

מלכים א - Navi Notes for Test #1

פרק א'

(Italicized=Starred badboy)

- Dovid was very old, and he was cold, so he put on clothes but was still cold
 - Radak: Dovid was 70 years old - he became king when he was 30, and he had reigned for 40 years
 - Radak:
 - *When Dovid got old, he became weak and he was bedridden. Even though 70 isn't so old, because of all the wars that Dovid fought in his life, his strength and warmth were lost at an earlier age, and that's why he was cold.*
 - *Why weren't the clothes he was wearing warming him?*
 - 1: *Anyone who disgraces clothing, will not be warmed by them in the end. When Shaul was in the cave using the bathroom, Dovid cut off the corner of his garment, so its mida k'neged mida*
 - 2: *Dovid saw the malach hamavet with his sword drawn, and got scared (when you get scared you lose body warmth) so he became really cold internally*
- His servants tell him to get a nice, young, virgin woman to warm him up
 - Radak: why a virgin? Because virgins give off more warmth
 - Metzudas Dovid: why did she need to be good looking? We get it *wink wink*
- So they find אבישג השונמית and bring her to Dovid
- She was very beautiful, and tried to warm him up, but they didn't have relations
 - Metzudas Dovid: Why didn't they have relations?
 - She was assur to him because the king can't have too many wives and he reached his limit already
- וְלֹא עָצְבוּ - what can we learn from that Dovid never got angry at his son?
 - Dovid kind of let Adoniyahu do his own thing which was bad - its important for a parent to be on top of their child
- וְגַם הוּא טוֹב תָּאֵר מְאֹד - why do we care that he's good looking?
 - because he was good looking he thought being hot would make him the next king
- why do we care that he was younger than אבשלום?
- malbim 2 questions:
 - Why was it advantageous for Adoniyahu to have these people on his team?
 - Yoav was the general - if he gets the general he gets the entire army
 - Evyatar was the kohen gadol- gods help
 - Why did they decide to join him?
 - Malbim quotes mahari: Yoav knew that he was going to have a death sentence so he ran away from it.
 - Evyatar didn't like that Dovid was giving a lot of kavod to tzadok so he thought he would be removed as kohen gadol if he stayed
- Yoav(the general) and advisor sided with adoniyahu
- Tzadok, binayahu ,nasan, sided with david

- Adoniyahu made a party and didn't invite anyone who remained loyal to David
- Nasan says to Batsheva did you hear Adoniyahu has been crowned king, he says go save yourself and your son

Radak: A1: save yourselves from death because you are a threat because you are a heir to the throne

A2: save yourselves from a life of servitude to Adoniyahu

- Significance of David not knowing- David would not ignore the Nivua that Shlomo is supposed to be king
- Batsheva comes to David, and he was very old, and Avishag was warming and serving him
- Batsheva bowed down to him, and said, "what do you need?"
 - Malbim: Why are these details (old and Avishag serving him) here?
 - Its to explain why David had such a weird reaction (mah lach) when Batsheva came in
 - David was very old and didn't have relations with his wives anymore, so Batsheva coming up was a weird occurrence
 - He knows that Batsheva isn't coming up to ask if he needs anything because Avishag was there to serve him
 - Batsheva bowed down to him which is also weird, because when a wife bows down to her husband, its because she wants something
- She said to him, "you swore to me that Shlomo would be king but Adoniyahu is having his barbeque outside and he didn't invite Shlomo. And all the eyes of the Jews are looking to you to tell them who will be king next. If you die now, and Adoniyahu becomes king, my son and I will be 'sinners'"
 - Malbim: What does she mean by "sinners"?
 - If people think that you're ok with Adoniyahu being king, they will think that its because David's admitting that he did something wrong when he married Batsheva and Shlomo wasn't a kosher child (mamzer)
- While she was speaking to the king, Nasan Hanavi came
- Nasan tells David - If Adoniyahu becomes king because of your command, why didn't you tell me you wanted this?
- David responds (for first time in Melachim): Bring back Batsheva
- She came
- He said: I swear on Hashem, that which I swore to you Batsheva (Shlomo will be king), I will do today
- She bowed down and said to him: "May the King David live forever"
 - Radak: It can't be that she's giving him a bracha for long life now because he's obviously going to die soon.
 - Rather she meant Olam Haba
- David called his "big three" (Nasan, Tzadok, and Benayahu) and said: Take with you some servants and ride Shlomo on my special mule, and bring him down to Gichon (a stream)
 - Metsudas David: Why Gichon?

- To be a “siman tov”, because “his reign should be flowing like a stream”
- And coronate him there, and blow the shofar, and say “Shlomo should live forever!”
 - Radak: Why does Shlomo need to be anointed? All descendants of the king are “pre-anointed”
 - They wanted to anoint him because Dovid felt that he needed to show Adoniyahu who’s boss
- And bring him (shlomo) to sit on my throne and be the ruler
- Isn’t it chutzpa for him to say that Shlomo will be a greater ruler than Dovid?
 - No, it’s just a proof that a father is never jealous but rather proud of his son
- Who are these “creysee” and “pleysee”?
 - Rashi: Archers and slingers
 - Gemara: The Urim V’tumim
 - Ralbag: The Sanhedrin
- Why does it only say Yoav heard the shofar?
 - Malbim: Adoniyahu and the people with him heard stuff going on but didn't know what it signified. Yoav was a general and he heard the קל שופר and he understood that a sound like that could only mean something big was happening
- Malbim - Three questions
 - Why wasn't he at the party? He was left in the city to spy
 - Why does he say he’s a man of valor? He knows he’s a good guy, like a leader, who also spread his campaign so...
 - Why does he say he’ll bring good news? Tell me the good news about me because obviously something important is happening for me
- Once Adoniyahu finds out that Dovid had shlomo anointed to be king, you would think that he would attempt to kill shlomo, or some irrational action but rather Adoniyahu goes to the mizbe’ach and grabs on to the horns hoping that he wouldn’t be killed. If Shlomo or Dovid comes to kill him they will see he is hanging by the horns, u wouldnt kill a man while he is infront of such a holy place.
- Malbim -
 - adoneyahoo thought he had a little opening to get out of his situation. The first day of kings reigning is a day of chesed, so he asks shlomo “swear to me today that you won't kill me by the blade of the sword”
- Metsudas Dovid - Shlomo's response
 - even if you dont deserve death via aveirah, I will find you and I will kill you
- Malbim- quotes the Abarbanel
 - If you are a man of valor I won’t kill you, but if you mess up I will kill you

פרק ב'

- מ"ד : david says i know you're young but you need to get mature quick because im dying
- Malbim: shlomo is 15 years old at this time the musur is
 1. you will need to mature in leading a nation
 2. You need to mature in keeping torah

- מ"ד : guard what Hashem tells you to guard (aka the torah) and dont think you are so smart
 2. Walk in Hashem's ways
 3. Mitzvah with no reason
 4. Mitzvot between man and Hashem
 5. Mitzvos to testify to Hashem
- Radak: translates למען תשקל as u will get hatlacha
- מ"ד : translates תשקל more knowledge
- Hashem said to shlomo: if you do good than hashem will never cut off your family from the throne
- רשי on how יואב killed עמשא: He set up the sword so it would fall and when יואב went to go pick up the sword it looked like he was innocent and amasa didnt suspect him and then yoav killed him
- רשי on how killed avner : יואב asked him how do you do חליצא when אבנר bent down to show him he killed him
- Malbim-asher asah: What was so bad about yoav killing avner and amasah
 - There were three different things that he did wrong
 - He murdered
 - He killed them during peacetime - It looked bad to other nations - Dovid made peace treaties with them but apparently he doesn't care and sent his general to kill people
 - Yoav killed with trickery
- So Dovid tells shlomo to kill yoav as fast as possible
 - Rashi: because dying young is a capara and he therefore won't get gehenim which he really deserves but Dovid loves yoav and doesn't want him to suffer
- He also tells him to take care of the barzilai hagiladi bc they took care of Dovid when he ran away
- Dovid also tells shlomo to kill shimi because Dovid swore to kill him after he cursed him
- Dovid died and was buried in ir david
- Dovid reigned for 40 years-7 in chevron 33 in jerusalem
- Shlomo took the throne and his kingdom was established
 - It's stressing that his reign wasn't like his father's, because Dovid was running a lot
- Adoniyahu comes back and goes to Batsheva
- she asks if he came in peace and he said yes
 - She thought that he was coming to make trouble again
- He says, "You know that the kingship was really mine, but it ended up going to my brother because hashem wanted it. I want one thing. Avishag Hashunamis as a wife"
- She says, "Great. Ill ask the king"
- She goes to him and asks Adoniyahu's question
- Shlomo replies, "Why are you asking for Avishag for Adoniyahu. Why dont you just ask me for my kingdom? he already has Evyatar and yoav"

- Radak: Shlomo understood Adoniyahu plan. Adoniyahu thought that if he could get something that Dovid used he would get some credibility back (assur to use the kings stuff) and shlomo knew that Evyatar and yoav gave him this plan
- Shlomo: “adoniyahu has now lost his soul because he asked for that. And now by the life of hashem (he swears), i will kill adoniyahu”
- Shlomo told benoyahu (his hit man) to go kill adoniyahu. He went and killed him
 - Radak: benoyahu was a cohen. How can a cohen be a hitman because a cohen can't be tameh misa?
 - 1:every time benoyahu killed somebody he hurt them enough that they would die but left himself enough time to get away before the person died
 - 2:He was allowed to be metameh because the mitzvah of listening to a king overrides the mitzvas lo taaseh of a cohen being metameh himself
- Evyasar was next to be killed because he gave adoniyahu the plans
- Shlomo said to evyasar: Go home because your a man of death, but i'm not killing you today because you carried the aron before dovid and you were with dovid his whole life so i owe you one (didn't kill him but put him in exile)
- Evyasar was no longer the cohen gadol, and this fulfilled the word of hashem
 - Metsudas dovid: Eli's sons were terrible but he never gave them musar, so he was wished that eventually the cohen gadol position would leave the house of Eli. Evyasar was a descendant of eli so this fulfilled the word of hashem
- Yoav was afraid because he knew he was next because he followed adoniyahu but not avshalom so he grabbed onto the horns of the mizbeach
 - Metsudas dovid: Why does it say he didn't follow avshalom?
 - Because it highlights how bad yoav really was because when avshalom rebelled against dovid the majority was in support of avshalom. However yoav stayed loyal to dovid. By adoniyahu, the minority was following him, and yoav went to him. if he had a bad record then hes a rebel, but since he stayed loyal to dovid and not shlomo even though Dovid was not majority so its the ultimate spit in the face to Shlomo
- Shlomo found out and sent benoyahu to kill him.
- He went and said: come out so i can kill you
- Yoav said he wants to die there
- Benoyahu didnt want to kill him there so he went back to Shlomo and said this
- Shlomo said back: Do like what he says. Kill him there and have him buried, and this will cleanse me (fulfill my fathers word) because he killed avenr and amasa and their blood will be on his head forever and there will be peace in my house forever.
- Benoyahu went and killed Yoav, and he was buried in his house in the dester
 - malbim: Why in his house in the desert?
 - He has a house in the midbar to feed travelers so they buried him there as a zecher for his good deeds
- Shlomo appointed benoyahu as general, and appointed Tzadok as cohen gadol

- Shlomo sent to Shimi: “Move to yerushalaim and settle there, but you cant move from there. When you leave that house, and pass nachal kidron, I will kill you, and the blood will be on your head”
- Shimi said: ok sure. ill do it
- HE lived in yerushalaim for many days
- After 3 years, 2 slaves ran away from shimi to achish the king of Gas.
- Shimi went after them and brought them back
- Shlomo heard that Shimi had left, so he sent to Shimi: “Did you not swear to God that when you left i would kill you? Why didnt you listen to this oath? You know all the evil that you have done to Dovid my father, now Hahsem will pay back that evil”
 - Malbim:
 - First thing shlomo told shimi was to build a house and live there.
 - This implies that he didn't need to stay there 24/7.
 - Then shlomo says, don't go out.
 - This implies that he was allowed to leave the house but never move away from yerushalayim.
 - Then he says, the day you leave, i will kill you.
 - Then he says, the day you pass nachal kidron...
 - That implies that its only when he passed nachal kidron
 - All his instructions seem to contradict each other
 - Shimi thought, “why is he doing this? Does he want me on house arrest, or does he just not want me to go back home?”
 - So he got up to chase after his slaves, thinking that as long as he didnt go to nachal kidron he would be ok (shlomo didnt want him rebelling), so he thought that he was clearly not going to rebel, because he was just going to get his slaves and came right back
 - Shlomo's reply: The excuse that i was confusing doesnt work, because if you didnt understand you should've been machmir and not left
- Shlomo's kingship was blessed
- Shlomo sent Benoyahu and he killed Shimi, and the kingship was good in the hands of