מֵיִטְיָבִים אֶת-לִבָּם, וְהִנֵּה אַנְשֵׁי הָעִיר אַנְשֵׁי בְנֵי-בְלִיעַל נָסְבוּ אֶת-הַבַּיִת, מִתְדַּפְּקִים עַל-הַדָּלֶת; וַיֹּאמְרוּ, אֶל-הָאִישׁ בְּעַל הַבַּיִת הַזֶּקֶן לֵאמֹר, הוֹצֵא אֶת-הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-בָּא אֶל-בֵּיתְךָ, וְנִדְעֵנוּ.

**22** As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain base fellows, beset the house round about, beating at the door; and they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying: 'Bring forth the man that came into thy house, that we may know him.'

**כג** וַיֵּצֵא אֵלֵיהֶם, הָאִישׁ בְּעַל הַבַּיִת, וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם, אֶל-אֲחֵי אֶל-תַּרְעוּ נָא; אַחֲרַי אֲשֶׁר-בָּא הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה, אֶל-בֵּיתִי--אֶל-תַּעֲשׂוּ, אֶת-הַנְּבִלָה הַזֹּאת.

**23** And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them: 'Nay, my brethren, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into my house, do not this wanton deed.'

**כד** הִנֵּה בְּתִי הַבְּתוּלָה וּפִילְגֶשֶׁהּ, אוֹצִיָּאָה-נָא אוֹתָם וְעֲנוּ אוֹתָם, וְעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם, הַטּוֹב בְּעֵינֵיכֶם; וְלֹאִישׁ הַזֶּה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ, דָּבָר הַנְּבִלָה הַזֹּאת.

**24** Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; I will bring them out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you; but unto this man do not so wanton a thing.'

**כה** וְלֹא-אָבוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים, לְשָׁמַע לוֹ, וַיַּחֲזֵק הָאִישׁ בְּפִילְגֶשׁוֹ, וַיֵּצֵא אֵלֵיהֶם הַחוּץ; וַיִּדְעוּ אוֹתָהּ וַיִּתְעַלְלוּ-בָּהּ כָּל-הַלַּיְלָה, עַד-הַבֹּקֶר, וַיִּשְׁלְחוּהָ, בַעֲלוֹת (כְּעֲלוֹת) הַשָּׁחַר.

**25** But the men would not hearken to him; so the man laid hold on his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning; and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

**כו** וַתָּבֵא הָאִשָּׁה, לַפְּנוֹת הַבֹּקֶר; וַתִּפֹּל פְּתַח בֵּית-הָאִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר-אֲדוֹנֶיהָ שָׁם--עַד-הָאוֹר.

**26** Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

**כז** וַיָּקָם אֲדֹנֶיהָ בַּבֹּקֶר, וַיִּפְתַּח דְּלֹתוֹת הַבַּיִת, וַיֵּצֵא, לָלֶכֶת לְדַרְכּוֹ; וַהֲיָה הָאִשָּׁה פֹּלְגָשׁוּ, נִפְלֹת פֶּתַח הַבַּיִת, וַיָּדִיחָהּ, עַל-הַסֹּף.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way; and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands upon the threshold.

**כח** וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ קוּמִי וְנִלְכְּהָ, וְאִין עִנְיָהּ; וַיִּקְחָהּ, עַל-הַחֲמֹר, וַיָּקָם הָאִישׁ, וַיֵּלֶךְ לְמַקְוֹ.

28 And he said unto her. 'Up, and let us be going'; but none answered; then he took her up upon the ass; and the man rose up, and got him unto his place.

**כט** וַיָּבֵא אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ, וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הַמַּאֲכֹלֶת וַיַּחֲזֵק בְּפִילְגָשׁוֹ, וַיִּנְתְּחָהּ לְעֵצָמֶיהָ, לְשָׁנַיִם עֶשֶׂר נִתְחָחִים; וַיִּשְׁלַחָהּ, בְּכָל גְּבוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel.

**ל** וַהֲיָה כָּל-הָרְאָה, וַאֲמַר לֹא-נִהְיִתָּה וְלֹא-נִרְאִיתָ כִּזֹּאת, לְמִיּוֹם עֲלוֹת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה; שְׂיִמוּ-לָכֶם עֲלֶיהָ, עֲצוּ וְדַבְּרוּ. {פ}

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said: 'Such a thing hath not happened nor been seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak.' {P}

#### IV. What's so bad about Sodom?"

##### Breishit chapters 18 - 19

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked out toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing; 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.'

