

Variations on a Theme:

Judges 10-12 and Jephthah's Tragedy

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1: The importance of being repetitive

David M. Gunn and Donna Nolan Fewell, Narrative in the Hebrew Bible, 148:

If meaning, as many say, essentially depends on difference, then sorting out similarity and difference is a central operation of close reading. Repetition creates rich possibilities of variation, and variation creates new meaning. Repetition can first lull the reader into false expectations and then, through sudden variance, can introduce an element of startling surprise. Repetition and variation can equate and contrast events or characters or even whole other texts through association, inviting the reader to consider the significance of similarities and dissimilarities.

2: Making a point

Judges 3:5-6

(5) The Israelites settled among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites; (6) they took their daughters to wife and gave their own daughters to their sons, and they worshiped their gods.

שופטים ג':ה-ו'

(ה) וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יָשְׁבוּ בְּקִרְבַּי הַכְּנַעֲנִי הַחִתִּי
וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי: (ו) וַיִּקְחוּ
אֶת-בָּנוֹתֵיהֶם לָהֶם לְנָשִׁים וְאֶת-בָּנוֹתֵיהֶם
נָתַנוּ לְבָנֵיהֶם וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ אֶת-אֱלֹהֵיהֶם: (פ)

Judges 3:12-14

(12) the Israelites again did what was offensive to the LORD. And because they did what was offensive to the LORD, the LORD let King Eglon of Moab prevail over Israel. (13) [Eglon] brought the Ammonites and the Amalekites together under his command, and went and defeated Israel and occupied the City of Palms. (14) The Israelites were subject to King Eglon of Moab for eighteen years.

שופטים ג':י"ב-י"ד

(יב) וַיַּסְפּוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי
יְהוָה וַיַּחֲזֶק יְהוָה אֶת-עַגְלֹן מֶלֶךְ-מוֹאָב עַל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל כִּי-עָשׂוּ אֶת-הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה:
(יג) וַיֵּאֱסֹף אֱלֹהֵי אֶת-בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן וְעַמְלֵק וַיִּלְדּוּ
וַיִּבְרְאוּ אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּירָשׁוּ אֶת-עִיר הַתְּמָרִים:
(יד) וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-עַגְלֹן מֶלֶךְ-
מוֹאָב שְׁמוֹנֶה עָשָׂר שָׁנָה: (ס)

3. A subtle trend

Judges 3:14-17

(14) The Israelites were subject to King Eglon of Moab for eighteen years. (15) Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up a champion for them: the Benjaminite Ehud son of Gera, a left-handed man. It happened that the Israelites sent tribute to King Eglon of Moab through him. (16) So Ehud made for himself a two-edged dagger, a gomed in length, which he girded on his right side under his cloak. (17) He presented the tribute to King Eglon of Moab. Now Eglon was a very stout man.

Judges 4:4-7

(4) Deborah, wife of Lappidoth, was a prophetess; she led Israel at that time. (5) She used to sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would come to her for decisions. (6) She summoned Barak son of Abinoam, of Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded: Go, march up to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun. (7) And I will draw Sisera, Jabin’s army commander, with his chariots and his troops, toward you up to the Wadi Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hands.”

Judges 4:14

(14) Then Deborah said to Barak, “Up! This is the day on which the LORD will deliver Sisera into your hands: the LORD is marching before you.” Barak charged down Mount Tabor, followed by the ten thousand men,

שופטים ג': י"ד-י"ז

(יד) ויעבדו בני־ישראל את־עגלון מלך־מוֹאָב שמונה עשרה שנה: (טו) ויצעקו בני־ישראל אל־יהוה ויקם יהוה להם מושיע את־אהוד בן־גֵּרָא בן־הימיני איש אטר יד־ימינו וישלחו בני־ישראל בידו־מנחה לעגלון מלך־מוֹאָב: (טז) ויעש לוֹ אהוד חרב וְלָהּ שְׁנֵי פִיּוֹת גָּמָד אַרְפֵּה ויחגר אותה מתחת למדיו על ירך ימינו: (יז) ויקרב את־המנחה לעגלון מלך־מוֹאָב ועגלון איש בריא מאד:

שופטים ד': ד'-ז'

