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A dark, horned demon with a ribcage and wings, standing on a sandy surface. The demon has large, curved horns, a ribcage visible through its dark skin, and large, dark wings with yellowish-orange spots. It is standing on a sandy, textured ground.

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- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:22

**בְּנֵי בֵּלְיָעַל**



# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

What do we know?

They were men of the city

They were a distinct group (certain sons of Beliya'al)

They demanded the man that they might “know” him (but is that what it really says?).



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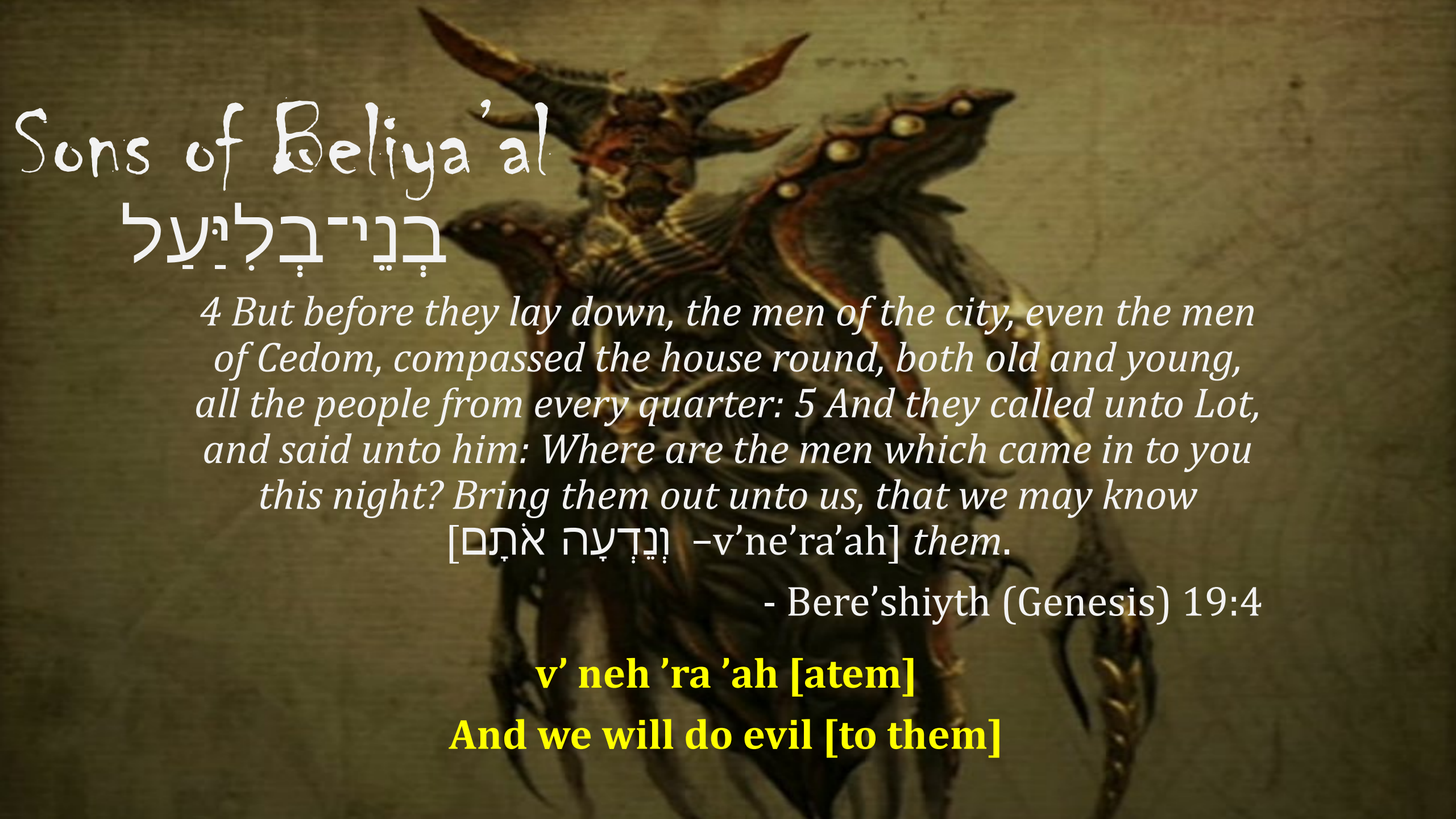
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Eyth-ha'ish asher-bo al-beyit'ka v'neh'ra'en'nu

The man should come from his house . . . **v'ne'ra'en'nu**

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**And we will do (the) evil of ours**



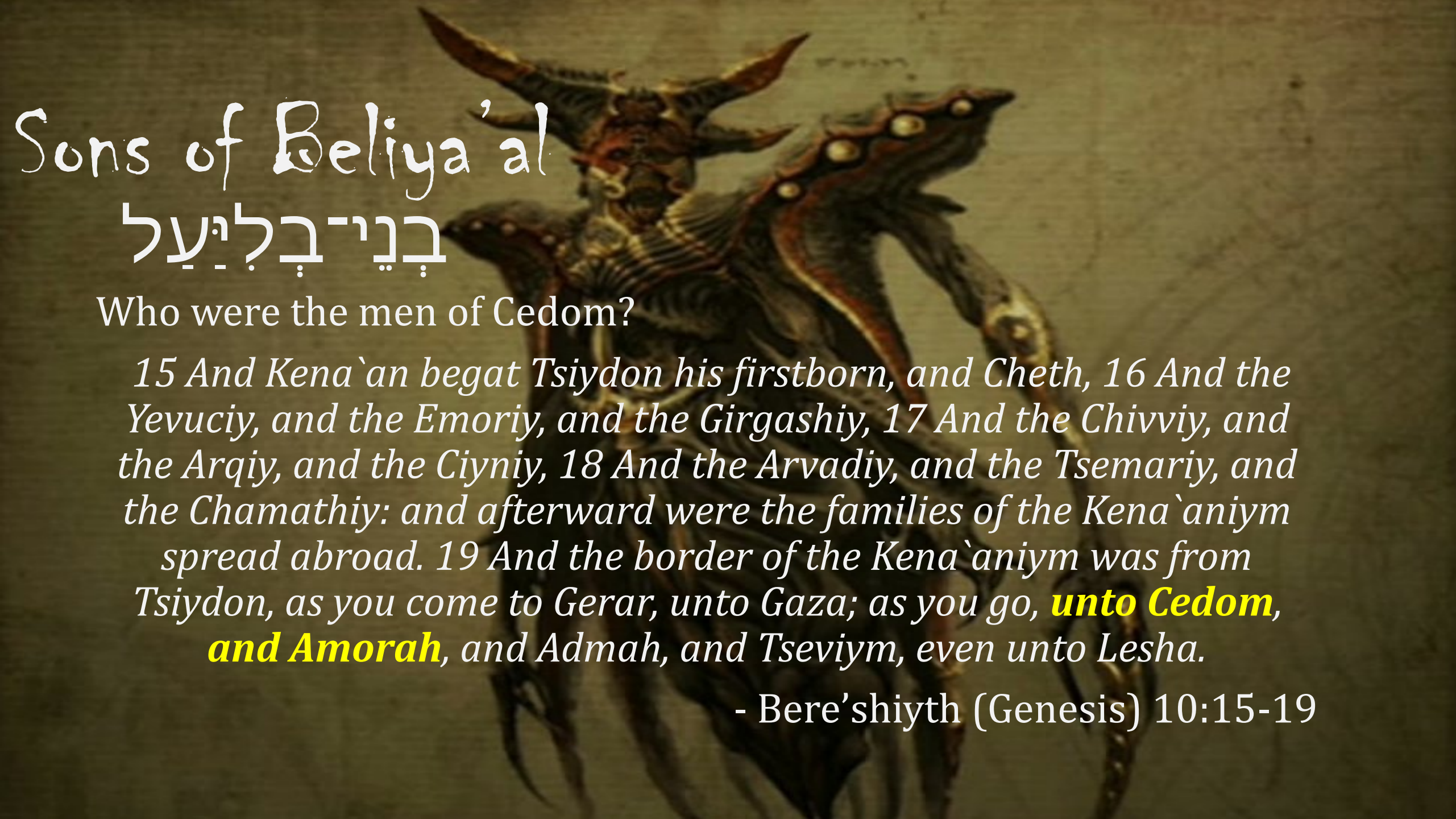
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*4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Cedom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him: Where are the men which came in to you this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know [וְנִדְעָה אֹתָם] -v'ne'ra'ah] them.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 19:4

**v' neh 'ra 'ah [atem]**

**And we will do evil [to them]**



# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

Who were the men of Cedom?

*15 And Kena'an begat Tsiydon his firstborn, and Cheth, 16 And the Yevuciy, and the Emoriy, and the Girgashiy, 17 And the Chivviy, and the Arqiy, and the Ciyniy, 18 And the Arvadiy, and the Tsemariy, and the Chamathiy: and afterward were the families of the Kena'anonym spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Kena'anonym was from Tsiydon, as you come to Gerar, unto Gaza; as you go, **unto Cedom, and Amorah**, and Admah, and Tseviym, even unto Lesha.*

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 10:15-19

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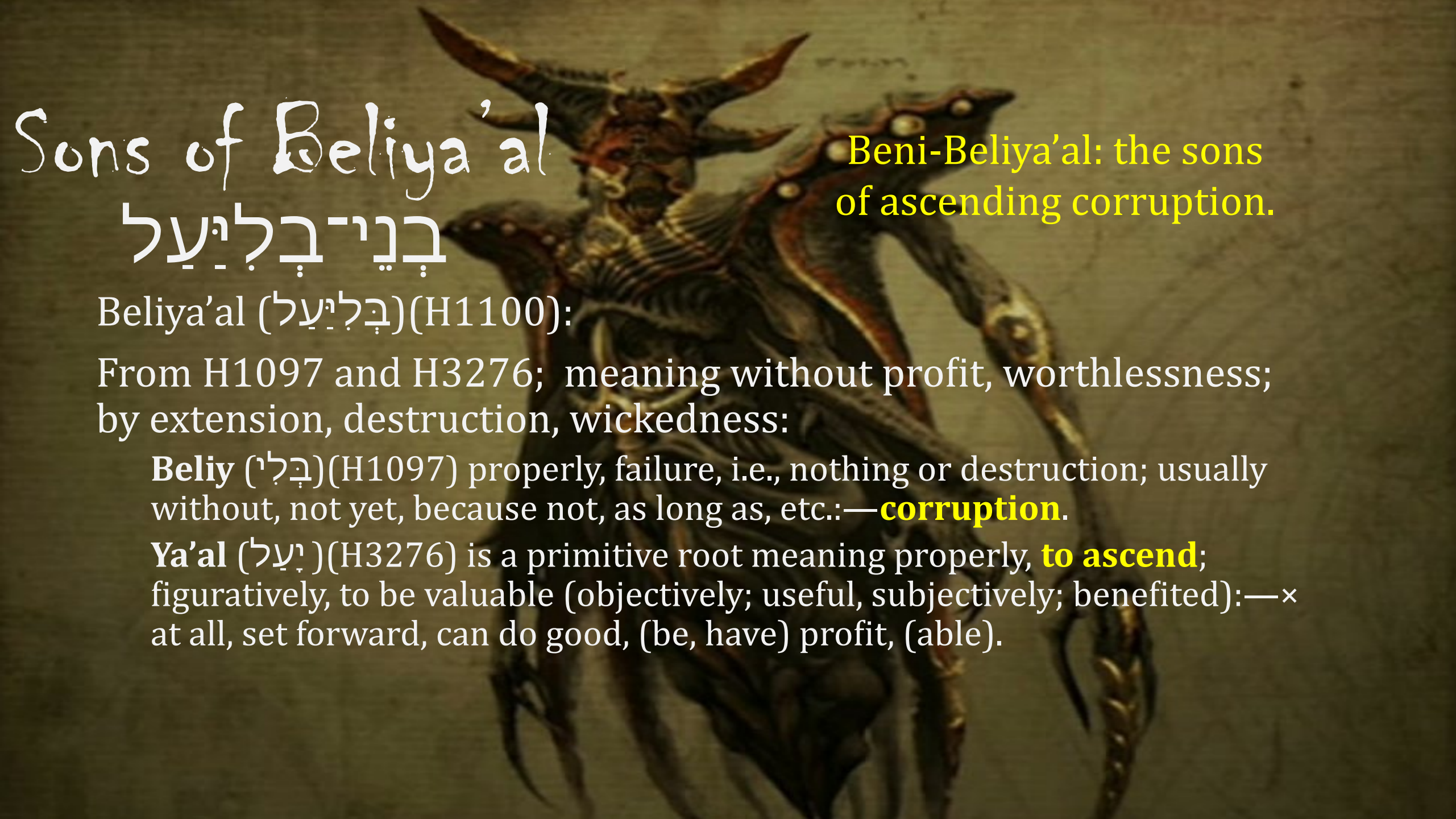
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It was the Cedomiym (Sodomites) who first said, "we will do evil". The beni-beliya'al would then say it again in the Cepher Shofetiym (book of Judges) and mean the same thing.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 10:15-19





