

**Yehudah &
Shomron**

The Land I Love

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Introduction

“For Hashem, your G-d, is bringing you into a good Land, a Land with streams of water, of springs and underground water coming forth in valleys and mountains” (Devarim 8:7)

This book comes to reveal, without intermediary, the views of Yehudah and Shomron, in all their glory and beauty. Eretz Yisrael, which was presented before Avraham Avinu, on which Yaakov pitched his tent, on which the Mishkan was built, on which the Prophets walked, was essentially in Yehudah and Shomron. When we ventured out, we saw the beauty of the Tanach, which is a part of our essence, the expanses, the nobility and the modesty of the view. Nature is seen in its raw beauty, beauty which reminds us - city-dwellers, those who drive on the streets and the junctions - of the forgotten. In these times, a peel surrounds the seed of the Land of our Nation. This trend is used, through a camera, to distort, to distance us from our betrothed Land. The photographs in this book show that this wonderful Land stills waits for us.

Rabbi Yehudah Ha-Levi, the great lover of Tzion and Yerushalayim, who during his entire life was always headed towards Eretz Yisrael, whether awake or in a dream, writes in his famous song "Yefe Nof" (Beautiful Landscape), in which he expresses his love and yearning for Zion:

"Beautiful landscape, joy to the world, headquarters of a sovereign multitude. For you my soul yearns from the far west. Who will give me, with which to fly, eagle's wings? I can quench the dust of your dry earth with my tears. I will bestow kisses on your stones for the taste of the Land on my lips is sweeter than honey."

I hope that the pictures spread over the following pages will express the muted song of the trials of Yehudah and Shomron, a song which calls for us to come.

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And finally, gratitude to our beautiful, amazing Land, the Land of our love, whose unique beautiful, we attempted to bring out somewhat in this book.

Mordechai Benita



Har Bracha (Mt. of Blessing), Shomron הר ברכה שומרון



“It shall be that when Hashem your G-d,
brings you to the Land to which you come,
to possess it, then you shall deliver
the BLESSING on Mt. Gerizim”

דברים י"א 29 Devarim 11:29



“וְהָיָה, כִּי יָבִיֵאדָה ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֶל-הָאָרֶץ,
אֲשֶׁר אָתָּה בָּא שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ
וְנָתַתָּה אֶת הַבְּרָכָה עַל הַר גְּרִזִים”



Flower in Shomron



“The children of Kenite, Moshe's father-in-law,
ascended from the City of Date Palms with the
children of Yehudah to the YEHUDAH DESERT
which is south of Arad”

”וּבְנֵי קֵינִי חָתָן מֹשֶׁה עָלוּ מֵעִיר הַתְּמָרִים
אֶת בְּנֵי יְהוּדָה מְדִבַּר יְהוּדָה
אֲשֶׁר בְּנֶגֶב עָרָד”

שופטים א' ט"ז
Shoftim 1:16

Flower in Binyamin



צאן בדרך האבות
*A flock on the way
of our Forefathers*



“But as for me
when I came to Paddan,
Rachel died on me in the land of Canaan
on the way,
while there was still a stretch
of land to go to Efrata”

“וְאֲנִי בָבְאִי מִפְּדָן
מֵתָה עָלַי רָחֵל
בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן בְּדַרְדָּרַי
בְּעוֹד כְּבֵרֶת אֶרֶץ
לְבֵא אֶפְרָתָה”



בראשית מ"ח ז' 48:7 Bereshit



Ein Ner, Binyamin Near the community of Shiloh עין נר בנימין



“This man would ascend from his city from year
to year to prostrate himself and to bring sacrifices to
Hashem, Master of Legions, in SHILOH”

שמואל א' 1:3 Shmuel 1 1:3



“וְעָלָה הָאִישׁ הַהוּא מֵעִירוֹ מִיָּמִים יָמִימָה,
לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת וּלְזָבַח לַיהוָה צְבָאוֹת בְּשִׁלֹּה”



“And from the tribe of Binyamin [they were given]
Geva with its open areas,
Alemet with its open areas
and ANATOT with its open areas.
All their cities for their families were thirteen cities”

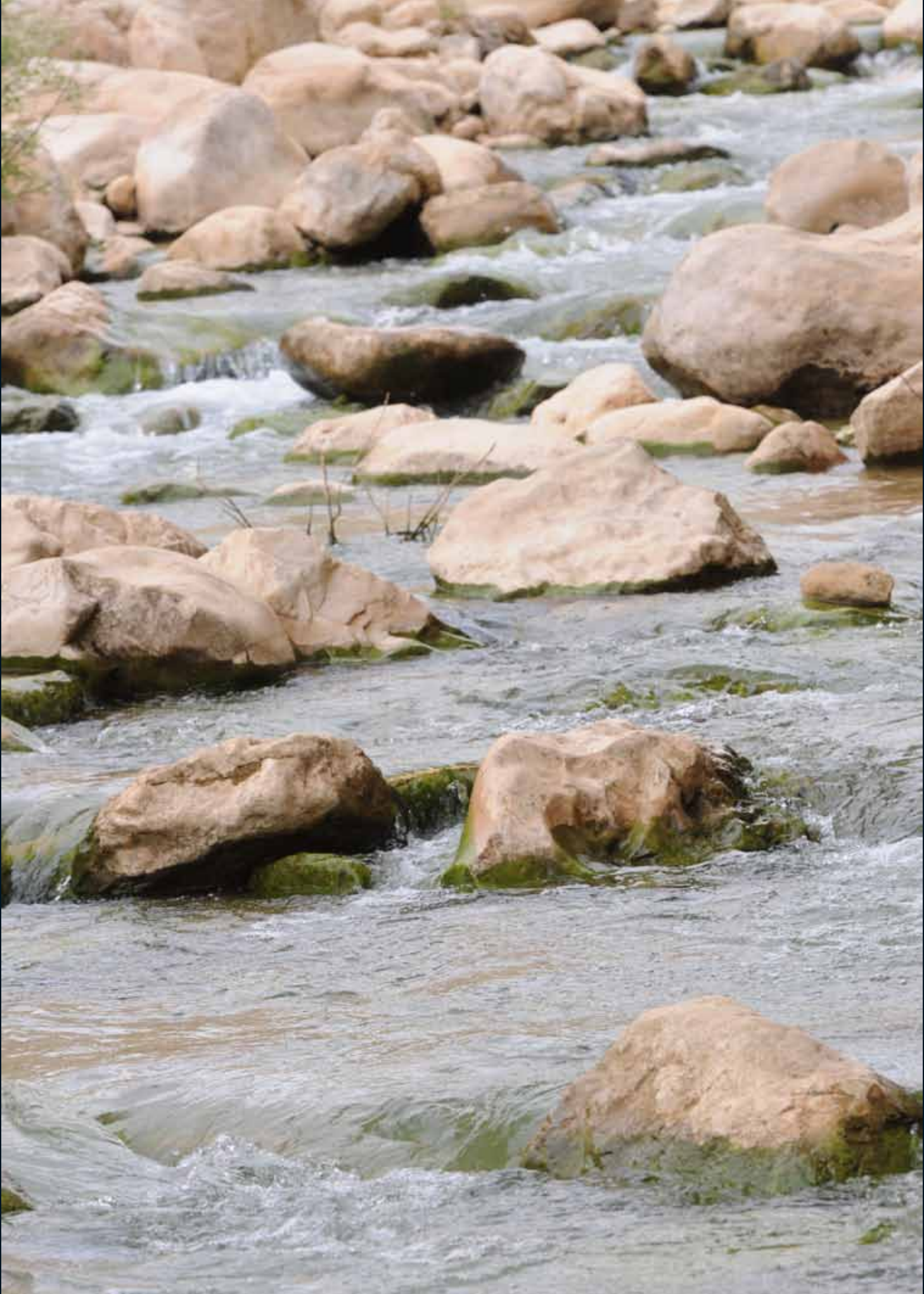
”וּמַמְטָה בְּנִימֵן אֶת גִּבְעָה וְאֶת מְגֵרָשִׁיָּה
וְאֶת עֲלָמֶת וְאֶת מְגֵרָשִׁיָּה
וְאֶת עֲנָתוֹת וְאֶת מְגֵרָשִׁיָּה
כָּל עָרֵיהֶם שְׁלֹשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה עִיר בְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם”