20 And the LORD said: 'Verily, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and, verily, their sin is exceeding grievous. 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will know.' 22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said: 'Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? ...' 26 And the LORD said: 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will forgive all the place for their sake.'

**בראשית יח טז** וַיִּקְמוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיֵּשְׁקֻפוּ עַל-פְּנֵי סְדֹם וְאַבְרָהָם--הַיֵּלֶךְ עִמָּם, לְשַׁלְחָם.  
**יז** וַיַּהֲוֶה אֶמְרָה הַמְּכַסֶּה אֹנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם, אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה. **יח** וְאַבְרָהָם--הָיָה יְהִיָּה לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְעַצוּם; וְנִבְרַכְוּ-בּוֹ--כָּל, גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ. **יט** כִּי יִדְעֶתִיו לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יֵצִיָּה אֶת בְּנָיו וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו, וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרֹךְ יְהוָה, לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט--לְמַעַן, תָּבִיא יְהוָה עַל-אַבְרָהָם, אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר, עֲלָיו.  
**כ** וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, זַעֲקֵת סְדֹם וְעַמָּהּ כִּי-רָבָה; וְחַטָּאתָם--כִּי כְבֹדָהּ, מְאֹד.  
**כא** אַרְדָּה-נָא וְאַרְאֶהָ, הַכְּצַעֲקֶתָהּ הַבָּאָה אֵלַי עֲשׂוּ כָלָה; וְאִם-לֹא, אֲדַעָה...  
**כג** כַּג וַיִּגַּשׁ אַבְרָהָם, וַיֹּאמֶר: הֲאֵף תִּסָּפֶה, צְדִיק עִם-רָשָׁע. כַּד אֲוִלִי יֵשׁ חַמְשִׁים צְדִיקִים, בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר; הֲאֵף תִּסָּפֶה וְלֹא-תִשָּׂא לְמַקּוֹם, לְמַעַן חַמְשִׁים הַצְּדִיקִים אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבָּהּ...  
**כז** וַיָּקָם אֲדֹנֶיהָ בַּבֹּקֶר, וַיִּפְתַּח דְּלֹתוֹת הַבַּיִת, וַיֵּצֵא, לָלֶכֶת לְדַרְכּוֹ; וַהֲיָה הָאִשָּׁה פֹּלְגָשׁוּ, נִפְלֹת פֶּתַח הַבַּיִת, וַיָּדִיחָהּ, עַל-הַסֹּף.  
**כח** וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ קוּמִי וְנִלְכְּהָ, וְאִין עִנְיָהּ; וַיִּקְחָהּ, עַל-הַחֲמֹר, וַיָּקָם הָאִישׁ, וַיֵּלֶךְ לְמַקְוֹ.  
**כט** וַיָּבֵא אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ, וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הַמַּאֲכֹלֶת וַיַּחֲזֵק בְּפִילְגָשׁוֹ, וַיִּנְתְּחָהּ לְעֵצָמֶיהָ, לְשָׁנַיִם עֶשֶׂר נִתְחָחִים; וַיִּשְׁלַחָהּ, בְּכָל גְּבוּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
**ל** וַהֲיָה כָּל-הָרְאָה, וַאֲמַר לֹא-נִהְיִתָּה וְלֹא-נִרְאִיתָ כִּזֹּאת, לְמִיּוֹם עֲלוֹת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה; שְׂיִמוּ-לָכֶם עֲלֶיהָ, עֲצוּ וְדַבְּרוּ. {פ}

## Chapter 19

1 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he fell down on his face to the earth; 2 and he said: 'Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way.' And they said: 'Nay; but we will abide in the broad place all night.' 3 And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him: 'Where are the men that came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.' 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said: 'I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man.... And they said: 'This one fellow came in to live here and now he judges us! We will deal worse with you, than with them.' And they pressed the door...

### Yechezkel 16:48-49

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and careless ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

### Shmuel Bet chapter 8

14 - And the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed **justice and righteousness** unto all his people.

### Tehillim 72

**1 To Shlomo** - Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son; **2** That he may judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor **with justice**. **3** Let the mountains bear peace to the people, and the hills, **through righteousness**. **4** May he judge the poor of the people, and save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor...

**10** The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. **11** Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him; all nations shall serve him. **12 For he will deliver the needy** when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. **13** He will have pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he will save. **14** He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence,....

כו וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אִם-אֶמְצָא בְּסֹדֹם חַמְּשִׁים  
צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר--וְנִשְׁאַתִּי לְכָל-הַמָּקוֹם,  
בְּעִבּוּרָם....

יט / וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁנֵי הַמַּלְאָכִים סֹדְמָה, בְּעֶרְבַּי,  
וְלוֹט, יֹשֵׁב בְּשַׁעַר-סֹדֹם; וַיֵּרָא-לוֹט וַיִּקָּם  
לְקִרְאתָם, וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה אֲפָיִם אַרְצָה. **ב** וַיֹּאמֶר  
הֲנֵה נָא-אֲדַנִּי, סוּרוּ נָא אֶל-בַּיִת עֲבָדְכֶם וְלִינוּ  
וְרַחְצוּ רַגְלֵיכֶם, וְהִשְׁכַּמְתֶּם, וְהִלַכְתֶּם  
לְדַרְכְּכֶם; וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא, **כִּי בְרַחוּב נָלִין.**

**ג** וַיִּפְצַר-בָּם מְאֹד--וַיִּסְרוּ אֵלָיו, וַיָּבֹאוּ  
אֶל-בַּיְתוֹ; וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם מִשְׁתֶּה, וּמִצּוֹת  
אֶפֶה וַיֹּאכְלוּ. **ד** טָרַם, יִשְׁכְּבוּ, וְאֲנִשִּׁי  
הָעִיר אֲנִשִּׁי סֹדֹם נָסְבוּ עַל-הַבַּיִת, מִנְעַר  
וְעַד-זָקוֹן: **כָּל-הָעָם, מִקְצָה.**

**ה** וַיִּקְרְאוּ אֶל-לוֹט וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ, אַיֵּה הָאֲנָשִׁים  
אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה הֲצִיאָם אֵלֵינוּ וְנַדְעָה  
אֹתָם.

יחזקאל טז מט:

הִנֵּה-זֶה הָיָה, עֲוֹן סֹדֹם אַחֲוֹתֶיךָ: גָּאוֹן  
שְׁבַעַת-לָחֶם וְשִׁלּוֹת הַשֶּׁקֶט... וַיֵּד-עֲנִי  
וְאֲבִיוֹן, לֹא הִחֲזִיקָה.

שמואל ב פרק ח יד... וַיֹּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶת-  
דָּוִד, בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר הִלָּךְ. **טו** וַיִּמְלֹךְ דָּוִד, עַל-  
כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיְהִי דָוִד עֹשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט  
וַצַּדִּיקָה לְכָל-עַמּוֹ.

### תהילים פרק עב

**א** לְשִׁלְמוֹה: אֱלֹהִים--מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ, לְמִלְכָּךָ  
תָּנוּ; וַצַּדִּיקְתֶּךָ לְבֹן-מִלְכָּךָ. **ב** דִּין עֲמֶיךָ  
בְּצַדִּיק; וְעֲנִיֶיךָ בְּמִשְׁפָּט. **ג** יִשְׂאוּ  
הָרִים שָׁלוֹם לָעָם; וּגְבָעוֹת, בְּצַדִּיקָה.  
יִשְׁפֹּט עֲנִיֵי עָם יוֹשִׁיעַ, לְבָנֵי אֲבִיוֹן;

וַיִּדְכָּא עוֹשֵׁק.... **י** מַלְכֵי תִרְשִׁישׁ וְאֵיִים,  
מִנְחָה יִשְׁבִּיבוּ; מַלְכֵי שֶׁבָא וְסָבָא אֲשַׁכֵּר  
וְקָרִיבוּ. **יא** וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה-לוֹ כָּל-מְלָכִים כָּל-גּוֹיִם  
עַבְדוֹהוּ. **יב כִּי-יִצִּיל, אֲבִיוֹן מִשׁוּעַ; וְעֲנִי,  
וְאִין-עֹזָר לוֹ. יג** יַחַס, עַל-דָּל וְאֲבִיוֹן; וְנַפְשׁוֹת  
אֲבִיוֹנִים יוֹשִׁיעַ.

## 1 Kings Chapter 10

1 And the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon because of the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices and gold very much, and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she spoke with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions... 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 5 and the food of his table... there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king: 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; thou hast wisdom and prosperity exceeding the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made He thee king, to do justice and righteousness.'

מַלְכִים א פֶּרֶק י  
א וּמִלְכַת-שָׁבָא, שָׁמְעַת אֶת-שִׁמְע  
שְׁלֹמֹה--לְשֵׁם יְהוָה; וַתָּבֵא לְנִסְתּוֹ,  
בַּחֲיָדוֹת. ב וַתָּבֵא יְרוּשָׁלַיִם, בְּחִיל כְּבֹד  
מָאד, גַּמְלִים נֹשָׂאִים בְּשָׁמִים וְזָהָב רַב-מְאֹד,  
וְאִבְנֵי יָקָרָה; וַתָּבֵא, אֶל-שְׁלֹמֹה, וַתְּדַבֵּר אֵלָיו,  
אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר הָיָה עִם-לִבָּהּ. ג וַיִּגַּד-לָהּ  
שְׁלֹמֹה, אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֶיהָ... ו וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ  
אֲמַת הָיָה הַדָּבָר, אֲשֶׁר שָׁמְעֵתִי בְּאַרְצֵי...  
וּלֹא-הָאֵמַנְתִּי לְדְבָרִים, עַד אֲשֶׁר-בָּאתִי  
וַתִּרְאֶינָה עֵינַי, וְהִנֵּה לֹא-הִגַּד-לִי, הַחֲצִי...  
ח אֲשֶׁרִי אֲנִשִּׂיךָ, אֲשֶׁרִי עֲבָדֶיךָ אֱלֹהִים,  
הַעֲמָדִים לְפָנֶיךָ תָּמִיד, הַשְׁמָעִים אֶת-  
חֻקֶּיךָ. ט יְהִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּרוּךְ,  
אֲשֶׁר חָפֵץ בָּךְ, לְתִתְּךָ עַל-כִּסֵּא יִשְׂרָאֵל--  
בְּאַהֲבַת יְהוָה אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְעַלְמֵם,  
וַיִּשְׁימְךָ לְמֶלֶךְ, לַעֲשׂוֹת מִשְׁפָּט וְצְדָקָה.

### Discussion:

**Shmuel the author**

**'Rebbe' of King David**

**Author of Tehillim**

**In light of this, let's analyze Tehillim 107**

**Noting a similar cycle, as in Sefer Shoftim**

תהילים פרה קז	א	הדו ליהוה פי-טוב: פי לעולם חסדו.
ב		יאמרו, גאוּלי יהוה-- אֲשֶׁר גָּאֵלָם, מִיַּד-צָר.
ג		וּמֵאֲרָצוֹת, קִבְּצָם: מִמִּזְרַח וּמִמְעַרְב; מִצָּפוֹן וּמִיָּם.
ד		תָּעוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר, בִּישִׁימוֹן דָּרָךְ; עִיר מוֹשֵׁב, לֹא מֵצְאוּ.
ה		רַעֲבִים גַּם-צִמְאִים-- נַפְשָׁם, בָּהֶם תִּתְעַטֵּף.
ו		וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצַר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יִצִּילֵם.
ז		וַיִּדְרִיכֵם, בְּדָרָךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל-- לָלֶכֶת, אֶל-עִיר מוֹשֵׁב.
ח		יִזְדּוּ לַיהוָה חֲסִדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבְנֵי אָדָם.
ט		כִּי-הִשְׁבִּיעַ, נַפֶּשׁ שִׁקְקָה; וְנַפֶּשׁ רַעֲבָה, מִלֵּא-טוֹב.
י		יִשְׁבִּי, חֲשֹׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת; אֲסִירִי עֲנִי וּבְרָזֶל.
יא		כִּי-הִמְרוּ אִמְרֵי-אֵל; וַעֲצַת עֲלִיוֹן נֶאֱצוּ.
יב		וַיִּכְנַע בְּעַמְל לִבָּם; כְּשֵׁלוֹ, וְאִין עֲזָר.
יג		וַיִּזְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצַר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יוֹשִׁיעֵם.
יד		יוֹצִיאֵם, מִחֲשֹׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת; וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יִנְתַּק.
טו		יִזְדּוּ לַיהוָה חֲסִדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבְנֵי אָדָם.
טז		כִּי-שִׁבַּר, דַּלְתוֹת נַחֲשֶׁת; וּבְרִיחֵי בְרָזֶל גִּדְעוּ.
יז		אֲוִלִים, מִדָּרָךְ פֶּשַׁעַם; וּמַעֲוֹנוֹתֵיהֶם, יִתְעַנוּ.
יח		כָּל-אֲכָל, תִּתְעַב נַפְשָׁם; וַיִּגִּיעוּ, עַד-שַׁעֲרֵי מוֹת.
יט		וַיִּזְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצַר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיעֵם.
כ		יִשְׁלַח דָּבָרוֹ, וַיִּרְפְּאֵם; וַיִּמְלֹט, מִשַּׁחֲתוֹתָם.
כא		יִזְדּוּ לַיהוָה חֲסִדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבְנֵי אָדָם.
כב		וַיִּזְבְּחוּ, זִבְחֵי תוֹדָה; וַיִּסְפְּרוּ מַעֲשָׂיו בְּרִנָּה.
כג	[	יִזְרְדֵי הַיָּם, בְּאֲנִיּוֹת; עֲשֵׂי מְלֹאכָה, בְּמִים רַבִּים.
כד	[	הִמָּה רָאוּ, מַעֲשֵׂי יְהוָה; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, בְּמִצּוֹלָה.
כה	[	וַיֹּאמְרוּ--וַיַּעֲמֵד, רוּחַ סֶעֱרָה; וַתִּרְוַם גְּלִיו.
כו	[	יַעֲלוּ שָׁמַיִם, יִרְדּוּ תְהוֹמוֹת; נַפְשָׁם, בְּרַעַה תִּתְמוּגַג.
כז	[	יַחֲוֹגוּ וַיִּנְוְעוּ, בְּשִׁכּוֹר; וְכָל-חֲכָמָתָם, תִּתְבַּלַּע.
כח	[	וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצַר לָהֶם; וּמִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יוֹצִיאֵם.
כט		יָקָם סֶעֱרָה, לְדַמְמָה; וַיִּחָשׂוּ, גְּלִיָּהֶם.
ל		וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ כִּי-יִשְׁתַּקּוּ; וַיִּנְחַם, אֶל-מַחוּז הַכְּפָצַם.
לא		יִזְדּוּ לַיהוָה חֲסִדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבְנֵי אָדָם.
לב		וַיִּרְוַם מוֹהוֹ, בְּקַהֲל-עָם; וּבְמוֹשֵׁב זְקֵנִים יִהְלֹוהוּ.

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לג		יָשָׁם נְהָרוֹת לְמִדְבָּר; וּמֵצְאֵי מַיִם, לְצִמְאוֹן.
לד		אֲרָץ פְּרִי, לְמִלְחָה; מִרְעֵת, יוֹשְׁבֵי בָהּ.
לה		יָשָׁם מִדְבָּר, לְאֵגֶם-מַיִם; וְאֲרָץ צִיָּה, לְמֵצְאֵי מַיִם.
לו		וַיּוֹשֵׁב שָׁם רַעֲבִים; וַיִּכּוֹנְנוּ, עִיר מוֹשֵׁב.
לז		וַיִּזְרְעוּ שְׂדוֹת, וַיִּטְעוּ כְרָמִים; וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, פְּרֵי תְבוּאָה.
לח		וַיִּבְרַכֵּם וַיִּרְבּוּ מְאֹד; וּבָהֶמְתֶּם, לֹא יִמְעִיט.
לט		וַיִּמְעֵטוּ וַיִּשְׁחוּ-- מַעֲצָר רַעַה וַיִּגּוּן.
מ		שִׁפְךָ בּוּז, עַל-נְדִיבִים; וַיִּתְעַם, בְּתַהוֹ לֹא-דָרָךְ.
מא		וַיִּשְׁגַּב אֲבִיוֹן מַעוֹנִי; וַיִּשָּׁם כְּצֹאן, מִשְׁפָּחוֹת.
מב		יִרְאוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ; וְכָל-עוֹלָה, קִפְצָה פִּיהָ.
מג		מִי-חֲכָם וַיִּשְׁמַר-אֱלֹהֵי; וַיִּתְבּוֹנְנוּ, חֲסִדֵי יְהוָה.



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