(ד) ודבורה אשה נביאה אשת לפידות היא שפטת את־ישראל בעת ההיא: (ה) והיא יושבת תחת־תמר דבורה בין הרמה ובין בית־אל בתר אפרים ויעלו אליה בני־ישראל למשפט: (ו) ותשלח ותקרא לבָּרַק בן־אבינעם מקדש נפתלי ותאמר אליו הלא צנה | יהנה אלהי־ישראל לך ומשכתך בתר תבור ולקחת עמה עשרת אלפים איש מבני נפתלי ומבני זבלון: (ז) ומשכתך אליך אל־נחל קישון את־סיסרא שר־צבא יבין ואת־רכבו ואת־המונו ונתתיהו בידיך:

שופטים ד': י"ד

(יד) ותאמר דבורה אל־בָּרַק קום כִּי הנה היום אשר נתן יהוה את־סיסרא בידיך הלא יהנה יצא לפניה ויָרַד בָּרַק מֵהַר תבור ועשרת אלפים איש אחריו:

4: Third time the charm

Judges 6:11-15

(11) An angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was then beating out wheat inside a winepress in order to keep it safe from the Midianites. (12) The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, valiant warrior!” (13) Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why has all this befallen us? Where are all His wondrous deeds about which our fathers told us, saying, ‘Truly the LORD brought us up from Egypt’? Now the LORD has abandoned us and delivered us into the hands of Midian!” (14) The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this strength of yours and deliver Israel from the Midianites. I herewith make you My messenger.” (15) He said to Him, “Please, my lord, how can I deliver Israel? Why, my clan is the humblest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s household.”

Judges 7:1-7

(1) Early next day, Jerubbaal—that is, Gideon—and all the troops with him encamped above En-harod, while the camp of Midian was in the plain to the north of him, at Gibeath-moreh. (2) The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many troops with you for Me to deliver Midian into their hands; Israel might claim for themselves the glory due to Me, thinking, ‘Our own hand has brought us victory.’... (4) “There are still too many troops,” the LORD said to Gideon. “Take them down to the water and I will sift them for you there. Anyone of whom I tell you, ‘This one is to go with you,’ that one shall go with you; and anyone of whom I tell you, ‘This one is not to go with you,’ that one shall not go.” (5) So he took the troops down to the water... (6) Now those who “lapped” the water into their mouths by hand numbered three hundred; all the rest of the troops got down on their knees to drink. (7) Then the LORD said to Gideon, “I will deliver you and I will put Midian into your hands through the three hundred ‘lappers’; let the rest of the troops go home.”

שופטים ו':א-ט"ו

(יא) וַיָּבֹא מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה וַיֵּשֶׁב תַּחַת הָאֵלֶּהָ אֲשֶׁר בְּעֹפְרָה אֲשֶׁר לְיוֹאָשׁ אֲבִי הַעֲזָרָי וּגְדֵעוֹן בְּנוֹ חִבֵּט חֲטִים בְּגֵת לְהַגִּיס מִפְּנֵי מִדְיָן: (יב) וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוָה עֲמָה גִבּוֹר הַחַיִּל: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו גְּדֵעוֹן בֶּן אֲדֹנָי וַיֵּשׁ יְהוָה עִמָּנוּ וְלָמָּה מִצְאָתָנוּ כָּל־זֹאת וַאֲיֵה כָּל־נַפְלְאֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר סָפְרוּ־לָנוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לֵאמֹר הֲלֹא מִמִּצְרַיִם הֶעֱלָנוּ יְהוָה וְעַתָּה נִטְשָׁנוּ יְהוָה וַיִּתְּנֵנוּ בְּכַף־מִדְיָן: (יד) וַיִּפֹּן אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר לָךְ בְּכַחַךְ זֶה וְהוֹשַׁעְתָּ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכַּף מִדְיָן הֲלֹא שָׁלַחְתִּיךָ: (טו) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בֶּן אֲדֹנָי בְּמָה אוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל הֲנִי אֶלְפֵי הַדָּל בְּמִנְשָׁה וְאַנְכִי הַצָּעִיר בְּבֵית אָבִי:

