

# Sepher Shophtim / Judges

## Chapter 21

וְאֵשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּשְׁבֻעַ בְּמִצְפָה לְאֹמֶר  
אִישׁ מִמֶּנּוּ לֹא-יִתְן בַּתּוֹ לְבָנִימָן לְאַשָּׁה:  
**Jud21:1**

1. w'ish Yis'ra'El nish'ba` baMits'pah le'mor  
'ish mimenu lo'-yiten bito l'Bin'yamin l'ishah.

**Jud21:1** Now the men of Yisra'El had sworn in Mitspah, saying,  
There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benyamin for a wife.

<21:1> Καὶ οἱ νίοὶ Ἰσραὴλ ὡμοσαν ἐν Μασσηφᾳ λέγοντες  
Ἄντροι ἐξ ἡμῶν οὐδὲν θυγατέρα αὐτοῦ τῷ Βενιαμίν εἰς γυναῖκα.

1 Kai hoi huioi Israël ömosan en Massēpha legentes

And the sons of Israel swore by an oath in Massepha, saying,  
Anēr ex hēmōn ou dōsei thygatera autou tō Benjamin eis gynaika.  
man from us No shall give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife.

בְּוַיְבָא הַשָּׁם בֵּית־אֵל וַיִּשְׁבַּי שָׁם עַד־הָעָרָב לִפְנֵי חָלָהִים  
וַיִּשְׂאוּ קָולָם וַיִּבְכُו בְּכֵי גָדוֹל:

2. wayabo' ha`am beyth-'El wayesh'bu sham `ad-ha`ereb liph'ney ha'Elohim  
wayis'u qolam wayib'ku b'ki gadol.

**Jud21:2** So the people came to Beyth El and sat there before haElohim until evening,  
and lifted up their voices and wept great weeping.

<2> καὶ ἤλθεν ὁ λαὸς εἰς Βαιθηλ καὶ ἐκάθισαν ἐκεῖ ἕως ἑσπέρας ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ  
καὶ ἥραν φωνὴν αὐτῶν καὶ ἐκλαυσαν κλαυθμὸν μέγαν

2 kai ēlthen ho laos eis Baithēl kai ekathisan ekei heōs hesperas enōpion tou theou  
And came the people unto Beth-el, and sat there until evening before the Elohim.  
kai ēran phōnēn autōn kai eklausan klauthmon megan  
And they lifted their voice and wept weeping a great.

גַּוְיִי אָמָרוּ לִמְהִ יהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִתְהִזְהִיר זֹאת בִּירְשָׁאֵל  
לְהַפְּקַד הַיּוֹם מִיְשָׁרָאֵל שְׁבֵט אֶחָד:

3. wayo'm'ru lamah Yahūwah 'Elohey Yis'ra'El hay'thah zo'th b'Yis'ra'El  
l'hipaqed hayom miYis'ra'El shebet 'echad.

**Jud21:3** They said, Why, O יהוָה, the El of Yisra'El, has this happened in Yisra'El,  
to be lacking one tribe today in Yisra'El?

«3» καὶ εἶπαν Εἰς τί, κύριε θεὲ Ἰσραὴλ, ἐγενήθη αὕτη,  
τοῦ ἐπισκεπῆναι σήμερον ἀπὸ Ἰσραὴλ φυλὴν μίαν;

3 kai eipan Eis ti, kyrie thee Israēl, egenēthē hautē,  
And they said, Why, O YHWH Elohim of Israel, has this come to pass,  
tou episkepēnai sēmeron apo Israēl phylēn mian?  
that today one tribe should be counted as missing from Israel?

אַתָּה יְהוָה עַל־צָבָא כָּל־עַמִּים בְּנֵי אֶחָד  
דְּנוּהָי מִמְּחֹרֶת וַיַּשְׁכִּימָיו הָעָם וַיִּבְנֹוּ שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ  
וַיַּעֲלֹו עַלּוֹת וַשְׁלָמִים: כ

4. way'hi mimacharath wayash'kimu ha'am wayib'nu-sham miz'beach  
waya`alu `oloth ush'lammim.

**Jud21:4** It came to pass on the morrow, that the people arose early  
and built an altar there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

«4» καὶ ἐγένετο τῇ ἑπαύριον καὶ ὥρθησεν ὁ λαὸς καὶ ὠκοδόμησαν  
ἐκεῖ θυσιαστήριον καὶ ἀνήνεγκαν ὄλοκαυτώσεις καὶ τελείας.