דברי הימים א' ו' 16:45 Divrei Ha-Yamim



עין פרט ענתות *Ein Perat, Anatot*



זרימה
בואדי קלט

*Flowing
water in
Wadi Kelt*



“For Hashem, your G-d, is bringing you to a good Land:
A LAND WITH STREAMS, of springs
and underground water coming forth in valley
and mountains, a Land of wheat, barley, grape, fig and
pomegranate, a Land of oil-olives and date-honey”

”כִּי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ מְבִיאֲךָ אֶל אֶרֶץ טוֹבָה,
אֶרֶץ נַחְלֵי מַיִם עֵינַת וּתְהוֹמוֹת,
יֵצְאִים בְּבִקְעָה וּבְקָר אֶרֶץ חֹטָה וּשְׁעָרָה
וּגְפֹן וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדָבָשׁ”

דברים ח' 7-8 Devarim 8 7-8



Shechem at night שכם בלילה

“Yosef’s bones, which the Children of Israel had brought up from Egypt, they buried in SHECHEM, in the portion of the field that Yaakov acquired from the children of Chamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred Kesitahs, and it became a heritage for the children of Yosef”



”וְאֵת עֲצָמוֹת יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר הָעֵלָוּ בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם,

קָבְרוּ בְּשֵׁכֶם בְּחֶלְקֵת הַשָּׂדֶה

אֲשֶׁר קָנָה יַעֲקֹב

מֵאֵת בְּנֵי-חַמּוֹר אָבִי שֵׁכֶם, בְּמֵאָה קִשְׁיָטָה.

וַיְהִי לְבְנֵי-יוֹסֵף לְגִחְלָה”



יהושע כ"ד Yehoshua 24:32



View of Sartavah מבט לסרטבה



גפנים בשומרון *Grapevines in the Shomron*

“ומאין היו משיאן משואות?
מהר המשקה לִסְרַטְבָּה”

ראש השנה ב' Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 2:2



“Where were these bonfires?
From the Mount of Olives
to SARTAVAH”



The Dead Sea from the Harodian ים המלח מההרודיון



“Their southern border
was from the edge of
THE DEAD SEA
from the tip that faces south”

“וַיְהִי לָהֶם גְּבוּל נֹגֵב
מִקְצֵה יַם הַמֶּלַח
מִן הַלְשָׁן הַפְּנִיָּה נֹגֵבָה”
יְהוֹשֻׁעַ ט'ו' Yehoshua 15:2



“Just as a Mikveh
purifies the impure,
the Holy One Blessed Be
He purifies Israel”

Yoma 8

”מה מְקוֹה
מְטַהֵר אֶת הַטְּמְאִים
אִף הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא
מְטַהֵר אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל”



’ומא ד’



Mikveh on the way of our Forefathers מקווה בדרך האבות



“He built up Beit Lechem, Eifam
and TEKOA”

דברי הימים ב' י"א Divrei Ha-Yamim 2 11:6



“וַיִּבֶן אֶת בֵּית לָחֶם וְאֶת עֵיטָם וְאֶת תְּקוּעַ”



Rest stop in Eli, Binyamin פינת חמד בעלי, בנימין



נחל פרת [ואדי קלט] *Nachal Perat [Wadi Kelt]*



“Take the belt that you bought,
which is upon your loins,
arise and to the Euphrates [PERATA], and
conceal it there in a cleft of the rock”

”קח את האזור אשר קנית,
אשר על מתניך וקום לך פרתה,
וטמנהו שם בנקיק הסלע”



ירמיהו י"ג 4:13 Yirmiyahu

כפר ינון (Kefar Yinon / Yanoach)



“It descended from YANOCHAH [YINON]
to Afarot and Naarat and reached Yericho,
and went out to the Jordan [river]”

Yehoshua 16:7

“וַיֵּרֵד מִיְנוּחָה [ינון] עֲטָרוֹת וְנַעֲרָתָה
וּפָגַע בְּיַרְיָחוֹ וַיֵּצֵא הַיַּרְדֵּן”



יהושע ט"ז





“And he said to him:
'THE LAND OF DEER' is written,
just as a deer's skin cannot cover the flesh
once it has been flayed, Eretz Yisrael expands
when Yisrael dwells on it,
and shrivels when they are not on it”

“אמר ליה ארץ צבי כתיב בה
מה צבי זה אין עורו מחזיק את בשרו
אף ארץ ישראל
בזמן שיושבין עליה רווחה
ובזמן שאין יושבין עליה גמדה”



גיטין נו Gittin 57a

Meitzad, East Gush Etzion in the snow מיצד, מזרח גוש עציון בשלג



The view from Migron מבט ממגרון





“Shaul was staying at the outskirts of Giv'ah,
under the pomegranate tree that is in
MIGRON, along with the people who were
with him, about six hundred men”

”וְשָׂאוּל יוֹשֵׁב בְּקֶצֶה הַגְּבֵעָה
תַּחַת הָרְמוֹן אֲשֶׁר בְּמִגְרוֹן
וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר עִמּוֹ כְּשֵׁשׁ מֵאוֹת אִישׁ”

שמואל א' י"ד 14:2 Shmuel 1



“A route unknown to the buzzard that the
vulture's eye has not seen”

Iyov 28:7 איוב כ"ח



“נְתִיב לֹא יָדְעוּ עֵיט וְלֹא שְׁזַפְתּוּ עֵין אֵיזָה”



Olive tree in Shiloh זית בשילה



מבט אל עינות פצאל *View of the springs of Peza'el*



“Gaze down from Your holy abode,
from the heavens, and bless Your Nation Israel,
and the ground that You gave us,
as You swore to our forefathers,
a Land flowing with milk and honey”

“הִשְׁקִיפָה מִמְּעוֹן קֹדֶשׁךָ מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם
וּבֵרַךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאֶת הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַתָּה לָּנוּ
כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וּדְבַשׁ”



דברים כ"ו Devarim 26:15



צבי במצפה כרמים, בנימין *Deer in Mitzpe Keramim, Binyamin*

שלג בספר המדבר, הר חברון *Snow at the edge of the desert (wilderness), Har Hevron*



“So they arose and went back to Zif ahead
of Shaul. David and his men were in the
WILDERNESS OF MAON in the Aravah,
south of Yeshimon”

וַיָּקוּמוּ וַיָּלְכוּ זִיפָה לְפָנֵי שָׁאוּל וְדָוִד וְאֶנְשָׁיו

בְּמִדְבַר מַעֲוֹן

בְּעֶרְבָה לְיַמִּין הַיְשִׁימוֹן

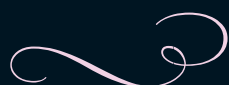
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שמואל א' כ"ג Shmuel 1 23:24



“He brought us to this place, and He gave us this
Land, a Land flowing with milk and honey”

דברים כ"ו 9:26 Devarim



“וַיְבִאֵנוּ, אֶל הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וַיִּתֵּן לָנוּ אֶת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת,
אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֵלֶב וּדְבַשׁ”



על דרך אלון *On Derech Alon*



במעין עטרת, בנימין *Ma'ayan Ateret, Binyamin*



“Rabbi Abba said:
‘You have no Revealed End [clearer] than this,
as it says (Yechezkel 36:8): ‘But you Mountains of Israel, you
shall shoot forth your branches,
and yield your fruit to My people of Israel;
for they will soon be coming.’
When Eretz Yisrael gives off its fruit abundantly then
the Revealed End is approaching, and you have no
Revealed End [clearer] than this”

אָמַר ר' אַבְבָּא:
אִין לָךְ קוֹץ מְגַלָּה מְזֵדָה, שְׁנֵאמַר:
וְאַתֶּם הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲנֹפְכֶם תִּתְּנוּ
וּפְרִיכֶם תִּשְׂאוּ לְעַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל
כִּי קָרְבוּ לָבוֹא.”
בְּשִׂתְתֵן אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל פְּרִיָּהּ בְּעֵין יָפָה
אֲזִי יִקְרַב הַקָּוֶץ,
וְאִין לָךְ קוֹץ מְגַלָּה יוֹתֵר מְזֵדָה.