שופטים ז':א-ז

(א) וַיִּשְׁכַּם יְרֻבְעֵל הוּא גְדֵעוֹן וְכָל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ וַיַּחֲנוּ עַל־עֵין חַרְדַּי וּמַחֲנֵה מִדְיָן הָיְהִי־לָוּ מִצְפּוֹן מִגְּבַעַת הַמּוֹרָה בְּעַמְקָה: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־גְּדֵעוֹן רַב הָעָם אֲשֶׁר אִתָּךְ מִתַּתִּי אֶת־מִדְיָן בְּיָדָם פֹּן־יִתְּפָאֵר עָלַי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר יָדִי הוֹשִׁיעָה לִּי: ... (ד) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־גְּדֵעוֹן עוֹד הָעָם רַב הוֹרֵד אוֹתָם אֶל־הַמַּיִם וְאַצְרַפְנוּ לָךְ שָׁם וְהָיָה אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֵלָיִךְ זֶה וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתָּךְ הוּא יֵלֶךְ אִתָּךְ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר אֵלָיִךְ זֶה לֹא יֵלֶךְ עִמָּךְ הוּא לֹא יֵלֶךְ: (ה) וַיִּזְרַד אֶת־הָעָם אֶל־הַמַּיִם... (ו) וַיְהִי מִסֹּפֵר הַמְּלַקְקִים בְּיָדָם אֶל־פִּיהֶם שָׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת אִישׁ וְכָל־יֵתֵר הָעָם קָרְעוּ עַל־בְּרַכְיָהֶם לְשִׁתוֹת מַיִם: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־גְּדֵעוֹן בְּשָׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת הָאִישׁ הַמְּלַקְקִים אוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם וְנִתַּתִּי אֶת־מִדְיָן בְּיָדְךָ וְכָל־הָעָם יֵלְכוּ אִישׁ לְמִקְמוֹ:

5: Of geography and leadership

Yael Ziegler, Ruth – from Alienation to Monarchy, 37:

...as the book progresses, each leader is gradually less powerful than his or her predecessor; the scope of the leader's hegemony narrows alongside the leader's ability to unify the people and guide them toward religious integrity.



6. A tale of two abandonments

Judges 10:10-16

(10) Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, “We stand guilty before You, for we have forsaken our God and served the Baalim.” (11) But the LORD said to the Israelites, “[I have rescued you] from the Egyptians, from the Amorites, from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines... also oppressed you; and when you cried out to Me, I saved you from them. (13) Yet you have forsaken Me and have served other gods. No, I will not deliver you again. (14) Go cry to the gods you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress!” (15) But the Israelites implored the LORD: “We stand guilty. Do to us as You see fit; only save us this day!” (16) They removed the alien gods from among them and served the LORD; and He could not bear the miseries of Israel.

Judges 11:1-9

(1) Jephthah the Gileadite was an able warrior, who was the son of a prostitute. Jephthah’s father was Gilead; (2) but Gilead also had sons by his wife, and when the wife’s sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out. They said to him, “You shall have no share in our father’s property, for you are the son of an outsider.” (3) So Jephthah fled from his brothers and settled in the Tob country. Men of low character gathered about Jephthah and went out raiding with him... (5) And when the Ammonites attacked Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah back from the Tob country. (6) They said to Jephthah, “Come be our chief, so that we can fight the Ammonites.” (7) Jephthah replied to the elders of Gilead, “You are the very people who rejected me and drove me out of my father’s house. How can you come to me now when you are in trouble?” (8) The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “Honestly, we have now turned back to you. If you come with us and fight the Ammonites, you shall be our commander over all the inhabitants of Gilead.” (9) Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “if you bring me back to fight the Ammonites and the LORD delivers them to me, I am to be your commander.”

שופטים י"י-ט"ז

(י) וַיִּזְעֻקוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה לֵאמֹר חָטְאָנוּ לְךָ וְכִי עֲזַבְנוּ אֶת־אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַנַּעֲבֹד אֶת־הַבְּעֻלִים: (פ)
 (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הֲלֹא מִמִּצְרַיִם וּמִן־הָאֱמֹרִי וּמִן־בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן וּמִן־פְּלִשְׁתִּים... לְחַצּוֹ אֶתְכֶם וַתִּצְעַקוּ אֵלַי וְאוֹשִׁיעָה אֶתְכֶם מִיָּדָם: (ג)
 וְאַתֶּם עֲזַבְתֶּם אוֹתִי וַתַּעֲבֹדוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים לְכַן לֹא־אוֹסִיף לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם: (ד) לְכוּ וּזְעַקוּ אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר בַּחֲרַתֶּם בָּם הֲמָה יוֹשִׁיעוּ לָכֶם בְּעֵת צָרַתְכֶם: (טו) וַיֹּאמְרוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה חָטְאָנוּ עָשִׂה־אַתָּה לָנוּ כְּכֹל־הַטּוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדָהּ הִצִּילָנוּ נָא הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (טז) וַיִּסְרוּ אֶת־אֱלֹהֵי הַנֹּכַר מִקִּרְבָּם וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה וַתִּקְצַר נַפְשׁוֹ בַּעֲמַל יִשְׂרָאֵל: (פ)