4 kai egeneto tē epaurion kai ὥρθησεν ho laos  
And it happened the next day that rose early the people,  
kai ὥρθησεν ekei thysiastērion  
and they built there an altar,  
kai anēnegkan holokautōseis kai teleias.  
and offered a whole burnt-offering of deliverance.

וְיָאמְרוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִי אָשֵׁר לֹא־עָלָה בְּקֹדֶשׁ  
מִכָּל־שְׁבֵטִי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה כִּי הַשְׁבּוּעָה הַגְדוֹלָה הַיּוֹתָה  
לֹאָשֵׁר לֹא־עָלָה אֶל־יְהוָה הַמְצֻפָּה לִאמְרָה מוֹת יוּמָת:

5. wayo'm'ru b'ney Yis'ra'El mi 'asher lo'-`alah baqahal mikal-shib'tey Yis'ra'El  
'el-Yahūwah ki hash'bu`ah hag'dolah hay'thah la'asher lo'-`alah  
'el-Yahūwah haMits'pah le'mor moth yumath.

**Jud21:5** And the sons of Yisra'El said, Who is he that among all the tribes of Yisra'El  
who did not come up in the assembly to קֹדֶשׁ?  
For they had taken a great oath concerning him  
who did not come up to קֹדֶשׁ at Mitspah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

«5» καὶ εἶπον οἱ γιοὶ Ἰσραὴλ Τίς οὐκ ἀνέβη ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ  
ἀπὸ πασῶν φυλῶν Ἰσραὴλ πρὸς κύριον; ὅτι ὁ ὄρκος μέγας ἦν τοῖς  
οὐκ ἀναβεβηκόσιν πρὸς κύριον εἰς Μασσηφα λέγοντες Θανάτῳ θανατωθήσεται.

5 kai eipon hoi huioi Israēl Tis ouk anebē  
And said the sons of Israel, Who is the one not ascending

en tē ekklēsiā apo pasōn phylōn Israēl pros kyrion?  
 among the assembly from all of the tribes of Israel to YHWH ?  
 hoti ho horkos megas ēn tois ouk anabebēkosin pros kyrion  
 For oath a great there was concerning the one not ascending to YHWH  
 eis Massēpha legentes Thanatō thanatōthēsetai.  
 in Massepha, saying, To death he shall die.

וַיֹּאמֶר נָגֵד עַתָּה שְׁבֵט אֶחָד מִשְׁרָאֵל:  
 וַיֹּאמֶר בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־בְּנֵי־אַחֲיוֹ  
 וְיִגְחַמְוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי־עַל־בְּנֵי־אַחֲיוֹ  
 וְיִאָמְרוּ נָגֵד עַתָּה שְׁבֵט אֶחָד מִשְׁרָאֵל:

6. wayinachamu b'ney Yis'ra'El 'el-Bin'yamin 'achiū  
 wayo'm'ru nig'da` hayom shebet 'echad miYis'ra'El.

**Jud21:6** And the sons of Yisra'El repented for their brother Benyamin  
 and said, One tribe is cut off from Yisra'El today.

<6> καὶ παρεκλήθησαν οἱ νίοὶ Ἰσραὴλ πρὸς Βενιαμῖν ἀδελφὸν αὐτῶν  
 καὶ εἶπαν Ἐξεκόπη σήμερον φυλὴ μία ἀπὸ Ἰσραὴλ·

6 kai pareklēthēsan hoi huioi Israēl pros Beniamin adelphon autōn  
 And relented the sons of Israel concerning Benjamin their brother,  
 kai eipan Exekopē sēmeron phylē mia apo Israēl;  
 and said, is removed today tribe one from Israel.

וְהַנִּעְשָׂה לָהֶם לְנוֹתְרִים לְנָשִׁים:  
 וְאַנְחָנוּ נָשְׁבָעָנוּ בִּיהִוָּה לְבָلְתִּי תְּתַלְּתִי מִבְּנֹתֵינוּ לְנָשִׁים:  
 7. mah-na`aseh lahem lanotharim l'nashim  
 wa'anach'nu nish'ba`nu baYahūwah l'bil'ti teth-lahem mib'notheynu l'nashim.

**Jud21:7** What shall we do for wives for them that remain,  
 since we have sworn by **יְהָוָה** not to give them any of our daughters to wives?

