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- There was an Leviyiy out of Beyt Lechem (Shofetiym 19:1)
- There was an old man who took him in (Shofetiym 19:16)
- The events took place in the city of Givah (Shofetiym 19:12)
- The sons of Beliya'al came to the door to make demands (Shofetiym 19:22)
- The number of chosen men in Givah were 700 (Shofetiym 20:15)
- The men were all left-handed and expert with slings (Shofetiym 20:16)



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- The other 200 went up to Shiloh to find wives from those dancing on the yearly feast (Shofetiym 21:19)



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From this we learned:

- The tribe of Benjamin was built on the 600 men who had fled and their wives from tribes outside the house of Yashar'el (Shofetiym 21:18)
- The village of Yaveysh Gil'ad was slaughtered (Shofetiym 21:10)
- The Leviyi was apparently vindicated (Shofetiym 19:29-30)

But this is one side of the story. Is there another?



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The other story

And there was a man of Mount Ephrayim, whose name was Miykayahu. 2 And he said unto his mother: The eleven hundred sheqels of silver that were taken from you, about which you cursed, and spoke of also in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said: Blessed be you of Yahuah, my son. 3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred sheqels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto Yahuah from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto you.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 17:1-3



4 You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

- Shemoth (Exodus) 20:4

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4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred sheqels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Miykayahu.5 And the man Miykah had a house of elohiym, and made an ephod, and Teraphiym, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Yashar'el, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 17:4-6



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What is a Teraphiym?

terâphîym (תִּרְפִּים) (H8655) is the plural from H7495; a healer; Teraphim (singular or plural) **a family idol**: images, teraphim.

H7495 (רָפָא) râphâh; a primitive root; meaning, to mend (by **stitching**), i.e. (figuratively) to cure.

And Lavan went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the Teraphiym that were her father's.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 31:19



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40 And Rachel stole her father's images, and she took them, and she concealed them upon the camel upon which she sat, and she went on. 41 And this is the manner of the images; in taking a man who is the firstborn and slaying him and taking the hair off his head, and taking salt and salting the head and anointing it in oil, then taking a small tablet of copper or a tablet of gold and writing the name upon it, and placing the tablet under his tongue, and taking the head with the tablet under the tongue and putting it in the house, and lighting up lights before it and bowing down to it. 42 And at the time when they bow down to it, it speaks to them in all matters that they ask of it, through the power of the name which is written in it.

- Yashar (Jasher) 31:40-43



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43 And some make them in the figures of men, of gold and silver, and go to them in times known to them, and the figures receive the influence of the stars, and tell them future things, and in this manner were the images which Rachel stole from her father.

- Yashar (Jasher) 31:43

And in this manner Miykayahu made himself an image of a Teraphiym.



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7 And there was a young man out of Beyt Lechem Yahudah of the family of Yahudah, who was a Leviyyi, and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city from Beyt Lechem Yahudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to Mount Ephrayim to the house of Miykah, as he journeyed.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 17:7-8

- We have here a Leviyyi traveling out of Beyt Lechem ✓



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9 And Miykah said unto him: Whence do you come? And he said unto him: I am a Leviyiy of Beyt Lechem Yahudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. 10 And Miykah said unto him: Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten sheqels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and your victuals. So the Leviyiy went in. 11 And the Leviyiy was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 17:9-11

- An old man (had a son old enough to be a priest) took him in ✓



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In those days there was no king in Yashar'el: and in those days the tribe of the Daniym sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Yashar'el. 2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valor, from Tsor'ah, and from Eshta'ol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them: Go, search the land: who when they came to Mount Ephrayim, to the house of Miykah, they lodged there.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 18:1-2



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When they were by the house of Miykah, they knew the voice of the young man the Leviyiy: and they turned in thither, and said unto him: Who brought you hither? And what make you in this place? And what have you here? 4 And he said unto them: Thus and thus deals Miykah with me, and has hired me, and I am his priest. 5 And they said unto him: Ask counsel, we pray you, of Elohiym, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them: Go in peace: before Yahuah is your way wherein ye go.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 18:3-6

The men at the house make a demand on the Leviyiy ✓



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Then the five men departed, and came to Layish [not Yaveysh Gi'lad], and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Tsiydoniym, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in anything; and they were far from the Tsiydoniym and had no business with any man. 8 And they came unto their brethren to Tsor`ah and Eshta'ol: and their brethren said unto them: What say ye? 9 And they said: Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good: and are ye still? Be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land. 10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for Elohiym has given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 18:7-10



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*11 And there went from thence of the family of the Daniym, out of Tsor`ah and out of Eshta'ol, **six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.** 12 And they went up, and pitched in Qiryat Ye`ariym, in Yahudah: wherefore they called that place Machaneh`Dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Qiryat Ye`ariym. 13 And they passed thence unto Mount Ephrayim and **came unto the house of Miykah.***

- Shofetiym (Judges) 18:11-13

600 men appointed with weapons of war ✓



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14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Layish, and said unto their brethren: Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and Teraphiym, and a graven image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned thitherward and came to the house of the young man the Leviyiy, even unto the house of Miykah, and saluted him. 16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

- Shofetiym (Judges) 18:14-16



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17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the Teraphiym, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war. 18 And these went into Miykah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the Teraphiym, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them: What do ye? 19 And they said unto him: Hold your peace, lay your hand upon your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for you to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that you be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Yashar'el? 20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the Teraphiym, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

Shofetiym (Judges) 18:17-20



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22 And when they were a good way from the house of Miykah, the men that were in the houses near to Miykah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Miykah: What ails you, that you come with such a company? 24 And he said: Ye have taken away my elohiym which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? And what is this that ye say unto me: What ails you?

Shofetiym (Judges) 18:22-24



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*25 And the children of Dan said unto him: Let not your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Miykah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. 27 And they took **אֵל** the things which Miykah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Layish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword and burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Tsiydon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lies by Beyt Rechov. And they built a city and dwelt therein. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Yashar'el: howbeit the name of the city was Layish at the first.*

Shofetiym (Judges) 18:25-29



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30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Yahunathan, the son of Gershem, the son of Menashsheh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 And they set them up Miykah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of Elohiym was in Shiyloh.

Shofetiym (Judges) 18:30-31



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- Who were the 600 men who fled from the onslaught of Yahudah?
- Was Yaveysh Gil'ad where the men, women and children were slaughtered the village in the country of Layesh?
- Who were the 400 of the 600 who had fled that took the 400 virgins of Yaveysh Gil'ad?
- Who were the other 200 men who went up to Shiloh to find wives?
- Were the sons of Beliya'al really the Daniym, out of Tsor'ah and out of Eshta'ol?



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Who are the
Daniym?

And when Rachel saw that she bore Ya`aqov no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto El` Ya`aqov: Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Ya`aqov's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said: Am I in Elohiym's stead, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb? 3 And she said: Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to be his woman: and Ya`aqov went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bore Ya`aqov a son. 6 And Rachel said, Elohiym has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 30:1-6



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Who are the
Daniym?

You may recall that Rachel had fled her father Laban's house with his Teraphim (shrunken heads) and hid them in the camel furniture!
(Bere'shiyth 31:19, 34)

How did Yahuah judge her?

- She remained childless until she provided Ya'aqov with Bilhah
- She was the first to offer Ya'aqov a concubine
- Her first son would be loved by Ya'aqov but hated by his brothers
- The birth of her second son would take her life
- Her second son would be completely replaced by Dan, the son of Bilhah
- Her first son would marry the birthright with Egyptian blood.



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Rachel's Sons

This may not have been Rachel's only sin!

And Elohiym remembered Rachel, and Elohiym hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, Elohiym has taken away my reproach: 24 And she called his name Yoceph; and said, Yahuah shall add to me another son.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 30:22-24



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Rachel's Sons

Yet Ya`aqov may have lost his ability to father:

24 And Ya`aqov was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Ya`aqov's thigh [יֶרֶךְ yârêk H3409] was out of joint [יָקַע yâqa' H3363], as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said: Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let you go, except you bless me. 27 And he said unto him: What is your name? And he said: Ya`aqov. 28 And he said: Your name shall be called no more Ya`aqov, but Yashar`el: for as a prince have you power with Elohiym and with men and have prevailed.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 32:24-28



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Rachel's Sons

Later, however, Rachel gives birth again

16 And they journeyed from Beyt^o El; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrathah: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; you shall have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben^o Oniy [son of my sorrow]: but his father called him Binyamiyn [son of my right hand]. 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrathah, which is Beyt Lechem. 20 And Ya`aqov set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 35:16-20



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Rachel's Sons

A closer look reveals something else

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-Oniy [son of my sorrow]; but his father called him Binyamiyn [son of my right hand].

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 35:18

(בְּנֵי־מִין) Binyâmîyn (Strong's H1144) son of (the) right hand; Binjamin, youngest son of Jacob; also the tribe descended from him, and its territory:—Benjamin.

