

Vayechi, Haftarah, December 30, 2023

I Kings 2:1-12

(1) When David's life was drawing to a close, he instructed his son Solomon as follows: (2) "I am going the way of all the earth; be strong and show yourself a man. (3) Keep the charge of the ETERNAL your God, walking in God's ways and following God's laws, commandments, rules, and admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn. (4) Then GOD will fulfill the promise that was made concerning me: 'If your descendants are scrupulous in their conduct, and walk before Me faithfully, with all their heart and soul, your line on the throne of Israel shall never end!' (5) "Further, you know what Joab

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(א) וַיִּקְרְבוּ יְמֵי־דָוִד לָמוֹת וַיֵּצֵא
אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנוֹ לְאֹמֶר: (ב) אֲנֹכִי
הֵלֵךְ בְּדַרְךְ כָּל־הָאָרֶץ וְחַזַּקְתָּ
וְהָיִיתָ לְאִישׁ: (ג) וּשְׁמַרְתָּ
אֶת־מִשְׁמֶרֶת | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת
בְּדַרְכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר חֻקֹּתַי מִצְוֹתַי
וּמִשְׁפָּטַי וְעֲדוֹתַי כַּכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרַת
מֹשֶׁה לְמַעַן תִּשְׁפִּיל אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
תַּעֲשֶׂה וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר תִּפְגַּח שָׁם:
(ד) לְמַעַן יָקִים יְהוָה אֶת־דְּבָרוֹ
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עָלַי לְאֹמֶר אִם־יִשְׁמְרוּ
בְּנֵיךָ אֶת־דַּרְכֶּם לְלַכֵּת לְפָנַי בְּאַמֻּת
בְּכָל־לְבָבָם וּבְכָל־נַפְשָׁם לְאֹמֶר
לֹא־יִכָּרֵת לְךָ אִישׁ מֵעַל כִּסֵּא
יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) וְגַם אֶתָּה יִדְעָתָ אֵת
אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לִי יוֹאָב בֶּן־צְרוּיָה
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְשֵׁנַי־שָׂרֵי צְבָאוֹת

son of Zeruah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of Israel's forces, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether: he killed them, shedding blood of war in peacetime, staining the girdle of his loins and the sandals on his feet with blood of war. (6) So act in accordance with your wisdom, and see that his white hair does not go down to Sheol in peace. (7) "But deal graciously with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, for they befriended me when I fled from your brother Absalom; let them be among those that eat at your table. (8) "You must also deal with Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. He insulted me outrageously when I was on my way to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by GOD: 'I will not put you to the sword.' (9) So do not let him go unpunished; for you are a shrewd man and you will

יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַבְנֵר בֶּן־נֵר וְלַעֲמָשָׂא
בֶּן־יֶתֶר וַיַּהַרְגֵם וַיִּשָּׂם דְּמֵי־מַלְחָמָה
בְּשָׁלֹם וַיִּתֵּן דְּמֵי מַלְחָמָה בַּחֲגֹרְתּוֹ
אֲשֶׁר בְּמַתְנָיו וּבַנְּעָלוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּרַגְלָיו:
(ו) וַעֲשִׂיתָ כְּחַכְמָתְךָ וְלֹא־תוֹרֵד
שִׁיבְתוֹ בְּשָׁלֹם שְׂאֵל: (ז) וְלִבְנֵי
בְּרוּזַי הַגִּלְעָדִי תַעֲשֶׂה־חֶסֶד וְהָיוּ
בְּאִכְלֵי שְׁלֹחֶנְךָ כִּי־כֹן קָרְבוּ אֵלַי
בְּבָרְחֵי מִפְּנֵי אַבְשָׁלוֹם אַחִיד: (ח)
וְהִנֵּה עִמָּךְ שְׁמַעִי בֶן־גֵּרָא
בֶּן־הַיְמִינִי מִבְּחָרִים וְהוּא קָלְלָנִי
קָלְלָה נְמוּרָצַת בַּיּוֹם לְכַתִּי מִחַנֵּים
וְהוּא־יֵרֵד לְקַרְאֹתִי הִירְדּוֹן וְאֶשָּׁבַע
לּוֹ בַיהוָה לֹא־אֲמַר אִם־אֶמִּיתְךָ
בְּחָרְב: (ט) וְעַתָּה אֶל־תִּנְקְהוּ כִּי
אִישׁ חָכָם אַתָּה וַיִּדְעַתָּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר
תַעֲשֶׂה־לּוֹ וְהוֹרַדְתָּ אֶת־שִׁיבְתוֹ בַּדָּם
שְׂאוּל: (י) וַיִּשְׁכַּב דָּוִד עִם־אֲבֹתָיו
וַיִּקָּבֵר בְּעִיר דָּוִד: {פ} (יא) וְהַיְמָיִם
אֲשֶׁר מֶלֶךְ דָּוִד עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל
אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בְּחֶבְרוֹן מֶלֶךְ שִׁבְעַ

know how to deal with him and send his gray hair down to Sheol in blood.” (10) So David rested with his ancestors, and he was buried in the City of David. (11) The length of David’s reign over Israel was forty years: he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. (12) And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

שָׁנִים וּבִירוֹשָׁלַם מֶלֶךְ שְׁלֹשִׁים
וְשָׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים: (יב) וְשִׁלְמָה יָשָׁב
עַל-כִּסֵּא דָוִד אָבִיו וַתִּכֶן מַלְכָּתוֹ
מֵאֵד: {ס}