<7> τί ποιήσωμεν αὐτοῖς τοῖς περισσοῖς τοῖς ὑπολειφθεῖσιν εἰς γυναῖκας;  
 καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡμόσαμεν ἐν κυρίῳ τοῦ μὴ δοῦναι αὐτοῖς  
 ἀπὸ τῶν θυγατέρων ἡμῶν εἰς γυναῖκας.

7 ti poiēsōmen autois tois perissois tois hypoleiphtheisin eis gynaikas?

What should we do to them, to the rest for wives,

kai hēmeis ōmosamen en kyriō tou mē dounai autois  
 for we swore by an oath to YHWH to not give to them  
 apo tōn thygaterōn hēmōn eis gynaikas.  
 from our daughters for wives?

וְהַנִּעְשָׂה לָהֶם לְנוֹתְרִים לְנָשִׁים:  
 וְהַנִּעְשָׂה לָהֶם לְנוֹתְרִים לְנָשִׁים:  
 וְהַנִּעְשָׂה לָהֶם לְנוֹתְרִים לְנָשִׁים:  
 וְהַנִּעְשָׂה לָהֶם לְנוֹתְרִים לְנָשִׁים:

**חִוֵּיאָמְרֵי** מַי אֶחָד מְשֻׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עָלָה  
אֶל-יְהֻדָּה הַמְּצֻבָּה וְהַגָּה לֹא בְאֶ-אַיִשׁ אֶל-הַמְּחֻנָּה  
**מִבְּיִשְׁ גָּלָעֵד אֶל-הַקָּהָל:**

**8. wayo'm'ru mi 'echad mishib'tey Yis'ra'El 'asher lo'-`alah 'el-Yahúwah haMits'pah w'hinneh lo' ba'-ish 'el-hamachaneh miYabeysh Gil'ad 'el-haqahal.**

**Jud21:8** And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Yisra'El who did not come up to  at Mitspah? And behold, no one had come to the camp from Yabesh-gilead to the assembly.

〈8〉 καὶ εἰπαν Τίς εἶς ἀπὸ φυλῶν Ἰσραηλ, ὃς οὐκ ἀνέβη πρὸς κύριον εἰς Μασσηφα; καὶ ἵδού οὐκ ἥλθεν ἀνὴρ εἰς τὴν παρεμβολὴν ἀπὸ Ιαβις Γαλααδ εἰς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.

**8 kai eipan Tis heis apo phylōn Israēl,**

**And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel  
hos ouk anebē pros kyrion eis Massēpha? kai idou ouk ēlthen anēr  
which did not ascend to YHWH in Massepha? And behold, no came man  
eis tēn parembolēn apo Iabis Galaad eis tēn ekklēsian.  
to the camp from Jabis Galaad to the assembly.**

**ט. ויתפקד העם והנה אין-שם איש מישבי יבש גלעד:**

**9. wayith'paqed ha`am w'hinneh 'eyn-sham 'ish miosh'bey Yabesh Gil`ad.**

**Jud21:9** For when the people were numbered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead was there.

¶ 9 καὶ ἐπεσκέπη ὁ λαός, καὶ οὐκ ἦν ἔκει ἀνὴρ ἀπὸ οἴκου των Ιαβις Γαλααδ.

**9 kai epeskepē ho laos,**

**And were numbered the people,**

**kai ouk ēn ekei anēr apo oikountōn Iabis Galaad.**

**and there is not there a man from the ones dwelling in Jabis Galaad.**

**10. wayish'lchu-sham ha`edah sh'neym-`asar 'eleph 'ish mib'ney hechayil  
way'tsauu 'otham le'mor l'ku w'hikithem 'eth-yosh'bey Yabesh Gil`ad l'phi-chereb  
w'hanashim w'hataph.**

**Jud21:10** And the congregation sent twelve thousand men there, from the mighty sons, and commanded them, saying, Go and strike the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

〈10〉 καὶ ἀπέστειλεν ἐκεῖ ἡ συναγωγὴ δώδεκα χιλιάδας ἀνδρῶν

ἀπὸ υἱῶν τῆς δυνάμεως καὶ ἐνετείλαντο αὐτοῖς λέγοντες Πορεύεσθε καὶ πατάξατε τοὺς οἰκοῦντας Ιαβις Γαλααδ ἐν στόματι ρομφαίας.

**10 kai apesteilen ekei hē synagōgē dōdeka chiliadas andrōn apo huiōn tēs dynameōs**  
**And sent there the congregation twelve thousand men from the sons of the force.**

**kai eneteilanto autois legontes Poreuesthe**

**And they gave charge to them, saying, Go**

kai pataxate tous oikountas Iabis Galaad en stomati hromphaias.

**and strike the ones dwelling in Jabis Galaad by the mouth of the broadsword.**

יא וזה הִכְרָא אֲשֶׁר הַצְשֵׁה קָל-זָכָר  
וּכְל-אַשָּׁה יְדֻעָת מְשַׁבֵּ-זָכָר תְּחִרִים:

**11. w'zeh hadabar 'asher ta`asu kal-zakar  
w'kal-`ishah yoda`ath mish'kab-zakar tacharimu.**

**Jud21:11** This is the thing that you shall do: every man and every woman who has been known, by lying with a man, you shall destroy.

«11» καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσετε· πᾶν ἄρσεν καὶ πᾶσαν γυναικαν εἰδύναν κόίτην ἄρσενος ἀναθεματιέντε, τὰς δὲ παρθένους περιποιήσεσθε. καὶ ἐποίησαν οὕτως.

**11 kai touto poiēsete; pan arsen kai pasan gynaika**

**And this shall you do: Every male and every woman**

**eiduiān koitēn arsenos anathematieite,**

**knowing the marriage-bed of a man you shall devote to consumption.**

**tas de parthenous peripoīēsthe. kai epoīēsan houtōs.**

**but the virgins you shall save alive; and they did so.**

**יב וַיָּמֹצְאוּ מִזְשָׁבֵר יְגִירֶשׁ גָּלְעָד אֶרְבָּע מִאֵת  
כָּעֵרָה בְּתוּלָה אֲשֶׁר לְאָדִיעָה אִישׁ לְמַשְׁבֵב זָכָר  
וַיָּבִיאוּ אֹתָם אֶל-הַמִּחְנָה שֶׁלָּה אֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ כְּנָעַן: ס**

**12. wayim'ts'u miosh'bey Yabeysh Gil`ad 'ar'ba` me'oth na`arah b'thulah  
asher lo'-yad`ah 'ish l'mish'kab zakar wayabi'u 'otham 'el-hamachaneh Shiloh  
asher b'erets K'na`an.**

**Jud21:12** And they found among the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead four hundred young virgins who had not known a man by lying with a male; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Kanaan.

<12> καὶ ἐῦρον ἀπὸ οἰκούντων Ιαβις Γαλααδ τετρακοσίας νεάνιδας παρθένους,  
αἵτινες οὐκ ἔγνωσαν ἄνδρα εἰς κοίτην ἄρσενος,  
καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὰς εἰς τὴν παρειβολὴν εἰς Σηλων τὴν ἐν γῇ Χανααν.

12 καὶ ἡερὸν ἀπὸ οἰκουμένης ἤδη Γαλαάδ

**And they found of ones dwelling .Iabis Galaad**

tetrakosias neanidas parthenous, haitines ouk egnōsan andra  
 four hundred young women virgins, the ones that knew not a man,  
 eis koitēn arsenos, kai ēnegkan autas eis tēn parembolēn  
 in the marriage-bed of a man. And they led them into the camp  
 eis Sēlōn tēn en gē Chanaan.  
 in Shiloh which is in the land of Chanaan.

יְהוָה צְבָאֹת שָׁלֹמֶן כִּי־בְּעֵד־עַת־זָמָן  
 וְאַתָּה בְּעֵד־עַת־זָמָן אֶת־בְּנֵי־בְּנִימָן  
 וְאֶשְׁלַח־כָּל־הַעֲדָה וַיַּדְבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי־בְּנִימָן  
 אֲשֶׁר בָּסְלָע רְמוֹן וַיַּקְרָא לְהֶם שָׁלוֹם:

**13. wayish'l'chu kal-ha`edah way'dab'ru 'el-b'ney Bin'yamin**  
 'asher b'sela` Rimmon wayiq'r'u lahem shalom.

**Jud21:13** Then the whole congregation sent and spoke to the sons of Benyamin who were at the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace to them.

<13> καὶ ἀπέστειλεν πᾶσα ἡ συναγωγὴ καὶ ἐλάλησαν πρὸς τοὺς οὐρανούς Βενιαμίν  
 ἐν τῇ πέτρᾳ Ρεμμὼν καὶ ἐκάλεσαν αὐτοὺς εἰς εἰρήνην.