מסכת סנהדרין דף צ"ח Sanhedrin 98a



“And He [Hashem] took him [Avraham] outside,
and said: ‘Look toward the Heavens,
and count the STARS if you are able to count them!’
And He said to him:
‘So shall your offspring be!’”

”וַיּוֹצֵא אֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה,
וַיֹּאמֶר הִבֵּט נָא הַשָּׁמַיְמָה
וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם תּוּכַל, לְסַפֵּר אֹתָם
וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זַרְעֲךָ”



Bereshit 15:5 בראשית ט"ו



Sky sprinkled with stars in Shilo שמים זרועים כוכבים בשילה

View towards Maale Levona מבט למעלה לבונה





“They said:
‘Behold, there is a yearly holiday for Hashem at Shilo,
which is north of Beit El,
east of the road going up from Beit El to Shechem,
and south of LEVONA”

”וַיֹּאמְרוּ
הֲיָה חַג ה' בְּשָׁלוֹ מִיָּמִים יָמִימָה,
אֲשֶׁר מִצְפוֹנָה לְבֵית אֵל מִזְרָחָה הַשָּׁמֶשׁ, לְמִסְלָה,
הָעֹלָה מִבֵּית אֵל שְׂכֵמָה וּמִנְגֵב לְלֵבוֹנָה”



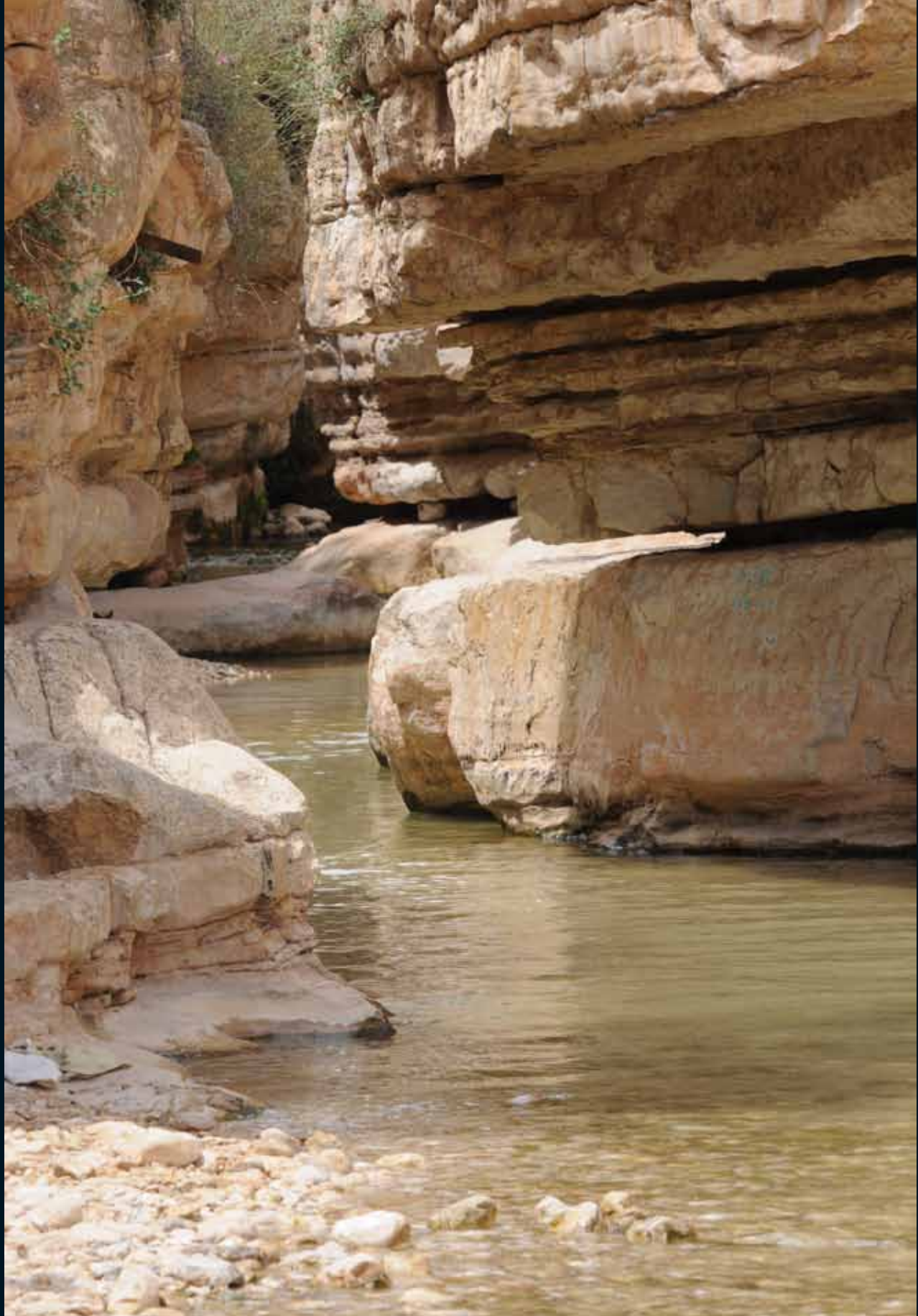
שופטים כ"א Shoftim 21:19



“Go from here and turn eastward,
you should hide
in the brook of KERIT [PERAT],
which faces the Jordan River”

”לך מזֶה וּפְנִיתָ לְךָ קִדְמָה וְנִסְתַּרְתָּ
בְּנַחַל כְּרִית [פֶּרֶת]
אֲשֶׁר עַל פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן”

מלכים א' י"ז מלachim 1 17:3



Nachal Perat נחל פרת

Emek Michmetat – Beit Ha-John, on the way to Itamar עמק מכמתת - בית הג'אן בואכה איתמר



צאן בדרך אלון Sheep on Derech Alon



“The border of Menasheh
was from Asher to MICHMETAT
which faces Shechem,
and the border went to the south
to the inhabitants of Ein Tapuach”

Yehoshua 17:7

“וַיְהִי גְבוּל מְנַשֶּׁה מֵאֲשֶׁר
הַמְּכַמֶּטֶת
אֲשֶׁר עַל פְּנֵי שֶׁכֶם
וְהַלֶּךְ הַגְּבוּל אֶל הַיַּמִּין
אֶל יֹשְׁבֵי עֵין תַּפּוּחַ”

יהושע י"ז



אמת מים בואכה עיר התמרים (Jericho) *Channel on the way to the City of Date Palms (Jericho)*



“The Negev and the Plain – the valley of Jericho,
CITY OF DATE PALMS – as far as Tzoar”

דברים ל"ד Devarim 34:3



“וְאֵת הַנֶּגֶב וְאֵת הַכְּפָר בְּקֶסֶת יְרֵחוֹ עִיר הַתְּמָרִים עַד צֹעַר”

View towards Maale Adumim מבט למעלה אדומים



“It curved from the north
and went out to Ein Shemesh,
it went out to Galilee
which was across from
MAALE ADUMIM”

וְתָאָר מִצְפּוֹן, וַיֵּצֵא עַיִן שֶׁמֶשׁ,
וַיֵּצֵא אֶל גְּלִילוֹת,

אֲשֶׁר נֹכַח
מַעְלֵה אַדְמוּמִים”

יהושע י"ח 18:17 Yehoshua



Ancient olive tree in Binyamin זית עתיק יומין בבנימין



Emek Dotan עמק דותן



“The man said:
‘They have journeyed on from here,
for I heard them saying:
Let us go to DOTAN’”

”וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ,
נָסְעוּ מִזֶּה כִּי שָׁמַעְתִּי אֲמָרִים, נִלְכָּה דְתַיִנָּה.
וַיֵּלֶךְ יוֹסֵף אַחֲרָאָחִיו, וַיִּמְצְאוּם בְּדוֹתָן”

בראשית ל"ז
Bereshit 37:17



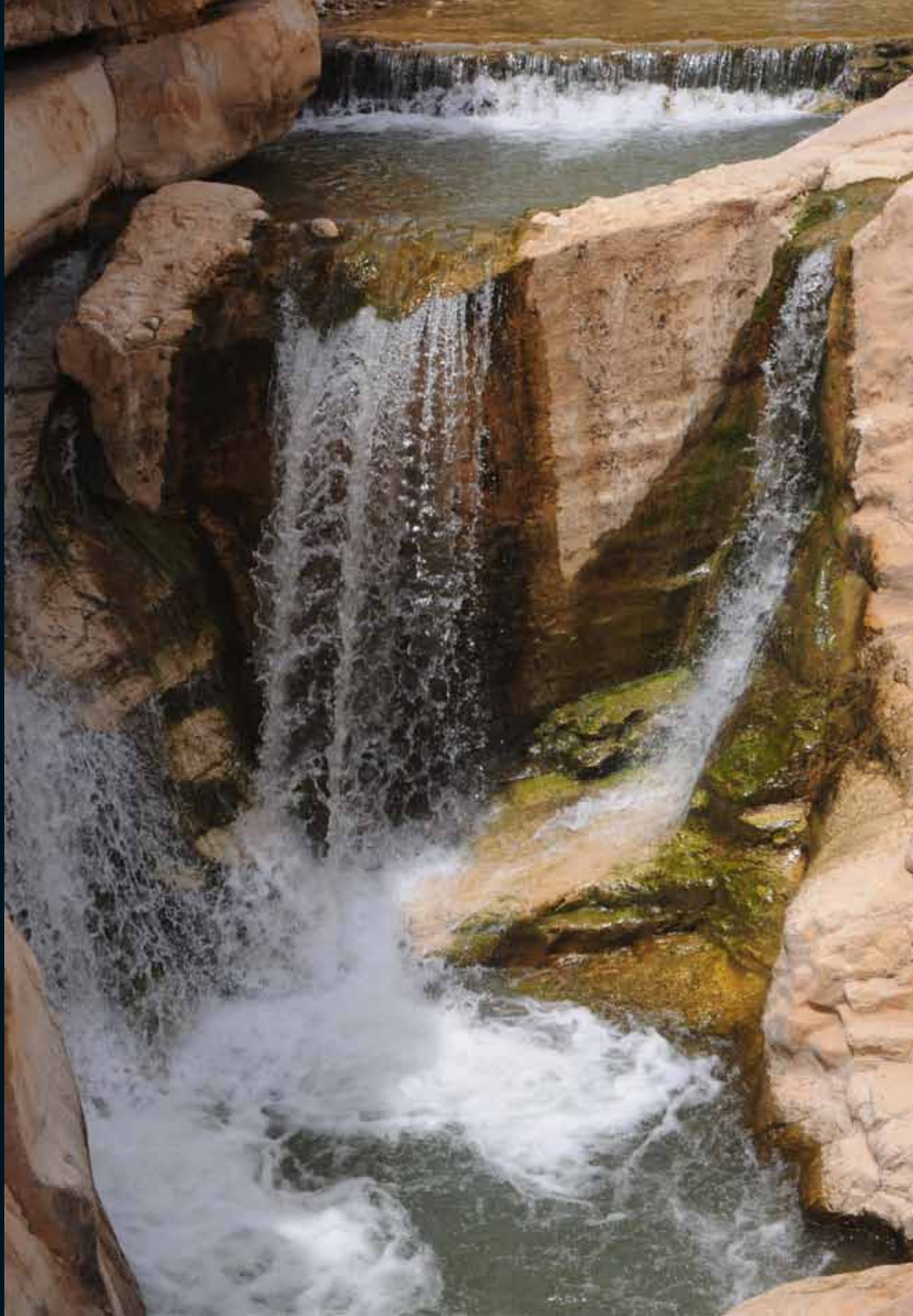
Anemones on the way to Gush Etzion כלניות בדרך לגוש עציון



“They said:
‘Behold, there is a yearly holiday to Hashem at SHILO’”

”וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִנֵּה חַג ה' בְּשִׁלּוֹ מִיָּמִים יָמִימָה”

שופטים כ"א Shoftim 21:19



מפל בואדי קלט *Waterfall at Wadi Kelt*

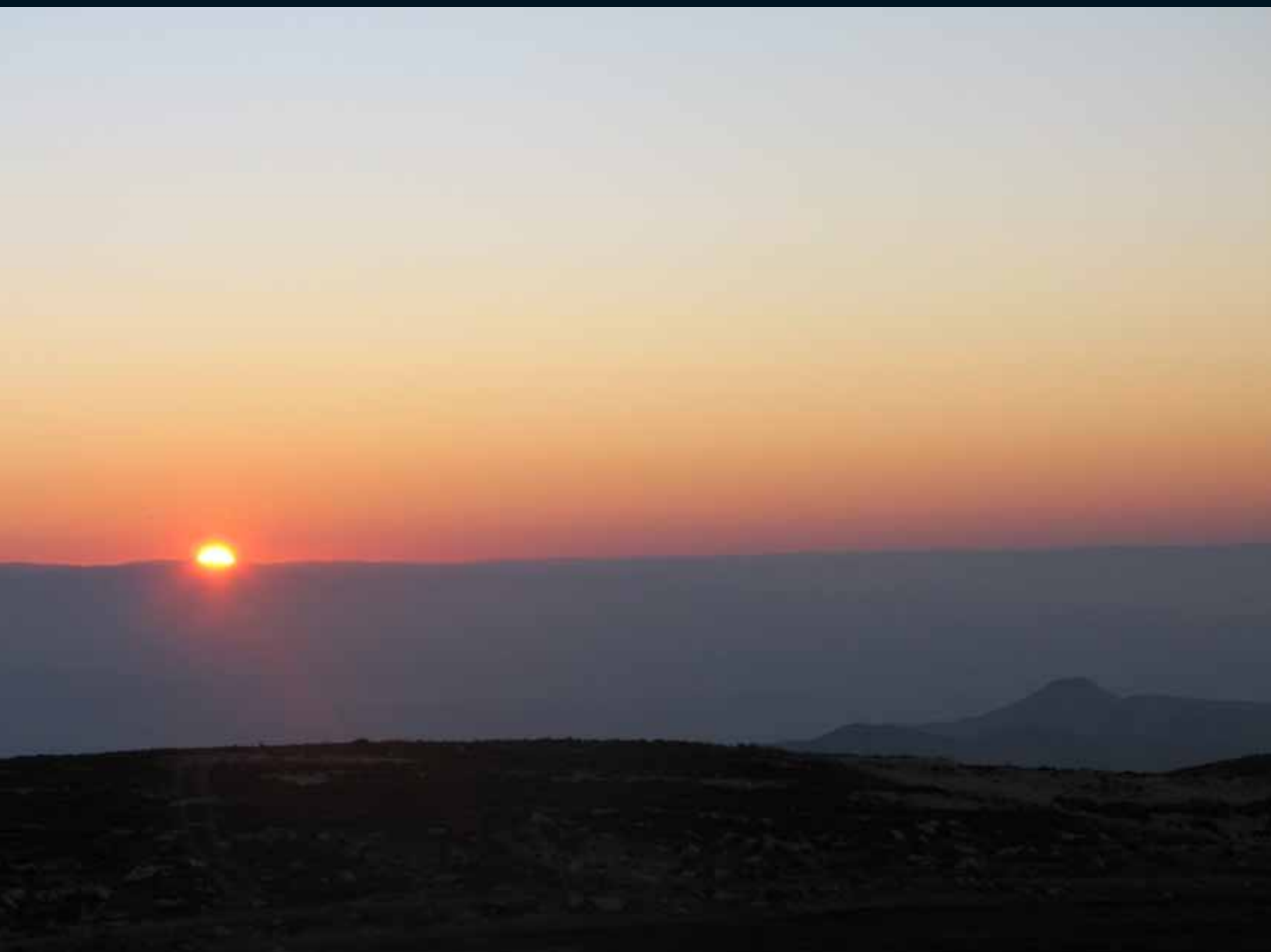


“For Hashem will comfort Zion, He will comfort
all her ruins, He will make her wilderness
like Eden and her wasteland like a garden of
Hashem, joy and gladness will be found there,
thanksgiving and the sound of music”

”כִּי נַחַם ה' צִיּוֹן, נַחֵם כָּל חֲרֻבֹתֶיהָ,
וַיִּשֶׂם מִדְבָּרָהּ כְּעֵדֶן,
וְעֲרֻבֹתֶיהָ כְּגֵן ה' שְׁשׂוֹן וְשִׁמְחָה יִמְצָא בָהּ,
תּוֹדָה וְקוֹל זִמְרָה”



ישעיהו נ"א Yeshayahu 51:3



“Rechavam went to
SHECHEM,
for all Israel had come to
Shechem to make him king”

“וַיֵּלֶךְ רַחֲבָעָם שְׁכֶמָה
כִּי שְׁכֶם בָּאוּ כָל יִשְׂרָאֵל
לְהַמְלִיךְ אֹתוֹ”

מלכים א' י"ב Melachim 1 12:1



Grove in Binyamin חורשה בבנימין



צודה בהר אפרים
Tzereda in Mt. Ephraim

צבי בשומרון Deer in Har Kabir, Shomron



“There was a certain man from Ramatayim
Tzofim, from MT. EPHRAIM,
whose name was Elkanah ben Yericham ben Elihu
ben Tochu ben Tzuf, from the land of Ephraim”

וַיְהִי אִישׁ אֶחָד מִן הַרְמָתִים צוֹפִים
מֵהַר אֶפְרַיִם וּשְׁמוֹ אֶלְקָנָה
בֶּן-יִרְחָם בֶּן-אֵלִיהוּא בֶּן-תַּחֲוִי בֶּן-צוּף אֶפְרַתִּי”

שמואל א' א' 1:1 Shmuel 1 1:1

On the way to Yericho בואכה יריחו



*“Eliyahu then said to him:
Elisha, please stay here,
for Hashem has sent me to YERICHO’.*

*He said:
‘As Hashem lives and by your life that I will not
leave you’. And they went to Yericho”*



”וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֱלֹהִים
אֲלִישַׁע שֵׁב נָא פֹה
כִּי ה' שְׁלַחְנִי יְרִיחוֹ,
וַיֹּאמֶר,
חַי ה' וְחַי נַפְשִׁי
אִם אֶעֱזָבָה וַיָּבֹאוּ יְרִיחוֹ”



מלכים ב' ב' 2:4-5 Melachim 2



Small cave in Shomron שומרה בבנימין

מבט מקדומים לחבל אפרים View from Kedumim to the territory of Ephraim



“She would sit under the date palm of Devorah,
between Ramah and Beit El on MT. EPHRAIM,
and the Children of Israel would go up
to her for judgment”

וְהָיָא יוֹשֶׁבֶת תַּחַת תְּמָר דְּבוֹרָה
בֵּין הָרָמָה וּבֵין בֵּית אֵל בְּהַר אֶפְרַיִם
וַיֵּעָלוּ אֵלֶיהָ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמִשְׁפָּט”

שופטים ד' 5 Shoftim 4:5

Olive tree grove in Shilo כרם זיתים בשילה



View from Mitzpe Yericho מבט ממצפה יריחו



“Hashem said to Yehoshua:
‘See, I have delivered into your hand YERICHO
and its king, the mighty warriors’”

”וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, רְאֵה נָתַתִּי בְיָדְךָ
אֶת יְרִיחוֹ וְאֶת מֶלֶכָּהּ גִּבּוֹרֵי הַחַיִּל”

יהושע ו' 6:2
Yehoshua 6:2



“The sons of Aharon were given the cities of refuge:
Hevron, Livneh, with its outlying areas,
Yafir and ESHTEMO'A with their open areas”

Divrei Ha-Yamim 1 6:42

“וּלְבְנֵי אַהֲרֹן נָתַנּוּ אֶת עָרֵי הַמְּקֹלֶט
אֶת חֶבְרוֹן וְאֶת לִבְנֵה, וְאֶת מִגְרָשֶׁיהָ.
וְאֶת יָפִיר וְאֶת אֶשְׁתֵּמוֹעַ וְאֶת מִגְרָשֶׁיהָ”

דברי הימים א' ו'







“The King of Israel and Yehoshafat King of Yehudah were sitting,
each man on his throne, dressed in royal grab,
at the threshing floor at the gateway of SHOMRON, and all the
prophets were prophesying before them”

מלכים א' כ"ב Melachim 1 22:10



“וּמֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְהוֹשָׁפָט מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה יֹשְׁבִים אִישׁ עַל כִּסְאוֹ מְלַבְּשִׁים בְּגָדִים
בְּגֵרֹן פֶּתַח שַׁעַר שֹׁמְרוֹן וְכָל הַנְּבִיאִים מִתְנַבְּאִים לִפְנֵיהֶם”



Blossoming in an olive-tree grove in Binyamin פריחה במטע זיתים בבנימין



“One precipice jutted out on the north,
facing MICHMAS,
and the other was on the south,
facing Geva”

”הַשָּׁן הָאֶחָד מִצֹּק מִצְפּוֹן,

מֹל מִכְמֵשׁ

וְהָאֶחָד מִנְּגֵב, מֹל גֵּבַע”

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שמואל א' י"ד 5:14 Shmuel 1 14:5



Blossoming almond in Binyamin פריחת שקד בבנימין



“The word of Hashem then came to me, saying:
‘What do you see, Yirmiyahu?’
And I said:
‘I see a staff of an ALMOND TREE’”

”וַיְהִי דְבַר ה' אֵלַי לֵאמֹר
מָה אַתָּה רֹאֶה יִרְמְיָהוּ
וָאָמַר מִקַּל שֶׁקֶד אֲנִי רֹאֶה”

ירמיהו א' 5:14
Shmuel 1 14:5



Deers in Ofra צבאים בעפרה



“Then Yaakov called the name of the place where
G-d had spoken with him BEIT EL”

בראשית ל"ה Bereshit 35:15



“וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶת שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵתוֹ שֵׁם אֱלֹהִים בֵּית אֵל”



תעלת הביאר בגוש עציון Canal of a well in Gush Etzion



“So Shaul and the people of Israel assembled themselves, they encamped in the EMEK HA'EILA, and they arranged for war against the Philistines”

וְשָׂאוֹל וְאִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל
בָּאֲסָפוֹ וַיִּחְנוּ בְּעֵמֶק הָאֵלָה
וַיַּעֲרְכוּ מִלְחָמָה לְקִרְאֵת פְּלִשְׁתִּים”

שמואל א' י"ז
Shmuel 1 17:2





View of the Moav Mountains מבט להרי מואב

“So Moshe,
servant of Hashem,
died there, in the land of
MOAV,
by the mouth of Hashem...
and no one knows his burial
place to this day”

דברים ל"ד 5-6 Devarim 34:5-6



“וַיָּמָת שָׁם מֹשֶׁה עֶבֶד ה'
בְּאֶרֶץ מוֹאָב עַל פִּי ה'...
וְלֹא יָדַע אִישׁ אֶת קְבֻרָתוֹ
עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה”



