

## Haftarah: Pesach Day 2

[2 Kings]

(23)1: The king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Yehudah and of Yerushalayim.

2: The king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Yehudah and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great:

and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant

which was found in the house of the LORD. 3: The king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments,

and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant.

4: The king commanded Chilkiyah the high priest,

and the deputy priests, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven,

and he burned them outside of Yerushalayim in the fields of the Kidron, and carried the ashes of them to Beit-El.

5: He put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Yehudah had ordained

to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Yehudah, and in the places round about Yerushalayim; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6: He brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD, outside of Yerushalayim, to the brook Kidron,

and burned it at the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust, and cast the dust of it

on the graves of the common people. 7: He broke down the houses of the male prostitutes, that were in the house of the LORD,

where the women wove hangings for the Asherah.

8: He brought all the priests out of the cities of Yehudah,

וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאסְפוּ אֵלָיו כָּל־זִקְנֵי יְהוּדָה וִירוּשָׁלָּם:

וַיַּעַל הַמֶּלֶךְ בֵּית־יְהוָה וְכָל־אִישׁ יְהוּדָה וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל

וִירוּשָׁלָּם אִתּוֹ וְהַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַנְּבִיאִים וְכָל־הָעָם לְמִקְטָן

וְעַד־גָּדוֹל וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם אֶת־כָּל־דְּבָרֵי סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית

הַנִּמְצָא בְּבֵית יְהוָה: וַיַּעֲמֵד הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־הָעַמּוּד וַיְכַרֵּת

אֶת־הַבְּרִית | לְפָנָי יְהוָה לְלָכֶת אַחַר יְהוָה וּלְשָׁמֵר מִצְוֹתָיו

וְאֶת־עֲדוּתָיו וְאֶת־חֻקֹּתָיו בְּכָל־לֵב וּבְכָל־נַפֶּשׁ לְהִקְיָם

אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת הַכְּתוּבִים עַל־הַסֵּפֶר הַזֶּה וַיַּעֲמֵד

כָּל־הָעָם בְּבְרִית: וַיִּצַו הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־חִלְקִיָּהוּ הַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל

וְאֶת־כֹּהֲנֵי הַמִּשְׁנָה וְאֶת־שֹׁמְרֵי הַסֹּף לְהוֹצִיא מֵהֵיכַל יְהוָה

אֵת כָּל־הַכֵּלִים הָעֲשׂוּיִם לַבַּעַל וּלְאֲשֵׁרָה וּלְכָל צָבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם

וַיִּשְׂרְפֵם מִחוּץ לְיִירוּשָׁלָּם בְּשַׂדְמוֹת קִדְרוֹן וַנִּשָּׂא אֶת־עַפְרָם

בְּיַת־אֵל: וְהִשְׁבִּית אֶת־הַכֹּמָרִים אֲשֶׁר נָתַנוּ מַלְכֵי יְהוּדָה

וַיִּקְטֹר בַּבַּמֹּת בְּעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וּמִסָּבִי יִירוּשָׁלָּם וְאֶת־הַמִּקְטָרִים

לַבַּעַל לְשֶׁמֶשׁ וּלְיָרֵחַ וּלְמַזְלוֹת וּלְכָל צָבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם: וַיִּצֵּא

אֶת־הָאֲשֵׁרָה מִבֵּית יְהוָה מִחוּץ לְיִירוּשָׁלָּם אֶל־נַחַל קִדְרוֹן

וַיִּשְׂרֹף אֹתָהּ בְּנַחַל קִדְרוֹן וַיִּדַּק לְעָפָר וַיִּשְׁלֹךְ אֶת־עַפְרָהּ

עַל־קִבְרֵי בְנֵי הָעָם: וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־בֵּיתֵי הַקְּדֻשִׁים אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית

יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הַנְּשִׂים אֲרָגוֹת שָׁם בָּתִּים לְאֲשֵׁרָה: וַיִּבֵּא

and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense,

from Geva to Beer-Sheva; and he broke down the high places of the gates

that were at the entrance of the gate of Yehoshua the governor of the city,

which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9: Nevertheless the priests of the high places couldn't come up to the altar of the LORD in Yerushalayim, but they ate matzah among their brothers.

אֶת־כָּל־הַכֹּהֲנִים מֵעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וַיִּטְמְאוּ אֶת־הַבָּמֹת אֲשֶׁר  
קָטְרוּ־שָׁמָּה הַכֹּהֲנִים מִגִּבְעַ עַד־בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע וְנָתַן אֶת־בָּמֹת  
הַשָּׁעָרִים אֲשֶׁר־פָּתַח שָׁעַר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ שֶׁר־הָעִיר  
אֲשֶׁר־עַל־שְׂמֹאל אִישׁ בְּשַׁעַר הָעִיר: <sup>9</sup> אָךְ לֹא יָעֲלוּ כַּהֲנֵי  
הַבָּמֹת אֶל־מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה בִּירוּשָׁלַם כִּי אִם־אָכְלוּ מִצֹּת בְּתוֹךְ  
אֲחֵיהֶם:

21: The king commanded all the people, Offer the Pesach to the LORD your God,

as it is written in this book of the covenant. 22: Surely there was not kept such a Pesach

from the days of the judges who judged Yisrael, nor in all the days of the kings of Yisrael, nor of the kings of Yehudah;

23: but in the eighteenth year of king Yoshiyahu

was this Pesach kept to the LORD in Yerushalayim.

24: Moreover those who had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations

that were seen in the land of Yehudah and in Yerushalayim, did Yoshiyahu put away,

that he might fulfill the words of the Teaching which were written in the book

that Chilkiah the priest had found in the house of the LORD. 25: Like him was there no king before him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might,

according to all the law of Moshe; neither after him arose there any like him.

וַיִּצְוֵ הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם לֵאמֹר עֲשׂוּ פֶסַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
כַּכְּתוּב עַל סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית הַזֶּה: <sup>22</sup> כִּי לֹא נַעֲשָׂה כַפֶּסַח הַזֶּה  
מִיָּמֵי הַשֹּׁפֵטִים אֲשֶׁר שָׁפְטוּ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכֹל יָמֵי מַלְכֵי  
יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמַלְכֵי יְהוּדָה: <sup>23</sup> כִּי אִם־בְּשָׁמְנָה עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה לַמֶּלֶךְ  
יֹאשִׁיָּהוּ נַעֲשָׂה הַפֶּסַח הַזֶּה לַיהוָה בִּירוּשָׁלַם: <sup>24</sup> וְגַם  
אֶת־הָאֲבוֹת וְאֶת־הַיְדֻעָנִים וְאֶת־הַתְּרָפִים וְאֶת־הַגְּלִלִים וְאֶת־  
כָּל־הַשִּׁקְצִים אֲשֶׁר נִרְאוּ בְּאֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה וּבִירוּשָׁלַם בָּעֵר  
יֹאשִׁיָּהוּ לְמַעַן הַקִּים אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַכְּתוּבִים עַל־הַסֵּפֶר  
אֲשֶׁר מָצָא חִלְקִיָּהוּ הַכֹּהֵן בֵּית יְהוָה: <sup>25</sup> וְכַמֹּהוּ לֹא־הָיָה  
לְפָנָיו מֶלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר־שָׁב אֶל־יְהוָה בְּכָל־לְבָבוֹ וּבְכָל־נַפְשׁוֹ  
וּבְכָל־מְאֹדוֹ כְּכֹל תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה וְאַחֲרָיו לֹא־קָם כַּמֹּהוּ: