

# Sepher Mishle (Proverbs)

## Chapter 19

Shavua Reading Schedule (19th sidrah) - Prov 19

וְאֵין־בָּעֵד אֲשֶׁר־בַּעֲלֵבָב וְאֵין־בָּעֵד אֲשֶׁר־בַּעֲלֵבָב  
אֲטוֹב־רָשׁ הַוְלֵךְ בְּתִמּוֹ מַעֲקָשׁ שְׁפָתָיו וְהַוָּא כְּסִיל:

1. **tob-rash holek b'thumo me-iqesh s'phathayu w'hu' k'sil.**

**Prov19:1** Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips who is a fool.

בְּגַם בְּלֹא־דָעַת נֶפֶשׁ לְאָטָב וְאֵין בְּרָגְלִים חֹוטָא:

2. **gam b'lo'-da`ath nephesh lo'-tob w'ats b'rags'layim chote'.**

**Prov19:2** Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he who hurries with his footsteps errs.

גַּאֲזָלָת אָדָם תִּסְלַף דָּרְכָו וְעַל־יְחִינָה יִזְעַף לְבָבוֹ:

3. **'iueleth 'adam t'saleph dar'ko w'al-Yahúwah yiz'aph libo.**

**Prov19:3** The foolishness of man ruins his way, and his heart rages against God.

«19:3» ἀφροσύνη ἀνδρὸς λυμαίνεται τὰς ὄδοις αὐτοῦ,  
τὸν δὲ θεὸν αἰτιάται τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ.

3 **aphrosynē andros lymainetai tas hodous autou, ton de theon aitiatai tē kardiā autou.**

The folly of a man lays waste his ways; and Elohim he blames in his heart.

דָּחָן יְסִיף רְעִים רְבִים וְדָל מְרַעָהוּ יִפְרַד:

4. **hon yosiph re'im rabbim w'dal mere`hu yipared.**

**Prov19:4** Wealth adds many friends, but a poor man is separated from his friend.

«4» πλούτος προστίθησιν φίλους πολλούς,  
ό δὲ πτωχὸς καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὑπάρχοντος φίλου λείπεται.

4 **ploutos prostithēsin philous pollous,**

Riches add friends many;

ho de ptōchos kai apo tou hyparchontos philou leipetai.

but the poor one even by the that exists friend is forsaken.

הַעַד שְׁקָרִים לֹא יִפְקַה וְיִפְרַח כְּזָבִים לֹא יִפְלַלְתָּ:

5. **`ed sh'qarim lo' yinaqeh w'yaphiach k'zabim lo' yimalet.**

**Prov19:5** A false witness shall not go unpunished, and he who tells lies shall not escape.

«5» μάρτυς ψευδής οὐκ ἀτιμώρητος ἔσται, ο δὲ ἐγκαλῶν ἀδίκως οὐ διαφεύξεται.

5 martys pseudēs ouk atimōrētos estai,  
witness a lying not unpunished shall be;  
ho de egkalōn adikōs ou diapheuxetai.  
and the one accusing unjustly shall not escape.

וּבְבִים יְחַלּוּ בְּגִירֵנְדִיב וּכְלָהָרָע לֹאֲרֵש מִתְּנָן 6

6. rabbim y'chalu ph'ney-nadib w'kal-hare'a l'ish matan.

Prov19:6 Many shall seek the face of a noble,  
and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.

<6> πολλοὶ θεραπεύουσιν πρόσωπα βασιλέων, πᾶς δὲ ὁ κακὸς γίνεται ὄνειδος ἀνδρί.

6 polloi therapeuousin prosopa basileon, pas de ho kakos ginetai oneidos andri.

attend to the persons of a king; but every evil man becomes scorn to men.

כָל אַחִיד־רֹשׁ שָׁגָאָהוּ אָפָּי 7  
בְּכִי מִרְעָחוֹ רַחֲקוֹ מִפְנָו מִבְּהָרָף אַמְרִים לְאַהֲרֹן:

7. kal 'achey-rash s'ne'uhu 'aph ki m're`ehu rachaqu  
mimenu m'radeph 'amarim lo'-hemah.

Prov19:7 All the brothers of a poor man hate him;  
and his friends also surely abandon him! He pursues them with words, yet they are not.