Iris of the Shomron אירוס השומרון

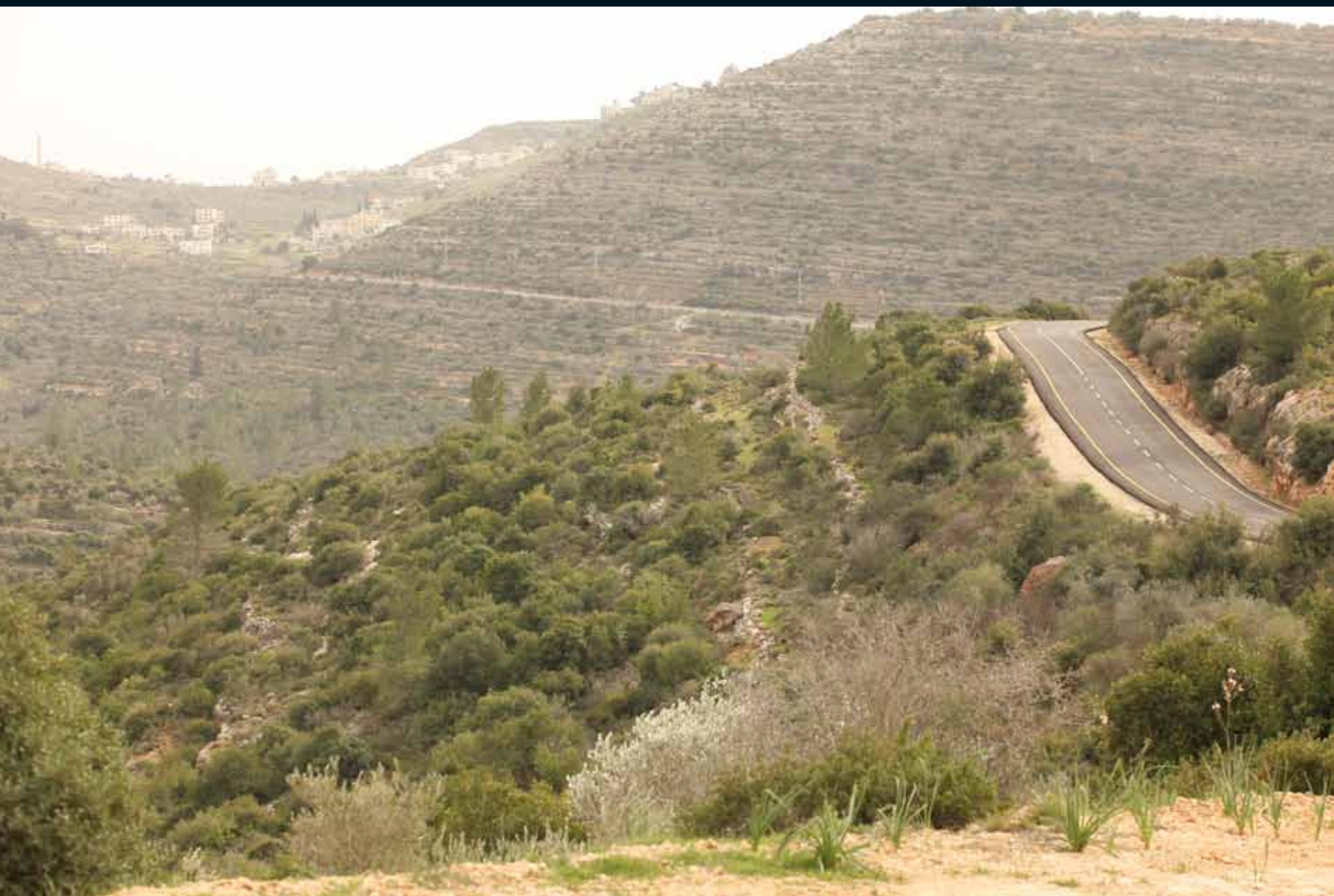


“Ten Kavin of wisdom that fell to the world,
nine of them were taken by Eretz Yisrael
and one by the entire world”

Kiddushin 49b

“עֲשָׂרָה קַבִּין חֵכְמָה יָרְדוּ לְעוֹלָם,
תְּשֻׁעָה נִטְלָה אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאַחַד כָּל הָעוֹלָם כָּלוֹ”

קידושין מ"ט



Ascent to Neveh Tzuf בדרך העולה לנווה צוף



Winery in Shomron יקב בשומרון

“Then your storehouses will be
filled with plenty, and the WINE OF YOUR VATS
will burst forth”

“וַיִּמְלֵאוּ אֲסַמִּידָ שְׁבַע
וְתִירוֹשׁ יִקְבֵיךָ יִפְרָצוּ”

Mishlei 3:10 משלי ג'



“The border descended to NACHAL KANAH – south of the brook. These cities were Ephraim's, in the midst of the cities of Menashe. The border of Menashe was on the north of the brook, and its outlets were to the Sea”

וַיֵּרֶד הַגְּבוּל גִּבְעוֹת קָנָה
נִגְבָּה לְנַחַל עָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה לְאֶפְרַיִם בְּתוֹךְ עָרֵי מְנַשֶּׁה
וּגְבוּל מְנַשֶּׁה מִצְפוֹן לְנַחַל
וַיְהִי תְצַאֲתָיו הַיָּמָה”

יהושע י"ז 9:17
Yehoshua 17:9

Nachal Kanah in the Shomron
נחל קנה בשומרון





טרסה עתיקה על אם הדרך בבנימין Ancient Terrace on a main road in Binyamin

“A raiding party went forth from the Philistine
camp in three companies –
one company turned toward the road
to OFRA, to the Land of Shaul”

וַיֵּצֵא הַמְּשֻׁחֵת מִמַּחֲנֶה פְּלִשְׁתִּים
שְׁלֹשָׁה רֵאשִׁים הָרֹאשׁ אֶחָד
יָפְנָה אֶל דָּרֹךְ עֵפְרָה אֶל אֶרֶץ שׁוּעַל”

שמואל א' י"ג Shmuel 1 13:17

Ofra covered with snow עפרה בשלג



View of Nachal Tirtze מבט לנחל תרצה





“You are beautiful, my love, when your deed are pleasing [ke-TIRTZE],
as comely now as you once were in Yerushalayim”

שיר השירים ו' 4: Shir Ha-Shirim



”יָפָה אֶת רְעִיָּתִי כְּתִרְצָה נְאוּוָה בִּירוּשָׁלַם”



Rock-climber on a cliff in Wadi Kelt מטפס על מצוק ואדי קלט



“It shall be that when you cross the Jordan,
you shall erect these stones, of
which I command you today, on MT. EVAL”

”וְהָיָה בְעָבְרְכֶם אֶת הַיַּרְדֵּן תְּקִימוּ אֶת הָאֲבָנִים הָאֵלֶּה
אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מֵצַוֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּהַר עֵיבָל”

דברים כ"ז Devarim 27:4



“Let him grant me MA'ARAT HA-MACHPELAH
which is his, on the edge of his field,
let him grant it to me for its full price,
in your midst,
as an estate for a burial site”

“וַיִּתֵּן לִי אֶת
מְעָרַת הַמַּכְפֵּלָה אֲשֶׁר לוֹ,
אֲשֶׁר בְּקִצֵּה שְׂדֵהוּ.
בְּכֶסֶף מָלֵא יִתְּנֶנָּה לִּי, בְּתוֹכְכֶם לְאַחֲזֹת קֶבֶר”



בראשית כג Bereshit 23:9



Olive trees in Har Ephraim זיתים בהר אפרים



“Moshe ascended from the plains of Moav to Mt. Nevo, to the summit of the cliff that faces Yericho, and Hashem showed him the entire Land: the Gilad as far as DAN”

וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה מֵעַרְבַת מוֹאָב אֶל הַר נְבוֹ
רֹאשׁ הַפְּסָגָה אֲשֶׁר עַל פְּנֵי יְרִיחוֹ
וַיִּרְאֶהוּ ה' אֶת כָּל הָאָרֶץ אֶת הַגִּלְעָד עַד דָּן”

Devarim 34:1 דברים ל"ד



*Watchtower
in the
Shomron*

מגדל
תצפית
בשומרון



*Morning Dew
in Binyamin*

טללי בוקר
בבנימין



“It happened when they arrived at SHOMRON that Elisha said: Hashem, open the eyes of these people that they may see!’ Hashem opened up their eyes and they realized that they were in the midst of Shomron”

וַיְהִי כִּבְאֵם שְׁמֶרוֹן
וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים ה' פָּקַח אֶת עֵינֵי אֵלֶּהָ
וַיֵּרְאוּ וַיִּפְקַח ה' אֶת עֵינֵיהֶם
וַיֵּרְאוּ וְהִנֵּה בְּתוֹךְ שְׁמֶרוֹן”

מלכים ב' ו' 20-21 Melachim 2 6:20-21

On the way to Beit El בדרך לבית אל



“He [Avram] continued on his journeys from the south to BEIT EL to the place where his tent had been at first, between Beit El and Ai”



”וַיֵּלֶךְ לְמִסְעָיו מִנֶּגֶב וְעַד בֵּית אֵל עַד הַמָּקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר הָיָה שֵׁם אַהֲלָה [אַהֲלוֹ] בְּתַחֲלָה בֵּין בֵּית אֵל וּבֵין הָעֵי”

בראשית י' Bereshit 13:3



מבט מאלון מורה *View from Alon Moreh*



“Avram passed into the Land as far as the site of Shechem,
unti|ALON MOREH”

בראשית י"ב ו' Bereshit 12:6

”וַיַּעֲבֹר אַבְרָם בְּאֶרֶץ, עַד מְקוֹם שְׁכֵם, עַד אֵלֹן מוֹרְהָ”

“The fig tree has formed
its first small figs, the VINES
are in blossom,
giving off their fragrance”

שיר השירים ב' 2:13 Shir Ha-Shirim



”הַתְּאֵנָה חֲנֹטָה פְּגִיָּה,
וְהַגְּפְנִים סְמֹדֵר נִתְּנוּ רִיחַ”







Slopes of Emek Dotan מורדות עמק דותן

“He said: ‘Go and see where he is,
and I will send [men] and capture him.’

It was told to him, saying:

‘DOTAN’”

”וַיֹּאמֶר, לְכוּ וּרְאוּ אֵיכָה הוּא,
וְאֶשְׁלַח וְאֶקְחָהוּ וְיָגֵד לוֹ לֵאמֹר
הִנֵּה בְּדֹתָן”

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Melachim I 6:13 מלכים א' ו'



Cypress and olive trees in Binyamin ברושים וזיתים בבנימין



מערה עתיקה מחודשת בגבעות עולם שומרון *Ancient-New cave in Givot Olam, Shomron*

תצפית מהיישוב כרמל לעבר הזריחה View of the sunrise from the Carmel settlement



“Arise! Shine! For your light has arrived,
and the glory of Hashem shines upon you”

ישעיהו ס' 60:1 Yeshayahu



”קומי אורי כי בא אורך וכבוד ה' עליך זרח”



“‘Tevel’ (world) means Eretz Yisrael, as it says (Mishlei 8:31):
‘Playing in the inhabited areas (Tevel) of His Land’, and why is it called ‘Tevel’,
because it is a mixture (Metubelet) of all of the other lands, one has what
another lacks, but Eretz Yisrael lacks nothing”



בין כוכב השחר לבקעת הירדן *Between Kochav Ha-Shachar and the Jordan Valley*

”תִּבֶּל׀ זוֹ אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר ׀מִשְׁחֻקַּת בְּתֵבֶל אֶרְצוֹ׀,
וְלָמָּה נִקְרָא שְׁמָהּ תֵּבֶל, שֶׁהִיא מְתִבֶּלֶת בְּכָל שְׂאֵר אֶרְצוֹת,
יֵשׁ בָּזוּ מִה שְׂאִין בָּזו, אֲבָל אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵינָה חֹסְרָה כָּלֹם”



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חקלאות בואכה שומרון *Agriculture upon entering the Shomron*



אֶרֶץ

אֲשֶׁר ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ דֹרֵשׁ אֹתָהּ תָּמִיד
עֵינֵי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּהּ
מֵרֵשִׁית הַשָּׁנָה וְעַד אַחֲרִית שָׁנָה

דברים י"א ד' Devarim 11:12



“A LAND

that Hashem, your G-d, seeks out,
ayour G-d, are always upon it,
from the beginning of the year
to year's end”





שועל בין איתמר לאלון מורה Fox between Itamar and Alon Moreh



“It is better to dwell
in the deserts of Eretz Yisrael than in
the castles outside of the Land”

“מוטב ללון במדבריות של ארץ ישראל
ולא בפלטריות [ארמונות] של חוצה לארץ”

בראשית רבה ל"ט Bereshit Rabbah 39

“The entire assembly
of the Children of Israel
gathered at SHILO
and erected the Tent of Meeting there,
and the Land had been conquered
before them”

יהושע י"ח 18:1 Yehoshua



”וַיִּקְהֲלוּ כָּל עֵדֻת
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל **שִׁלֹה**,
וַיִּשְׁכְּנוּ שָׁם אֶת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד,
וְהָאָרֶץ נִכְבְּשָׁה, לִפְנֵיהֶם”



ערפילי בוקר בשילה Morning fog in Shilo





“When Hordus made a memorial for his relatives and loved ones, he did not belittle his own memorial: He therefore built a fortress on the mountain facing the land of Arav, and called it HERODIAN after himself”

וְכַאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה הוֹרְדוֹס זָכָר עוֹלָם לְקִרְוָבָיו וְלְאוֹהֲבָיו,
לֹא זָלַזל גַּם בְּזָכָר עֲצָמוֹ:
עַל־כֵּן בָּנָה מִבְּצָר בְּהַר הַפּוֹנֶה אֶל אֶרֶץ עַרְב
וְקָרָא לוֹ הֶרֹדִיּוֹן עַל שְׁמוֹ”

יֹסֵף בֶּן מַתִּיתְיָהוּ Yosef ben Matityahu



“It happened two years later
that they were shearing Avshalom’s
[sheep] in BA’AL CHAZOR,
which is in Ephraim, and Avshalom
invited all the king’s sons”

שמואל ב' י"ג 2:13:23 Shmuel

וַיְהִי לְשָׁנָתִים יָמִים
וַיְהִיו גִּזְזִים לְאַבְשָׁלוֹם
בְּבַעַל חָצוֹר
אֲשֶׁר עִם אֶפְרַיִם וַיִּקְרָא אַבְשָׁלוֹם
לְכָל בְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ”



Mt. Ba'al Chazor הר בעל חצור





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Har Bracha (Mt. of
Blessing), Shomron
Elchanan Shushan



16
Flowing water in
Wadi Klet
Mordechai Benita



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Between Tekoa and
Kefar Eldad
Mordechai Benita



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Bird of prey in
Mitzpeh Alon
Mordechai Benita



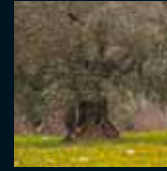
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Flower in Shomron
Yair Henig



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Field of wheat
in the Shomron
Mordechai Benita



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Rest stop in Eli,
Binyamin
Eliyahu Yanai



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Olive tree in Shiloh
Eliyahu Yanai



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Yehudah Desert,
the way to the City of
Date Palms (Yericho)
Mordechai Benita



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Shechem at night
Yair Henig



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Nachal Perat [Wadi Kelt]
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View of the springs
of Peza'el
Mordechai Benita