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## בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

Beni-Beliya'al: the sons  
of ascending corruption.

Beliya'al (בְּלִיעַל)(H1100):

From H1097 and H3276; meaning without profit, worthlessness;  
by extension, destruction, wickedness:

**Beliy** (בְּלִי)(H1097) properly, failure, i.e., nothing or destruction; usually  
without, not yet, because not, as long as, etc.:—**corruption**.

**Ya'al** (יַעַל)(H3276) is a primitive root meaning properly, **to ascend**;  
figuratively, to be valuable (objectively; useful, subjectively; benefited):—×  
at all, set forward, can do good, (be, have) profit, (able).



# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

Beni-Beliya'al: the sons  
of ascending corruption.

*12 If you shall hear say in one of your cities, which Yahuah Elohayka has given you to dwell there, saying: 13 Certain men, **the children of Beliya'al**, [בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל] are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying: Let us go and serve other elohiym, which ye have not known; 14 Then shall you inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you; 15 You shall surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 13:12-15

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

(פִּלְגֶשׁ) pilegesh (H6370) or פִּלְגֶשׁ;  
of uncertain derivation; a concubine;  
also (masculine) a paramour:—  
concubine

A concubine is a woman who cohabits with a man without being legally married to him, or a woman contracted to a man as a secondary wife, often having few legal rights and low social status.

## NOW WE EMBARK ON A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

What do we know?

- We have the testimony of a single witness, who set forth the story in the form of an affidavit
- There is no contradicting testimony
- The crime is heinous, so the emotional impact may render a non-objective decision as to guilt
- The victim was a woman who was called a concubine.

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Yashar'el, that there was a certain **Leviyyi** sojourning on the side of Mount Ephrayim, who took to him a **concubine** out of Beyt Lechem Yahudah. 2 And his concubine played the whore against him and went away from him unto her father's house to Beyt Lechem Yahudah and was there four whole months. 3 And her man arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, 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.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:1-4

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law: Comfort your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. 6 And they sat down and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man: Be content, I pray you, and tarry all night, and let your heart be merry. 7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him: therefore, he lodged there again.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:5-7

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said: Comfort your heart, I pray you. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. 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 draws toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day grows to an end, lodge here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow get you early on your way, that you may go home. 10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Yevuc, which is Yerushalayim; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:8-10

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*11 And when they were by Yevuc, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his adoniy: Come, I pray you, and let us turn in into this city of the Yevuciym, and lodge in it. 12 And his adoniy said unto him: We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Yashar'el; we will pass over to Giv'ah. 13 And he said unto his servant: Come and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Giv'ah, or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Giv'ah, which belongs to Binyamiyn. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Giv'ah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:11-15

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening, which was also of Mount Ephrayim; and he sojourned in Giv'ah: but the men of the place were Bin Ha-Yamiyniy. 17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said: Whither do you go? And whence do you come? 18 And he said unto him: We are passing from Beyt Lechem Yahudah toward the side of Mount Ephrayim; from thence am I: and I went to Beyt Lechem Yahudah, but I am now going to the house of Yahuah; and there is no man that receives me to house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your handmaid, and for the young man which is with your servants: there is no want of anything. 20 And the old man said, Peace be with you; howsoever let all your wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. 21 So he brought him into his house and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet and did eat and drink.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:16-21



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- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:22-24

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*25 But the men would not hearken to him: so, the man took 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. 26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day and fell down at the door of the man's house where her adoniy was, till it was light. 27 And her adoniy 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, and her hands were upon the threshold. 28 And he said unto her: Up and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and got him unto his place.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:25-28

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Yashar'el. 30 And it was so, that all that saw it said: There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Yashar'el came up out of the land of Mitsrayim unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 19:22-24

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

## THESE ARE THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

What do we know?

- Was the concubine dead when the Leviyiy found her?
- Was there any culpability on the part of the Leviyiy in putting her outside with the sons of Beliya'al?
- Was the heinousness of the crime made worse by cutting up the body?
- Who were these sons of Beliya'al? And can we find them?

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*Then all the children of Yashar'el went out, and the assembly was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Be'er Sheva, with the land of Gil'ad, unto El-Yahuah in Mitspah. 2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Yashar'el, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of Elohiym, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. 3 (Now the children of Binyamiyn heard that the children of Yashar'el were gone up to Mitspah.) Then said the children of Yashar'el: Tell us, how was this wickedness?*

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:1-3*

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*4 And the Leviyiy, the man of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Giv'ah that belongs to Binyamiyn, I and my concubine, to lodge. 5 And **the men of Giv'ah** rose against me and beset the house round about upon me by night and thought to have slain me: and my concubine **have they forced, that she is dead.** 6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Yashar'el: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Yashar'el. 7 Behold, ye are all children of Yashar'el; give here your advice and counsel.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:4-7

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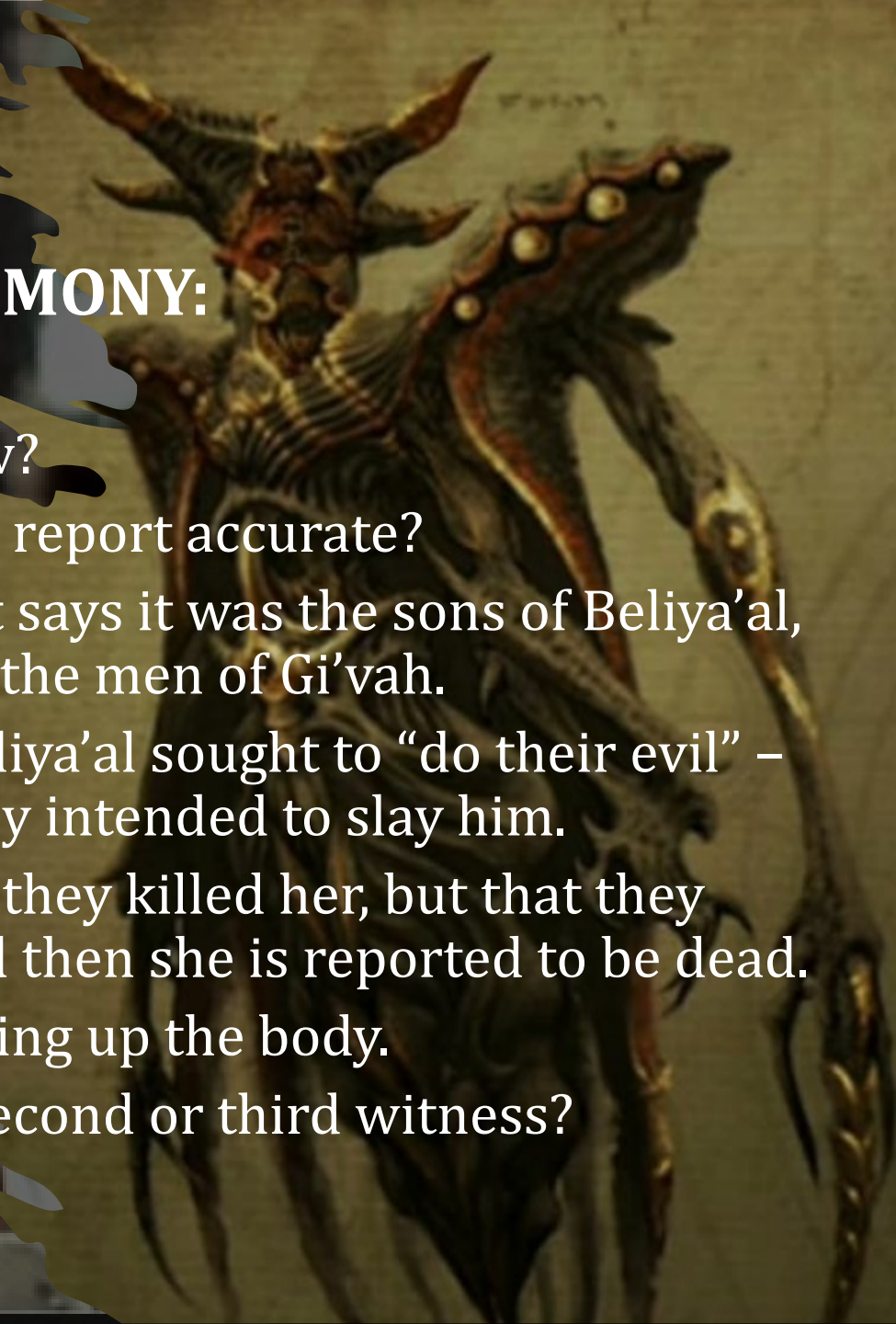
## בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness, he shall not be put to death.*  
-Devariym (Deuteronomy) 17:6

### IN THIS TESTIMONY:

What do we know?

- Is the Leviyiy's report accurate?
- The fact report says it was the sons of Beliya'al, but he reports the men of Gi'vah.
- The sons of Beliya'al sought to "do their evil" – but he says they intended to slay him.
- He doesn't say they killed her, but that they forced her. And then she is reported to be dead.
- He admits cutting up the body.
- Where is the second or third witness?





# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בֵלְיָעַל

*8 And all the people arose as one man (a mob), saying: We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house. 9 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Giv`ah; we will go up by lot against it; 10 And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Yashar`el, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Giv`ah of Binyamiyn, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Yashar`el. 11 So all the men of Yashar`el were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:8-11

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

## ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:

A long-standing rule of evidence in the common law recognizes that certain circumstances call for the exclusion of evidence which is of unquestioned relevance. These circumstances entail risks which include inducing decision on a purely emotional basis. Situations in this area call for balancing the probative value of and need for the evidence against the harm (like the incitement of a mob) likely to result from its admission. "Unfair prejudice" within its context means an undue tendency to suggest decision on an improper basis (like the gravity of the crime) although it may not necessarily be based on emotion. Does the assembly of Yashar'el here seem incited over the facts of this case? Did they meet the standard of Deuteronomy 17:6?

# Sons of Beliya'al

## בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

### ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:

Additionally, we know that if a person testifies about himself, that testimony is to be considered as false:

*Then spoke Yahusha again unto them, saying: I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Parashiym therefore said unto him: **You bear record of yourself; your record is not true.** 14 Yahusha answered and said unto them: Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 **It is also written in the statutes, describing that the testimony of two men is true.** 18 I am one that bears witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me.*

- Yochanon (John) 8:12-18

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*12 And the tribes of Yashar'el sent men through all the tribe of Binyamiyn, saying: What wickedness is this that is done among you? 13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Beliya'al, which are in Giv'ah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Yashar'el. But the children of Binyamiyn would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Yashar'el: 14 But the children of Binyamiyn gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Giv'ah, to go out to battle against the children of Yashar'el. 15 And the children of Binyamiyn were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Giv'ah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; everyone could sling stones at a hair breadth, and not miss. 17 And the men of Yashar'el, beside Binyamiyn, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:12-17

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*18 And the children of Yashar'el arose, and went up to the house of Elohiym, and asked counsel of Elohiym, and said: Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Binyamiyn? **And Yahuah said: Yahudah shall go up first.***