<7> πᾶς, ὃς ἀδελφὸν πτωχὸν μισεῖ, καὶ φιλίας μακρὰν ἔσται.  
ἔννοια ἀγαθὴ τοῖς εἰδόσιν αὐτὴν ἐγγιεῖ, ἀνὴρ δὲ φρόνιμος εὐρήσει αὐτήν.  
ὁ πολλὰ κακοποιῶν τελεστουργεῖ κακίαν· ὃς δὲ ἐρεθίζει λόγους, οὐ σωθήσεται.

7 pas, hos adelphon ptōchon misei, kai philias makran estai.

Every one who brother a poor detests from friendship far shall be.

ennoia agathē tois eidosin autēn eggiei,  
insight Good to the ones perceiving it approaches;  
anēr de phronimos heurēsei autēn. ho polla kakopoiōn telesiourgei kakian;  
man and an intelligent shall find it. The many doing evil perfect a work of evil;  
hos de erethizei logous, ou sōthēsetai.  
and the one who aggravates by words shall not be delivered.

חִקְנָה־לֶב אַהֲבָנְפְשׂוֹ שְׁמָר תְּבוֹנָה לְמִצְאָתָב: 8

8. qoneh-leb 'oheb naph'sho shomer t'bunah lim'tso'-tob.

Prov19:8 He who gets heart loves his own soul;  
he who keeps understanding shall find good.

<8> ὁ κτώμενος φρόνησιν ἀγαπᾷ ἑαυτόν· ὃς δὲ φυλάσσει φρόνησιν, εὐρήσει ἀγαθά.

8 ho ktōmenos phronēsin agapā heauton;

The one acquiring intelligence loves himself;

hos de phylassei phronēsin, heurēsei agatha.

and the one that guards intelligence shall find good.

ט עַד שְׁקָרִים לֹא יִנְקַה וַיְפִיח בָּזִבִּים יִאֲבֹד: פ ٤٠

9. `ed sh'qarim lo' yinaqeh w'yaphiach k'zabim yo'bed.

**Prov19:9** A false witness shall not go unpunished, and he who tells lies shall perish.

<9> μάρτυς ψευδής οὐκ ἀτιμώρητος ἔσται·  
ὅς δ' ἂν ἐκκαύσῃ κακίαν, ἀπολεῖται ὑπ' αὐτῆς.  
9 martyς pseudēs ouk atimōrētos estai;  
witness A lying not unpunished shall be;  
hos d' an ekkausē kakian, apoleitai hyp' autēs.  
and who ever shall kindle evil shall perish by it.

רְאֵדָנוֹתָה לְכַסְיל תְּעִנּוֹג אָף כִּידְלַעְבָּד מִשְׁלָל בְּשָׁרִים: ٤-٥

10. lo'-na'weh lik'sil ta`anug 'aph ki-l`ebed m'shol b'sarim.

**Prov19:10** Luxury is not fitting for a fool; much less for a servant to rule over princes.

<10> οὐ συμφέρει ἄφρονι τρυφή, καὶ ἐὰν οἰκέτης ἀρξηται μεθ' ὕβρεως δυναστεύειν.  
10 ou sympherei aphroni tryphe,  
is not advantageous to a fool Luxury,  
kai ean oiketēs arxētai meth' hybreōs dynasteuein.  
nor is it seemly if a servant should begin by insult to be in power.

רְאֵשֶׁכֶל אָדָם הָאָרִיך אָפֹו וְתִפְאָרָתָהו עַבְרָעַל-פְּשָׁע: ٦-٧

11. sekel 'adam he'erik 'apo w'thiph'ar'to `abor `al-pasha`.

**Prov19:11** A man's discretion makes slow his anger,  
and his glory is to pass over a transgression.

<11> ἐλεήμων ἀνὴρ μακροθυμεῖ, τὸ δὲ καύχημα αὐτοῦ ἐπέρχεται παρανόμοις.  
11 eleēmōn anēr makrothymei, to de kauchēma autou eperchetai paranomois.  
A merciful man is lenient, and his boasting comes upon lawbreakers.

רְבָנָם כְּכָפֵיר זַעַפְמָלָק וּכְטָל עַל-עַשְׁבָרְצָנוֹ: ٨-٩

12. naham kak'phir za`aph melek uk'tal `al-`eseb r'tsono.