- From H1121 (בֵּן) bēn, meaning a son
- And H3225 (יָמִין) yâmîyn, meaning the right hand or side (leg, eye) of a person or other object (as the stronger and more dexterous); locally, the south:—



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A closer look reveals something else:

Ben-Yamiyn can also mean "the son of Yamiyn"

Was there such a character?



*12 The sons of Shim'on after their families: of Nemu'el, the family of the Nemu'eliym: of **Yamiyn**, the family of the Yamiyniym: of Yakiyn, the family of the Yakiyniym:*

Bemidbar (Numbers) 26:12

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Why would the tribe of Binyamiyn be destroyed?

Now the men of Yashar'el had sworn seven oaths in Mitspah, saying: There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Binyamiyn to be his woman. 2 And the people came to the house of Elohiym, and abode there till even before Elohiym, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore; 3 And said,

O Yahuah Elohai of Yashar'el, why is this come to pass in Yashar'el, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Yashar'el?

Shofetiym (Judges) 21:1-2



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Who are the
Daniym?

Dan (דן) (dawn) Strong's Hebrew Dictionary H1835

Meaning to judge; Dan, one of the sons of Jacob; also the tribe descended from him, and its territory; likewise a place in Palestine colonized by them:—Daniel

From H1777 (דן) Diyn - which is a primitive root meaning to rule; by implication to judge (as umpire); also to strive (as at law): to contend, to execute (judgment), judge, minister, judgment, plead (the cause) at strife, or strive.



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Who are the
Daniym?

*16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes
of Yashar'el. 17 Dan shall be **a serpent by the way,
an adder in the path, that bites the horse heels, so
that his rider shall fall backward.** 18 I have waited
for your yeshu`ah, O Yahuah.*

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 49:16-18

Dan would be a "pirate"!



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Who are the
Daniym?



And this is the blessing, wherewith Mosheh the man of Elohiym blessed the children of Yashar'el before his death.

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22 And of Dan he said: Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

Devariym (Deuteronomy) 33:1, 22

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The Covenant of Seven Oaths

43 And Lavan answered and said unto El Ya`aqov: These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that you see is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? 44 Now therefore come, let us cut a covenant, I and you; and let it be for a witness between me and you. 45 And Ya`aqov took a stone and set it up for a pillar. 46 And Ya`aqov said unto his brethren: Gather stones; and they took stones and made a heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. 47 And Lavan called it Yegar Sahadutha: but Ya`aqov called it Gal`ed.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 31:43-47

Recall that Yaveysh Gil`ad was the village in the where the virgins were taken. There were daughters of Laban.



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The Covenant of Seven Oaths

48 And Lavan said: This heap is a witness between me and you this day. Therefore was the name of it called Gal`ed; 49 And Mitspah; for he said, Yahuah watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another. 50 If you shall afflict my daughters, or if you shall take other women beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, Elohiym is witness betwixt me and you. 51 And Lavan said to Ya`aqov: Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and you; 52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. 53 The Elohai of Avraham, and the Elohai of Nachor, the Elohai of their father, judge betwixt us. And Ya`aqov swore seven oaths by the fear of his father Yitschaq.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 31:48-53



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What can be concluded:

- The 600 men who fled from the onslaught of Yahudah (Shof. 20:47) were actually of the house of Dan (Shof. 18:17)
- The men, women and children of Yaveysh Gil'ad were slaughtered for failing to participate in the war (Shof. 21:10) were actually the people of Layish slaughtered by the 600 men of Dan (Shof. 18:7)
- The one telling the story of the rape of the concubine was likely Miykayahu, not the Leviyyi, because he was gone. (Shof. 18:20)



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What can be concluded:

- Miykayahu attempted to recover his “Elohiym” by force and failed. (Shof. 18:22), so he had motive to seek reinforcements!
- The Levii'y had no concubine, but Miykayahu had a daughter. (Shof 19:24 “24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden,”) – was she actually the one who was dismembered?
- The story of the rape is conspicuously the story of Lot (Shof. 19:22)



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What can be concluded:

- The house of Binyamiyn rejected the accusation and made war to the last man as a result.
- The house of Yahudah then violated the covenant of Ya'aqov with Laban, destroying a village and taking virgins.
- The only remainder of Binyamiyn was in fact the men of Dan who married the virgins of the house of Laban.
- Binyamiyn was therefore completely destroyed (save those who may have left Egypt before the Exodus).
- Dan again judged Rachel.





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