שופטים י"א-א'-ט

(א) וַיִּפְתַּח הַגִּלְעָדִי הַזֶּה גִבּוֹר חַיִּל וְהוּא בֶן־אִשָּׁה זוֹנָה וַיּוֹלֵד גִּלְעָד אֶת־יִפְתָּח: (ב) וַתֵּלֶד אִשְׁת־גִּלְעָד לוֹ בָנִים וַיַּגְדִּלוּ בְנֵי־הָאִשָּׁה וַיִּגְרָשׁוּ אֶת־יִפְתָּח וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ לֹא־תִנְחַל בְּבֵית־אֲבִינוּ כִּי בֶן־אִשָּׁה אַחֲרַת אֹתָהּ: (ג) וַיִּבְרַח יִפְתָּח מִבְּנֵי אָחָיו וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאֶרֶץ טוֹב וַיִּתְּלַקְטוּ אֶל־יִפְתָּח אֲנָשִׁים רַיָּקִים וַיִּצְאוּ עִמּוֹ: ... (ה) וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר־נִלְחַמוּ בְנֵי־עַמּוֹן עִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּלְכוּ וַזְּקַנֵּי גִלְעָד לָקַחְתָּ אֶת־יִפְתָּח מֵאֶרֶץ טוֹב: (ו) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְיִפְתָּח לָכֵה וְהָיִיתָה לָנוּ לְקַצֵּין וּנְלַחֲמָה בְּבְנֵי עַמּוֹן: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר יִפְתָּח לְזַקְנֵי גִלְעָד הֲלֹא אַתֶּם שְׂנֵאתֶם אוֹתִי וַתִּגְרָשׁוּנִי מִבֵּית אָבִי וּמִדֹּאֵעַ בְּאַתֶּם אֵלַי עַתָּה כַּאֲשֶׁר צָר לָכֶם: (ח) וַיֹּאמְרוּ זְקַנֵּי גִלְעָד אֶל־יִפְתָּח לְכוּ עִתָּה שְׁבִנוּ אֵלֶיךָ וְהָלַכְתָּ עִמָּנוּ וְנִלְחַמְתָּ בְּבְנֵי עַמּוֹן וְהָיִיתָ לָנוּ לְרֹאשׁ לְכָל יִשְׁבֵי גִלְעָד: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר יִפְתָּח אֶל־זְקַנֵּי גִלְעָד אִם־מְשִׁיבִים אַתֶּם אוֹתִי לְהִלָּחֵם בְּבְנֵי עַמּוֹן וְנָתַן יְהוָה אוֹתָם לְפָנַי אֲנֹכִי אֶהְיֶה לָכֶם לְרֹאשׁ:

7. Two broken homes

Judges 11:34-40

(34) When Jephthah arrived at his home in Mizpah, there was his daughter coming out to meet him, with timbrel and dance! She was an only child; he had no other son or daughter. (35) On seeing her, he rent his clothes and said, “Alas, daughter! You have brought me low; you have become my troubler! For I have uttered a vow to the LORD and I cannot retract.” (36) “Father,” she said, “you have uttered a vow to the LORD; do to me as you have vowed, seeing that the LORD has vindicated you against your enemies, the Ammonites... (40) for the maidens of Israel to go every year, for four days in the year, and chant dirges for the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.

Judges 12:1-6

(1) The men of Ephraim mustered and crossed [the Jordan] to Zaphon. They said to Jephthah, “Why did you march to fight the Ammonites without calling us to go with you? We’ll burn your house down over you!” (2) Jephthah answered them, “I and my people were in a bitter conflict with the Ammonites; and I summoned you, but you did not save me from them. (3) When I saw that you were no saviors, I risked my life and advanced against the Ammonites; and the LORD delivered them into my hands. Why have you come here now to fight against me?” (4) And Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought the Ephraimites. The men of Gilead defeated the Ephraimites; for they had said, “You Gileadites are nothing but fugitives from Ephraim—being in Manasseh is like being in Ephraim.” (5) The Gileadites held the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And when any fugitive from Ephraim said, “Let me cross,” the men of Gilead would ask him, “Are you an Ephraimite?”; if he said “No,” (6) they would say to him, “Then say shibboleth”; but he would say “sibboleth,” not being able to pronounce it correctly. Thereupon they would seize him and slay him by the fords of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand Ephraimites fell at that time.