**Prov19:12** The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,  
but his favor is like dew on the grass.

<12> βασιλέως ἀπειλὴ ὄμοία βρυγμῷ λέοντος·  
ῶσπερ δὲ δρόσος ἐπὶ χόρτῳ, οὕτως τὸ ἱλαρὸν αὐτοῦ.  
12 basileōs apeilē homoa brygmō leontos;  
of a king The intimidation is likened to gnashing a lion's;  
hōsper de drosos epi chortō, houtōs to hilaron autou.

but as dew upon the grass so is his making one happy.

יְגַהֲתָ לְאָבִיו בֶן קָסֵל וְדָלָף טָרֵד מְדִינֵר אַשְׁחָה: 13

13. **hauoth l'abiu ben k'sil w'deleph tored mid'y'ney 'ishah.**

**Prov19:13** A foolish son is destruction to his father,  
and the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.

<13> αἰσχύνη πατρὶ νίὸς ἀφρων, καὶ οὐχ ἀγναὶ εὐχαὶ ἀπὸ μισθώματος ἔταιρας.

13 aischynē patri huios aphrōn,

is shame to a father son A foolish;

kai ouch hagnai euchai apo misthōmatos hetairas.

and are not pure vows paid out from the hire of a mistress.

יַד בֵּית וְהַן נְחַלָת אָבוֹת וּמִדְנָה אַשְׁחָה מְשֻׁכָּלה: 14

14. **bayith wahon nachalath 'aboth umeYahūwah 'ishah mas'kaleth.**

**Prov19:14** House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers,  
but a prudent wife is from יְהֻדָה.

<14> οἶκον καὶ ὑπαρξῖν μερίζουσιν πατέρες παισίν,  
παρὰ δὲ θεοῦ ἀρμόζεται γυνὴ ἀνδρί.

14 oikon kai hyparxin merizousin pateres paisin,

A house and a substance is portioned by fathers to children;

para de theou harmozetai gynē andri.

but by YHWH is accorded a wife to a man.

טו עַצְלָה טָפֵיל תְּרֵהֶמֶת וְנֶפֶשׁ רְמִיה תְּרַעַב: 15

15. **`ats'lah tapil tar'demah w'nephesh r'miah thir`ab.**

**Prov19:15** Laziness makes one fall into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

<15> δειλία κατέχει ἀνδρογύναιον, ψυχὴ δὲ ἀεργοῦ πεινάσει.

15 deilia katechei androgynaion, psychē de aer gou peinasei.

Dread holds down an effeminate man; and the soul of the idle hungers.

טֹז שָׁמֵר מְצֻנָה שָׁמֵר נֶפֶשׁ בּוֹזָה דָרְכֵיו יוּמָת: 16

16. **shomer mits'wah shomer naph'sho bozeh d'rakayu yumath.**

**Prov19:16** He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,  
but he who despises His ways shall die.

<16> ὃς φυλάσσει ἐντολήν, τηρεῖ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχήν.  
ο δὲ καταφρονῶν τῶν ἑαυτοῦ ὄδῶν ἀπολεῖται.

16 hos phylassei entolēn, tērei tēn heautou psychēn;

The one who keeps the commandment gives heed to his own soul;

ho de kataphronōn tōn heautou hodōn apoleitai.  
but the one disdaining his own way shall perish.

יְזִמְלֹה יְהֻנָּה חֹנֵן הַל וְגַם-לוֹ: 17

17. mal'weh Yahúwah chonen dal ug'mulo y'shalem-lo.

Prov19:17 One who is gracious to a poor man lends to קָרְבָּן,  
and He shall reward his dealing to him.

<17> δανίζει θεῷ ὁ ἐλεῶν πτωχόν, κατὰ δὲ τὸ δόμα αὐτοῦ ἀνταποδώσει αὐτῷ.

17 danizei theō ho eleōn ptōchon,  
lends to Elohim The one showing mercy on the poor;  
kata de to doma autou antapodōsei autō.  
and according to his gift he shall make recompense to him.

רְחִימֶת בָּנֶךְ כִּי-יִשְׁתַּקְוָה וְאֶל-הַמִּיתָּה אֶל-תְּשַׁא נְפַשְׁךָ: 18

18. yaser bin'ak ki-yesh tiq'wah w'el-hamitho 'al-tisa' naph'sheak.

Prov19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope,  
and do not set your soul on making him die.

<18> παιάδευε υἱόν σου, οὕτως γὰρ ἔσται εὔελπις.  
εἰς δὲ ὑβριν μὴ ἐπαίρου τῇ ψυχῇ σου.

18 paideue huion sou, houtōs gar estai euelpis;  
Correct your son! for thus he shall be confident;  
eis de hybrin mē epairou tē psychē sou.  
to but insult do not lift up the soul!

רְטָבֵל-חַמָּה נְשָׁא עֲנָשׂ כִּי אִם-תָּצִיל וְעַד תָּסִיף: 19

19. goral-chemah nose' onesh ki 'im-tatsil w'od tosiph.

Prov19:19 A man of great anger shall bear the penalty,  
for if you rescue him, you shall process it again.

<19> κακόφρων ἀνὴρ πολλὰ ζημιωθήσεται.  
ἔὰν δὲ λοιμεύηται, καὶ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ προσθήσει.

19 kakophrōn anēr polla zēmiōthēsetai;  
An evil-minded man much shall be penalized;  
ean de loimeuētai, kai tēn psychēn autou prosthēsei.  
and if there should be injury even his life he shall add.

כָּשָׁמַע עַצְחָה וְקִבְּלָה מִוסָּר לְמַעַן תְּחִפָּם בְּאַחֲרִיתָךְ: 20

20. sh'ma` `etsah w'qabel musar l'ma`an tech'kam b'acharithek.

Prov19:20 Listen to counsel and accept discipline,  
that you may be wise in your latter end.

<20> ἀκουε, οὐέ, παιδείαν πατρός σου, ἵνα σοφὸς γένη ἐπ' ἐσχάτων σου.

20 akoue, huie, paideian patros sou,

Hear, O son, the instruction of your father!

hina sophos genē ep' eschatōn sou.

that wise you should become wise unto your last days.

כִּי־בְּבָבֶת מַחְשָׁבֹת בְּלֹבֶד־אֲרֵשׂ וְעַצְתִּיחָזָה דָּרְיוֹתָה תְּקֻומָּה:

21. rabboth machashaboth b'leb-'ish wa`atsath Yahúwah hi' thaqum.

Prov19:21 Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of Yahúwah shall stand.

<21> πολλοὶ λογισμοὶ ἐν καρδίᾳ ἀνδρός, ἡ δὲ βουλὴ τοῦ κυρίου εἰς τὸν αἰώνα μένει.

21 polloi logismoi en kardiā andros,

Many devices are in the heart of a man;

hē de boulē tou kyriou eis ton aiōna menei.

but the counsel of YHWH into the eon abides.

כִּי־תְּאֹוֹת אָדָם חֶסְדָו וְטוֹבֶדֶשׂ מְאִישׁ קְזָבָה:

22. ta'awath 'adam chas'do w'tob-rash me'ish kazab.

Prov19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness, and it is better to be a poor man than a liar.

<22> καρπὸς ἀνδρὶ ἐλεημοσύνῃ, κρείσσων δὲ πτωχὸς δίκαιος ἢ πλούσιος ϕεύστης.

22 karpos andri eleemosynē, kreissōn de ptōchos dikaios ē plousios pseustēs.

is a fruit to a man Charity; but better a poor just man a rich liar.

כִּי־רָאָת יְהָוָה לְחַיִם וְשָׁבָע יְלִין בְּלִיְפָקֵד רָעָה:

23. yir'ath Yahúwah l'chayim w'sabe'a yalin bal-yipaqed ra`.

Prov19:23 The fear of Yahúwah leads to life; he shall rest satisfied;  
he shall be not visited with evil.

<23> φόβος κυρίου εἰς ζωὴν ἀνδρί,

ὁ δὲ ἄφοβος αὐλισθήσεται ἐν τόποις, οὐκ οὐκ ἐπισκοπεῖται γνῶσις.

23 phobos kyriou eis zōēn andri,

Fear of YHWH is life to a man;

ho de aphobos aulisthēsetai en topois, hou ouk episkopeitai gnōsis.

but the one without fear shall lodge in places where is not overseen knowledge.

כִּי־טָמֵן עַצְל יְדוֹ בְּצַלְחָת גָּמְלָל־פִּיהוֹ לֹא יִשְׁרַבְנָה:

24. taman `atsel yado batsalachath gam-'el-pihu lo' y'shibenah.

Prov19:24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,

but shall not even bring it back to his mouth.

<24> ὁ ἐγκρύπτων εἰς τὸν κόλπον αὐτοῦ χεῖρας ἀδίκως,

ούδὲ τῷ στόματι οὐ μὴ προσαγάγῃ αὐτάς.

24 ho egkryptōn eis ton kolpon autou cheiras adikōs,  
The man hiding in his enfolded arm his hands unjust,  
oude tō stomati ou mē prosagagē autas.  
not even to his mouth shall he in any way bring them.

כְּהַלֵּין תִּפְחֹה וְפִתְּחֵי יָעָרֶם וְחוֹכִים לְנַבּוֹן יָבִין דָּעַת:<sup>25</sup>

25. lets takeh uphethi ya`rim w'hokiach l'nabon yabin da`ath.

**Prov19:25** Strike a scoffer and the naive may become shrewd,  
but reprove one who has understanding and he shall gain knowledge.

〈25〉 λοιμοῦ μαστιγουμένου ἄφρων πανουργότερος γίνεται·  
ἔὰν δὲ ἐλέγχης ἄνδρα φρόνιμον, νοήσει αἴσθησιν.

25 loimou mastigoumenou aphrōn panourgoteros ginetai;  
of his mischievousness being whipped a fool more clever shall be;  
ean de elegchēs andra phronimon,  
but if you should reprove a man an intelligent  
noēsei aisthēsin.  
he shall comprehend for good sense.

כו מְשַׁחֲדָד־אָב בַּבְּרִים אָמֵן מְבִישׁ יִמְחַפֵּר:<sup>26</sup>

26. m'shaded-'ab yab'riach 'em ben mebish umach'pir.

**Prov19:26** He who assaults his father  
and drives his mother away is a shameful and disgraceful son.

〈26〉 οἱ ἀτιμάζων πατέρα καὶ ἀπωθούμενος μητέρα αὐτοῦ  
κατασχυνθήσεται καὶ ἐπονεύδιστος ἔσται.

26 ho atimazōn patera kai apōthoumenos mētera autou  
The one dishonoring his father, and thrusting away his mother,  
kataischynthēsetai kai eponeidistos estai.  
disgraced and reviled he shall be.

כֵּז חֲדָל־בָּנִי לְשָׁמֵעַ מוֹסֵר לְשָׁגֹת מְאֻמְרִיד־דָּעַת:<sup>27</sup>

27. chadal-b'ni lish'mo`a musar lish'goth me'im'rey-da`ath.

**Prov19:27** My son, cease to listen the instruction  
and you shall err from the words of knowledge.

〈27〉 σὺ ὃς ἀπολειπόμενος φυλάξαι παιδείαν πατρὸς μελετήσει ρήσεις κακάς.

27 huios apoleipomenos phylaxai paideian patros  
A son ceasing to guard the instruction of a father  
meletēsei hrēseis kakas.  
shall meditate upon sayings evil.

אַתָּה כִּי-אָמַרְתָּ לְפָנֵינוּ כִּי-אָמַרְתָּ לְפָנֵינוּ כִּי-אָמַרְתָּ<sup>28</sup>

כְּחַד בָּלִיעַל יְלֵץ מְשֻׁפֶּט וַיִּפְרֹשְׁׁעִים יְבָלָעַד־אָוֹן:

28. `ed b'lia`al yalits mish'pat uphi r'sha`im y'bala`-awen.

Prov19:28 A worthless witness scorns justice,  
and the mouth of the wicked spreads iniquity.

<28> ὁ ἐγγυόμενος παῖδα ἀφρονα καθυβρίζει δικαιώμα,  
στόμα δὲ ἀσεβῶν καταπίεται κρίσεις.

28 ho eggymenos paida aphrona kathybrizei dikaioma,  
The one guaranteeing a loan child of a foolish insults the ordinance;  
stoma de asebōn katapietai kriseis.  
and the mouth of the impious shall swallow down judgments.

כְּתַנְכּוֹנוֹ לְלִצְיִם שְׁפָטִים וּמְהֻלָּמוֹת לְגֹזֶן כְּסִילִים:  
29 nakonu laletsim sh'phatim umahalumoth l'gew k'silim.

Prov19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, and blows for the back of fools.

<29> ἔτοιμάζονται ἀκολάστοις μάστιγες καὶ τιμωρίαι ὥμοις ἀφρόνων.

29 hetoimazontai akolastois mastiges  
are prepared for the unrestrained The whips;  
kai timōriai ōmois aphronōn.  
and punishments in like manners for fools.