*19 And the children of Yashar'el rose up in the morning and encamped against Giv'ah. 20 And the men of Yashar'el went out to battle against Binyamiyn; and the men of Yashar'el put themselves in array to fight against them at Giv'ah. 21 And **the children of Binyamiyn came forth out of Giv'ah and destroyed down to the ground of Yashar'el that day twenty and two thousand men.***

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:18-21*

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*22 And the people the men of Yashar'el encouraged them-selves and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.*

*23 (And the children of Yashar'el went up and wept before Yahuah until even, and asked counsel of Yahuah, saying: Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Bin-yamiyn my brother? And Yahuah said: Go up against him.) 24 And the children of Yashar'el came near against the children of Binyamiyn the second day.*

*25 And Binyamiyn went forth against them out of Giv'ah the second day and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Yashar'el again **eighteen thousand men**; all these drew the sword.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:22-25

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*26 Then all the children of Yashar'el, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of Elohiym, and wept, and sat there be-fore Yahuah, and fasted that day until even, and offered ascending smoke offerings and peace offerings before Yahuah. 27 And the children of Yashar'el inquired of Yahuah, (for the Ark of the Covenant of Elohiym was there in those days, 28 And Piynechac, the son of El'azar, the son of Aharon, stood before it in those days,) saying: Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Binyamiyn my brother, or shall I cease? And Yahuah said: Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.*

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:26-28*

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*29 And Yashar'el set liers in wait round about Giv'ah. 30 And the children of Yashar'el went up against the children of Binyamiyn on the third day, and put themselves in array against Giv'ah, as at other times. 31 And the children of Binyamiyn went out against the people and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goes up to the house of Elohiym, and the other to Giv'ah in the field, about thirty men of Yashar'el. 32 And the children of Binyamiyn said: They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Yashar'el said: Let us flee and draw them from the city unto the highways.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:29-32



# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*33 And all the men of Yashar'el rose up out of their place and put themselves in array at Ba'al Tamar: and the liars in wait of Yashar'el came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Giv'ah. 34 And there came against Giv'ah ten thousand chosen men out of all Yashar'el, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them. 35 And **Yahuah smote Binyamiyn before Yashar'el: and the children of Yashar'el destroyed of the Bin Ha-Yamiyniy that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the sword.***

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:33-35

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיעַל

*36 So the children of Binyamiyn saw that they were smitten: for the men of Yashar'el gave place to the Bin Ha-Yamiyniy, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Giv'ah. 37 And the liers in wait hasted and rushed upon Giv'ah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Yashar'el and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. 39 And when the men of Yashar'el retired in the battle, Binyamiyn began to smite and kill of the men of Yashar'el about thirty persons: for they said: Surely, they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Bin Ha-Yamiyniy looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.*

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:36-40*

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*41 And when the men of Yashar'el turned again, the men of Binyamiyn were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. 42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Yashar'el unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. 43 Thus they enclosed the Bin Ha-Yamiyniym round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Giv'ah toward the sunrising. 44 And there fell of Binyamiyn eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor.*

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:41-44*

# Sons of Beliya'al בְּנֵי-בְלִיַּעַל

*45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gid`om and slew two thousand men of them. 46 So that all which fell that day of Binyamiyn were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47 But **six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon**, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.*

*48 And the men of Yashar`el turned again upon the children of Binyamiyn, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well **the men of every city**, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they **set on fire all the cities** that they came to.*

- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:45-48

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*45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gid`om and slew two thousand men of them. 46 So that all which fell that day of Binyamiyn were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47 But **six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon**, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.*

*48 And the men of Yashar`el turned again upon the children of Binyamiyn, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well **the men of every city**, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they **set on fire all the cities** that they came to.*

*- Shofetiym (Judges) 20:41-44*

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### CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER:

So:

- Is it reasonable to believe that the sons of Beliya'al were the initiators of this crime?
- Did the Leviyy have motive to contribute to the ultimate heinousness of this crime?
- Did the House of Yashar'el correctly adjudicate this crime?
- Do we know exactly who survived the onslaught?
  - Do we know whether the survivors (the six hundred who fled) were actually the sons of Beliya'al?
  - Or were they actually of the tribe of Binyamin?