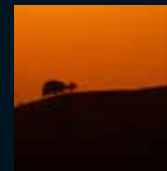
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View of Sartavah
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Cyclamen in Binyamin
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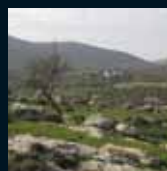
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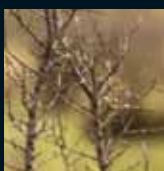
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Grapevines in the
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Kefar Yinon (Yanoach)
Dvir Reviv



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Deer in Mitzpe
Keramim, Binyamin
Yair Henig



12
Ein Ner, Binyamin
(Near the community
of Shiloh)
Eliyahu Yanai



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The Dead Sea from the
Harodian
Mordechai Benita



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Twilight in the Shomron
Yair Henig



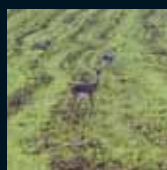
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Snow at the edge of the
desert (wilderness),
Har Hevron
Michael Luria



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Tel Shilo, Binyamin
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The way to Kochav
Ha-Shachar-Rimonim
Mordechai Benita



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Deer in Chomesh,
Shomron
Menacham Brody



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Blossoming on the way
to Itamar
Mordechai Benita



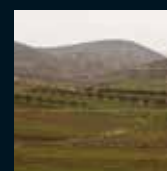
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Anemones on the way
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Mordechai Benita



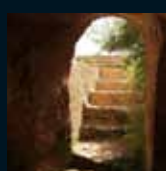
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Etzion in the snow
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On Derech Alon
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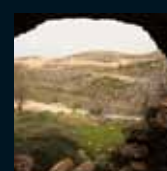
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Ein Perat, Anatot
Mordechai Benita



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Mikveh on the way
of our Forefathers
Eliyahu Yanai



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The view from Migron
Elad Diament



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Ma'ayan Ateret,
Binyamin
Yair Henig



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Olive Trees in the Valley
of Dolev
Tamir Orbaum



55
The way of
our Forefathers
Eliyahu Yanai



65
Grove in Binyamin
Mordechai Benita



75
Grapes in Ofra
Baruch Greenberg



46
Blossoming at
Maale Levona
Eliyahu Yanai



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View towards
Maale Adumim
Yair Henig



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Tzereda in Mt. Ephraim
Nati Yisraeli



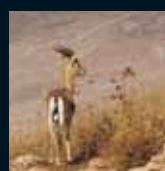
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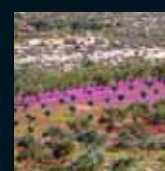
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Sky sprinkled
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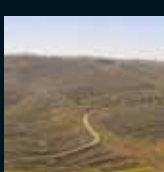
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Ancient olive tree
in Binyamin
Yair Henig



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Deer in Har Kabir,
Shomron
Menacham Brody



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Blossoming in an olive-
tree grove in Binyamin
Mordechai Benita



48
View towards
Maale Levona
Yair Henig



58
Emek Dotan
Dvir Reviv



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On the way to Yericho
Yair Henig



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Hikers between Alon
and Machtesh
Mordechai Benita



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Cherries in the
Sedei Calev
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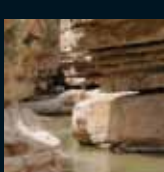
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Anemones on the way
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Small cave in Shomron
Yochai Cohen



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Blossoming almond
in Binyamin
Yair Henig



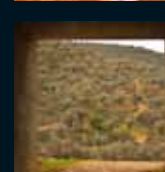
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Nachal Perat
Mordechai Benita



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Moon over Shilo
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View from Kedumim to
the territory of Ephraim
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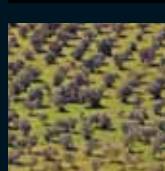
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Wadi Charmeil
Yair Henig



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Emek Michmetat -
Beit Ha-John,
on the way to Itamar
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Waterfall at Wadi Kelt
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Olive tree grove in Shilo
Yair Henig



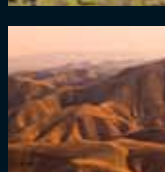
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Deers in Ofra
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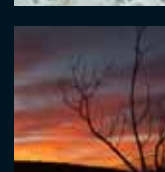
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Sheep on Derech Alon
Elchanan Shushan



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Olive trees in
Emek Yinon, Shomron
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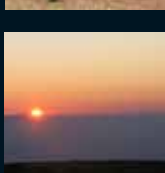
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View from
Mitzpe Yericho
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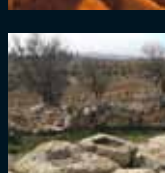
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Sunset in Beit El
Baruch Greenberg



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Channel on the way to
the City of Date Palms
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View on the sunrise
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Well in Eshtemo'a
Dvir Reviv



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Canal of a well in
Gush Etzion
Eliyahu Yanai



85
Between Beitar Elite and
Rosh Tzurim on the way
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Ofra covered with snow
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Spring in the Shomron
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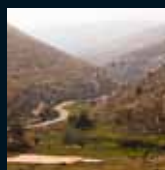
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Yair Henig



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View of the Moav
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Mordechai Benita



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View of Nachal Tirtze
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On the way to Beit El
Yair Henig



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Agriculture upon
entering the Shomron
Uriel Margalit



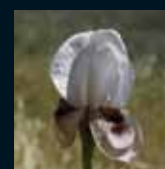
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Iris of the Shomron
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Rock-climber on a cliff
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View from Alon Moreh
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119
Flower
Nati Yisraeli



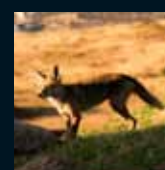
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Terrace in Binyamin
Elchanan Shushan



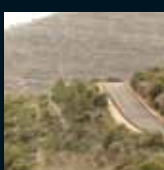
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Mt. Eval, Shomron
Nati Yisraeli



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Snow in the vineyards
of Ofra
Baruch Greenberg



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Fox between Itamar
and Alon Moreh
Yair Henig



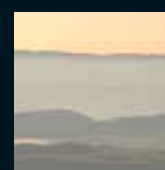
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Ascent to Neveh Tzuf
Yochai Cohen



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Ma'arat Ha-Machpelah
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Grape vines
in the Shomron
Gidon Sharon



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Morning Fog in the
Shomron
Yair Henig



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Winery in Shomron
Ishi Chazani



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Olive trees
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Sara Korlak



112
Slopes of Emek Dotan
Dvir Reviv



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Morning fog in Shilo
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View of Sartavah
from Binyamin
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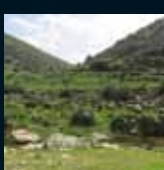
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View from Itamar
towards Gush Dan
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Cypress and olive trees
in Binyamin
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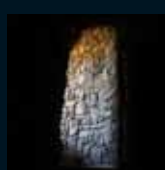
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Herodian on the way
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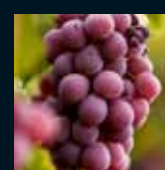
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Nachal Kanah
in the Shomron
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Watchtower in the
Shomron
Yair Henig



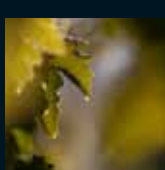
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Ancient-New cave in
Givot Olam, Shomron
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Grapes in Binyamin
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Ancient Terrace on a
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Eliyahu Yanai



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View of the sunrise from
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Yonatan Bar-Chai



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Mt. Ba'al Chazor
Baruch Greenberg



Mediterranean Sea

Kinneret

Haifa

Tiveria

Beit Shean

Dotan

Chomesh

Har Bracha

Shechem

Nachal Tirzeh

Alon Moreh

Nachal Kanah

Kedumim

Itamar

Sartavah

Ariel

Shomron

Petzael

Gitit

Neveh Tzu

Maale Levona

Eli

Binyamin

Shiloh

Baal Chatzor

Dolev

Beit El

Ofra

Migron

Kochav Ha-Shachar

Michmash

Nachal Perat-Anatot

Alon

Yericho

Yerushalayim

Maale Adumim

Emek Ha-Alah

Beit Lechem

Beitar

Alon Shevut

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