**13 kai apesteilen pasa he synagogē kai elalēsan pros tous huious Beniamin**  
 And sent all the congregation and spoke to the sons of Benjamin,  
 en tē petrā Remmōn kai ekalesan autous eis eirēnēn.  
 of the ones at the rock of Rimmon, and they called them for peace.

וְאֶת־עַת־זָמָן כִּי־בְּעֵד־עַת־זָמָן יְהוָה צְבָאֹת  
 יְדַבֵּר בְּנִימָן בְּעֵת הַהִיא וַיַּתְנוּ לְהֶם הַנְּשִׁים  
 אֲשֶׁר חִי מִפְנֵי יָבֵש גִּלְעָד וְלֹא־מֵצָאוּ לְהֶם כֵּן:

**14. wayashab Bin'yamin ba`eth hahi' wayit'nu lahem hanashim**  
 'asher chiu min'shey Yabesh Gil`ad w'lo'-mats'u lahem ken.

**Jud21:14** Benyamin returned at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had kept alive from the women of Yabesh-Gilead; yet so they had not found for all of them.

<14> καὶ ἀπέστρεψεν Βενιαμίν πρὸς τοὺς οὐρανούς Ισραὴλ ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ,  
 καὶ ἔδωκαν αὐτοῖς οἱ οὐρανοὶ Ισραὴλ τὰς γυναῖκας, ἃς ἔζωστοι ησαν  
 ἀπὸ τῶν θυγατέρων Ιαβίς Γαλααδ· καὶ ἤρεσεν αὐτοῖς οὕτως.

**14 kai epestrep sen Beniamin pros tous huious Israēl en tō kairō ekeinō,**  
 And Benjamin returned to the sons of Israel in that time,  
 kai edōkan autois hoi huioi Israēl tas gynaikas,  
 and the sons of Israel gave them the women  
 has ezōopoiēsan apo tōn thygaterōn Iabis Galaad; kai ēresen autois houtōs.  
 who were of the women of Jabis Galaad, and it pleased them thus.

וְאֶת־עַת־זָמָן כִּי־עָשָׂה יְהוָה פֶּרַץ בְּשַׁבְּטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
 טו וְהַעַם נָחַם לְבָנִימָן כִּי־עָשָׂה יְהוָה פֶּרַץ בְּשַׁבְּטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

**15. w'ha`am nicham l'Bin'yamin ki-`asah Yahúwah perets b'shib'tey Yis'ra'El.**

**Jud21:15** And the people repented for Benyamin because בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל had made a breach in the tribes of Yisra'El.

<15> Καὶ ὁ λαὸς παρεκλήθη ἐπὶ τῷ Βενιαμίν,  
ὅτι ἐποίησεν κύριος διακοπὴν ἐν ταῖς φυλαῖς Ἰσραὴλ.

**15 Kai ho laos parekléthē epi tō Beniamin,**  
And the people were comforted concerning Benjamin,  
**hoti epoīesen kyrios diakopēn en tais phylais Israēl.**  
for made YHWH a breach among the tribes of Israel.

עֲלֹתָה עַל-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל קָרְבָּן כְּלֶבֶת כְּלֶבֶת 16  
טֹזֵב וַיֹּאמֶר זָקְנֵי הַעֲדָה מִה-גַּעַשְׁׁה לְנוֹתְרִים לְנֶשֶׁים  
כִּי-גַּשְׁמָדָה מִבְּנֵימָן אֲשֶׁר:

**16. wayo'm'ru ziq'ney ha`edah mah-na`aseh lanotharim l'nashim ki-nish'm'dah miBin'yamin 'ishah.**

**Jud21:16** Then the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benyamin?

<16> καὶ εἰπόν οἱ πρεσβύτεροι τῆς συναγωγῆς Τί ποιήσωμεν τοῖς περισσοῖς εἰς γυναῖκας; ὅτι ἡφανίσθη ἀπὸ Βενιαμίν γυνή.

**16 kai eipon hoi presbyteroi tēs synagogēs Ti poiēsōmen tois perissois**  
And said the elders of the congregation, What shall we do to the remaining eis gynaikas? hoti ēphanisthē apo Benyamin gynē.  
for wives, now that was removed from Benjamin the woman?

:בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל יְרַשְׁתָּה פְּלִיטָה לְבָנִים וְלֹא-יִמְחַחֵה שְׁבָט מִישְׁרָאֵל 17

**17. wayo'm'ru y'rushath p'leytah l'Bin'yamin w'lo'-yimacheh shebet miYis'ra'El.**

**Jud21:17** They said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benyamin, so that a tribe shall not be blotted out from Yisra'El.

<17> καὶ εἶπαν Κληρονομία διασώζομένων τῷ Βενιαμίν,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔξαλειφθήσεται φυλὴ ἀπὸ Ἰσραὴλ.

**17 kai eipan Klēronomia diasōzomenōn tō Beniamin,**  
And he said, An inheritance for the ones surviving to Benjamin,  
**kai ouk exaleiphthēsetai phylē apo Israēl;**  
that in no way should be wiped away a tribe from Israel.

עֲלֹתָה עַל-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל קָרְבָּן כְּלֶבֶת כְּלֶבֶת 18  
רְחֻנָּנוּ לֹא נוּכֵל לְתִת-לָהּם נֶשֶׁים מִבְּנֹתֵינוּ  
כִּי-גַּשְׁמָדָה בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאָמֵר אָרִיר נָתַן אֲשֶׁר לְבָנִים: ס

**18. wa'anach'nu lo' nukal latheh-lahem nashim mib'notheynu**

**ki-nish'b`u b'ney-Yis'ra'El le'mor 'arur nothen 'ishah l'Bin'yamin.**

**Jud21:18** But we cannot give them wives of our daughters.

For the sons of Yisra'El had sworn, saying, Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benyamin.

<18> ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐ δυνησόμεθα δοῦναι αὐτοῖς γυναῖκας ἀπὸ τῶν θυγατέρων ἡμῶν, ὅτι ὡμόσαμεν ἐν υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ λέγοντες Ἐπικατάρατος ὁ διδοὺς γυναῖκα τῷ Βενιαμίν.

**18 hoti hēmeis ou dynēsometha dounai autois gynaikas apo tōn thygaterōn hēmōn,**  
For we are not able to give to them wives from our daughters,

**hoti ōmosamen en huiois Israēl legentes**

for swore by an oath among the sons of Israel, saying,

Epikataratos ho didous gynaika tō Beniamin.

**Accursed is the one giving a wife to Benjamin.**

19  
בְּנֵי אַמְרִי חֲגִיהָה בְּשֶׁלַׁו מִימִם רְמִימָה  
אֲשֶׁר מִצְפֹּנָה לְבִית־אֵל מִזְרָחָה הַשָּׁמֶן לְמִסְלָה הַעֲלָה  
מִבֵּית־אֵל שְׁכָמָה וּמִנְגָּב לְלִבּוֹנָה:

**19. wayo'm'ru hinneh chag-Yahūwah b'Shilo miyamim yamimah**

'asher mits'phonah l'Beyth-'El miz'r'chah hashemesh lim'silah ha'olah

miBeyth-'El Sh'kemah uminegeb liL'bonah.

**Jud21:19** So they said, Behold, there is a feast of **חֲגִיהָה** from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north side of Beyth El, toward the sunrise, by the highway which goes up from Beyth El to Shekem, and on the south side of Lebonah.

<19> καὶ εἶπαν Ἰδού δὴ ἔορτὴ κυρίου ἐν Σηλων ἀφ' ἡμερῶν εἰς ἡμέρας,  
ἥ ἐστιν ἀπὸ βορρᾶ τῆς Βαιθηλ κατ' ἀνατολὰς ἡλίου ἐπὶ τῆς ὁδοῦ τῆς ἀναβαίνοντος  
ἀπὸ Βαιθηλ εἰς Συχεμ καὶ ἀπὸ νότου τῆς Λεβωνα.

**19 kai eipan Idou dē heortē kyriou en Sēlōn aph' hēmerōn eis hēmeras,**

And they said, Behold, there is a feast to YHWH in Shiloh from days to days,

**hē estin apo borra tēs Baithēl kat' anatolas hēliou**

which is from the north of Beth-el, according to the rising of the sun,

**epi tēs hodou tēs anabainousēs apo Baithēl eis Sychem**

upon the corridor ascending from Beth-el unto Shechem,

**kai apo notou tēs Lebōna.**

and from south of Lebonah.

20  
כְּנֵצְוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי בִּנְיָמִן לִאמֶר לְכ֑ו וְאֶרְבַּתְמָ בְּקָרְמִים:

**20. way'tsaw 'eth-b'ney Bin'yamin le'mor l'ku wa'arab'tem bak'ramim.**

**Jud21:20** And they commanded the sons of Benyamin, saying,  
Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,

<20> καὶ ἐνετείλαντο τοῖς υἱοῖς Βενιαμίν λέγοντες

Πορεύεσθε ἐνεδρεύσατε ἐν τοῖς ἀμπελῶσιν.

20 kai eneteilanto tois huiois Beniamin legontes  
And they gave charge to the sons of Benjamin,  
Poreuesthe enedreusate en tois ampelōsin;  
saying, Go forth and lie in wait at the vineyards!

רְאֵתֶם כִּי תַּחֲנֹן בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ 21  
וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ תַּחֲנֹן בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה  
בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ

כִּי וְרָאֵתֶם וְהִנֵּה אִמְגִיצָא בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ לְחִיל בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה  
וְיִצְאֶתֶם מִן-הַכְּרָמִים וְחִטְפָהֶם לְכֶם אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר מִבָּנֵת שִׁילוֹ  
וְהַלְכָתֶם אֶרֶץ בְּנֵי מִן:

21. ur'ithem w'hinneh 'im-yets'u b'noth-Shilo lachul bam'choloth  
witsa'them min-hak'ramim wachataph'tem lakem 'ish 'ish'to mib'noth Shilo  
wahalak'tem 'erets Bin'yamin.

**Jud21:21** and watch; and behold, if the daughters of Shilo come out to dance  
in the dances, then you shall come out of the vineyards and shall catch you each man  
his wife from the daughters of Shilo, and go to the land of Benjamin.

καὶ ὅψεσθε καὶ ἴδοὺ ἔὰν ἔξέλθωσιν αἱ θυγατέρες τῶν οἰκούντων Σηλων χορεύειν  
ἐν τοῖς χοροῖς, καὶ ἔξελεύσεσθε ἐκ τῶν ἀμπελώνων καὶ ἀρπάσατε ἑαυτοῖς ἀνὴρ  
γυναῖκα ἀπὸ τῶν θυγατέρων Σηλων καὶ πορεύεσθε εἰς γῆν Βενιαμίν.

21 kai opsesthe kai idou ean exelthōsin hai thygateres  
And look and behold, whenever should come forth the daughters of  
tōn oikountōn Sēlōn choreuein en tois chorois,  
the ones dwelling in Selom joining in a dance with a company of dancers,  
kai exeleusesthe ek tōn ampelōnōn  
then you shall come forth from the vineyards,  
kai harpasate heautois anēr gynaika apo tōn thygaterōn Sēlōn  
and let seize by force to himself a man a wife from the daughters of Selom!  
kai poreuesthe eis gēn Beniamin.  
then you shall depart unto the land of Benjamin.

וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ תַּחֲנֹן בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ  
וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ תַּחֲנֹן בְּבָנֵת שִׁילוֹ בְּפֶתַח לְוָדֵה וְעַל-מִזְרָחֶךָ  
כִּי-וְהִיא כִּי-יָבָא אֶבֶותֶם אוֹ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ 22  
וְאָמַרְנוּ אֶלְיָהוּ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ

כִּי-וְהִיא כִּי-יָבָא אֶבֶותֶם אוֹ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ  
וְאָמַרְנוּ אֶלְיָהוּ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ אֶחָדֶם לְרוֹב אֶלְיָהוּ  
אֲשֶׁר בְּמִלְחָמָה כִּי לֹא אַתֶּם נִתְּתֶם לְהָם כְּעַת הָאַשְׁמָה: ס

22. w'hayah ki-yabo'u 'abotham 'o 'acheyhem larob 'eleynu  
w'amar'nu 'aleyhem chanunu 'otham ki lo' laqach'nu 'ish 'ish'to bamil'chamah  
ki lo' 'atem n'thatem lahem ka`eth te'samu.

**Jud21:22** It shall come about, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us,  
that we shall say to them, Favor us with them,

for we did not take for each man of them a wife in battle,  
for you did nor give to them at this time, that you should be guilty.

22 καὶ ἔσται ὅταν ἔλθωσιν οἱ πατέρες αὐτῶν ἢ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτῶν κρίνεσθαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἐροῦμεν αὐτοῖς "Ἐλεος ποιήσατε ἡμῖν αὐτάς, ὅτι οὐκ ἐλάβομεν ἀνὴρ γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ παρατάξει, ὅτι οὐχ ὑμεῖς ἐδώκατε αὐτοῖς· ὡς καιρὸς πλημμελήσατε.

22 kai estai hotan elthōsin hoi pateres autōn ē hoi adelphoi autōn krinesthai

And it shall be whenever should come their fathers or their brothers to quarrel  
pros hymas, kai eroumen autois Eleos poiēsate hēmin autas,  
with us, that we shall say to them, Grant them freely to us,  
hoti ouk elabomen anēr gynaika autou en tē parataxei,  
for did not take every man his wife in the battle,  
hoti ouch hymeis edōkate autois; hōs kairos plēmmelēsate.  
for you did not give to them according to the time which you trespassed.

בְּנֵי יַעֲשֹׂה־כָּן בְּנֵי בְּנִימָן וַיִּשְׁאַג נְשִׁים לְמִסְפָּרָם  
מִן־הַמְּחֻלָּות אֲשֶׁר גָּזָלוּ וַיַּלְכְּו וַיִּשְׁוּבוּ אֶל־נְחָלָתָם  
וַיָּבִנוּ אֶת־הַעֲרִים וַיִּשְׁבּוּ בְּהָמָן:

23. waya`asu-ken b'ney Bin'yamin wayis'u nashim l'mis'param min-ham'chol'loth  
'asher gazalu wayel'ku wayashubu 'el-nachalatham  
wayib'nu 'eth-he`arim wayesh'bu bahem.

**Jud21:23** The sons of Benyamin did so, and took wives  
according to their number from those who danced, whom they carried away.  
And they went and returned to their inheritance and rebuilt the cities and lived in them.

23 καὶ ἐποίησαν οὕτως οἱ υἱοὶ Βενιαμιν καὶ ἔλαβον γυναῖκας εἰς ἀριθμὸν αὐτῶν ἀπὸ τῶν χορευουσῶν, ὃν ἤρπασαν· καὶ ἐπορεύθησαν καὶ ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς τὴν κληρονομίαν αὐτῶν καὶ ὠκοδόμησαν τὰς πόλεις καὶ ἐκάθισαν ἐν αὐταῖς.

23 kai epoēsan houtōs hoi huioi Beniamin

And did thus the sons of Benjamin;

kai elabon gynaikas eis arithmon autōn apo tōn choreuousōn,

and they took wives according to their number from the ones dancing,

hōn hērpsan; kai eporeuthēsan kai hypestrepsan

whom they snatched. And they went and returned

eis tēn klēronomian autōn kai ὠκοδομῆσαν τὰς πόλεις καὶ ekathisan en autais.

unto their inheritance, and they built up the cities, and dwelt in them.

בְּנֵי יַעֲשֹׂה מִשְׁמָם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵת הַהִיא אֲרֵש לְשָׁבֵט  
וְלִמְשָׁפְחָתוֹ וַיִּצְאֹו מִשְׁמָם אֲרֵש לְנְחָלָתָו:

**24. wayith'hal'ku misham b'ney-Yis'ra'El ba`eth hahi' 'ish l'shib'to  
ul'mish'pach'to wayets'u misham 'ish l'nachalatho.**

**Jud21:24** The sons of Yisra'El departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

<24> καὶ περιεπάτησαν ἐκεῖθεν οἱ νἱοὶ Ἰσραὴλ ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνὴρ  
εἰς φυλὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς συγγένειαν αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ ἐξῆλθον ἐκεῖθεν, ἀνὴρ εἰς κληρονομίαν αὐτοῦ. --

24 kai periepatēsan ekeithen hoi huioi Israēl en tō kairō ekeinō, anēr eis phylēn autou  
And walked from there the sons of Israel in that time, each man to his tribe,  
kai eis syggeneian autou, kai exēlthon ekeithen, anēr eis klēronomian autou. --  
and to his kin; and went forth from there each man to his inheritance.

בְּזִמְרָם הַהֵם אִין מֶלֶךְ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל אֲרֹשׁ הַנְּשָׁר בְּעִירָנוּ בְּעַשְׂתָה:  
**25. bayamim hahem 'eyn melek b'Yis'ra'El 'ish hayashar b'eynayu ya`aseh.**

**Jud21:25** In those days there was no king in Yisra'El;  
every man did what was right in his own eyes.

<25> ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις οὐκ ἦν βασιλεὺς ἐν Ἰσραὴλ.  
ἀνὴρ τὸ εὑθὲς ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἐποίει.

25 en de tais hēmerais ekeinais ouk ēn basileus en Israēl;  
In those days there was not a king in Israel.  
anēr to euthes enōpion autou epoiei.  
A man the upright thing in his eyes did.