שופטים י"א:ל"ד-מ'

(לד) וַיָּבֵא וַיִּפְתַּח הַמְצָפָה אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וְהִנֵּה בָתוּ יֵצֵאת לְקִרְאתוֹ בַת־פָּיִם וּבַמְחִלּוֹת וְרַק הִיא יְחִידָהּ אֵינְלָוּ מִמֶּנּוּ בֵן אֶו־בַת: (לה) וַיִּהְיֶה כִרְאוֹתוֹ אוֹתָהּ וַיִּקְרַע אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲהָהּ בַתִּי הַכֹּרֵעַ הַכֹּרַעְתָּנִי וְאַתָּה הִיִּיתְ בַּעֲכָרְךָ וְאַנְכִי פָצְיִתִי־פִי אֶל־יְהוָה וְלֹא אוֹכַל לָשׁוּב: (לו) וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אָבִי פָצְיִתָה אֶת־פִּיהָ אֶל־יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה לִי כַאֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִפִּיהָ אַחֲרָי אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְהָיְהוּנָה נְקָמוֹת מֵאִיבֵיהָ מִבְּנֵי עַמּוֹן... (מ) מִיָּמִים וּמִיָּמָה תִלְכְּנָה בְּנֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל לְתַנּוֹת לְבַת־יִפְתָּח הַגִּלְעָדִי אַרְבַּעַת יָמִים בַּשָּׁנָה: (ס)

שופטים י"ב:א'-ו'

(א) וַיִּצְעַק אִישׁ אֶפְרַיִם וַיַּעֲבֹר צָפּוֹנָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְיִפְתָּח מַדּוּעַ עָבַרְתָּ וְלֹהֲלַחַם בְּבְנֵי־עַמּוֹן וְלָנוּ לֹא קָרָאתָ לְלָכֶת עִמָּךְ בֵּיתְךָ נִשְׂרָף עָלֶיךָ בְּאֵשׁ: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר יִפְתָּח אֲלֵיהֶם אִישׁ רִיב הִיִּיתִי אָנֹכִי וְעַמִּי וּבְנֵי־עַמּוֹן מָאָד וְאַזְעַק אֶתְכֶם וְלֹא־הוֹשַׁעְתֶּם אוֹתִי מִיָּדָם: (ג) וְאַרְאֶה כִּי־אֵינְהָ מוֹשִׁיעַ וְאַשְׁלִימָה נַפְשִׁי בַכַּפִּי וְאַעֲבֹרָהּ אֶל־בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן וַיִּתְּנָם יְהוָה בְּיָדִי וְלָמָּה עָלִיתֶם אֵלַי הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְהִלָּחֵם בִּי: (ד) וַיִּקְבְּצוּ יִפְתָּח אֶת־כָּל־אֲנָשֵׁי גִלְעָד וַיִּלָּחֶם אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם וַיִּכּוּ אֲנָשֵׁי גִלְעָד אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם כִּי אָמְרוּ פְּלִיטֵי אֶפְרַיִם אַתֶּם גִּלְעָד בְּתוֹךְ אֶפְרַיִם בְּתוֹךְ מְנַשֶּׁה: (ה) וַיִּלְכְּדוּ גִלְעָד אֶת־מַעְבְּרוֹת הַיַּרְדֵּן לְאֶפְרַיִם וַהֲיָה כִּי יֹאמְרוּ פְּלִיטֵי אֶפְרַיִם אַעֲבֹרָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אֲנָשֵׁי־גִלְעָד הֲאֶפְרַתִּי אַתָּה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא: (ו) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אֶמְרֵ־נָא שְׁבֻלֶת וַיֹּאמֶר סְבֻלֶת וְלֹא יָכִין לְדַבֵּר כֵּן וַיִּאֲחַזוּ אוֹתוֹ וַיִּשְׁחָטוּהוּ אֶל־מַעְבְּרוֹת הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיִּפֹּל בַּעֲת הַהִיא מֵאֶפְרַיִם אַרְבַּעַת וּשְׁנָיִם אֲלָף: