



SHUSHANAH

Additions to Daniy'el

Shushanah's Beauty Attracts Two Elders

¹ There dwelt a man in Babylon, called Yahuyaqiym: ² And he took a wife, whose name was Shushanah, the daughter of Qelkyahu, a very fair woman, and one that feared YAHUAHA. ³ Her parents also were righteous and taught their daughter according to the Torah of Moses. ⁴ Now Yahuyaqiym was a great rich man, and had a fair garden joining unto his house: and to him resorted the Yahudiym, because he was more honorable than all others.

⁵ The same year were appointed two of the ancients of the people to be judges, such as YAHUAHA spoke of, that wickedness came from Babylon from ancient judges, who seemed to govern the people. ⁶ These kept much at Yahuyaqiym's house: and all that had any suits in Torah came unto them.

⁷ Now when the people departed at noon, Shushanah went into her husband's garden to walk. ⁸ And the two elders saw her going in every

day, and walking; so that their lust was inflamed toward her. ⁹ And they perverted their own mind, and turned away their eyes, that they might not look unto heaven, nor remember just judgments. ¹⁰ And albeit they both were wounded with her love, yet durst not one shew another his grief. ¹¹ For they were ashamed to declare their lust, that they desired to have anything to do with her. ¹² Yet they watched diligently from day to day to see her.

¹³ And the one said to the other, Let us now go home: for it is dinner time. ¹⁴ So when they were gone out, they parted the one from the other, and turning back again they came to the same place; and after that they had asked one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust: then appointed they a time both together, when they might find her alone.

The Elders Attempt to Seduce Shushanah

¹⁵ And it fell out, as they watched a fit time, she went in as before with two maids only, and she was desirous to wash herself in the garden: for it was hot. ¹⁶ And there was no body there save the two elders, that had hidden themselves, and watched her. ¹⁷ Then she said to her maids, Bring me oil and washing balls, and shut the garden doors, that I may wash me. ¹⁸ And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw not the elders, because they were hidden.

¹⁹ Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders rose up, and ran unto her, saying, ²⁰ Behold, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with thee; therefore, consent unto us, and lie with us. ²¹ If you will not, we will bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee: and therefore, you didst send away thy maids from thee.

²² Then Shushanah sighed, and said, I am straitened on every side: for if I do this thing, it is death unto me: and if I do it not, I cannot escape your hands. ²³ It is better for me to fall into your hands, and not do it, than to sin in the sight of YAHUAHA.

²⁴ With that Shushanah cried with a loud voice: and the two elders cried out against her. ²⁵ Then ran the one and opened the garden door. ²⁶ So when the servants of the house heard the cry in the garden, they rushed in at the privy door, to see what was done unto her. ²⁷ But when the elders

had declared their matter, the servants were greatly ashamed: for there was never such a report made of Shushanah.

The Elders Testify against Shushanah

²⁸ And it came to pass the next day, when the people were assembled to her husband Yahuyaqiym, the two elders came also full of mischievous imagination against Shushanah to put her to death; ²⁹ And said before the people, Send for Shushanah, the daughter of Qelkyahu, Yahuyaqiym's wife. And so, they sent. ³⁰ So she came with her father and mother, her children, and all her kindred.

³¹ Now Shushanah was a very delicate woman, and beauteous to behold. ³² And these wicked men commanded to uncover her face, (for she was covered) that they might be filled with her beauty. ³³ Therefore her friends and all that saw her wept.

³⁴ Then the two elders stood up in the midst of the people and laid their hands upon her head. ³⁵ And she weeping looked up toward heaven: for her heart trusted in YAHUAHA. ³⁶ And the elders said, As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, and shut the garden doors, and sent the maids away. ³⁷ Then a young man, who there was hid, came unto her, and lay with her. ³⁸ Then we that stood in a corner of the garden, seeing this wickedness, ran unto them. ³⁹ And when we saw them together, the man we could not hold: for he was stronger than we, and opened the door, and leaped out. ⁴⁰ But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she would not tell us: these things do we testify. ⁴¹ Then the assembly believed them as those that were the elders and judges of the people: so, they condemned her to death.

⁴² Then Shushanah cried out with a loud voice, and said, O everlasting ALAHAYAM, that knowest the secrets, and knowest all things before they be: ⁴³ Thou knowest that they have borne false witness against me, and behold, I must die; whereas I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me.

⁴⁴ And YAHUAHA heard her voice. ⁴⁵ Therefore when she was led to be put to death, YAHUAHA raised up the holy spirit of a young youth whose name was Daniy'el: ⁴⁶ Who cried with a loud voice, I am clear from the blood of this woman.

Daniy'el Rescues Shushanah

⁴⁷ Then all the people turned them toward him, and said, What mean these words that you hast spoken? ⁴⁸ So he standing in the midst of them said, Are ye such fools, ye sons of Israel, that without examination or knowledge of the truth ye have condemned a daughter of Israel? ⁴⁹ Return again to the place of judgment: for they have borne false witness against her.

⁵⁰ Wherefore all the people turned again in haste, and the elders said unto him, Come, sit down among us, and shew it us, seeing ALAHAYAM hath given thee the honor of an elder. ⁵¹ Then said Daniy'el unto them, Put these two aside one far from another, and I will examine them.

⁵² So when they were put asunder one from another, he called one of them, and said unto him, O you that art waxen old in wickedness, now thy sins which you hast committed aforetime are come to light. ⁵³ For you hast pronounced false judgment and hast condemned the innocent and hast let the guilty go free; albeit YAHUAHA saith, The innocent and righteous shalt you not slay. ⁵⁴ Now then, if you hast seen her, tell me, Under what tree saw you them accompanying together? Who answered, Under a mastic tree. ⁵⁵ And Daniy'el said, Very well; you hast lied against thine own head; for even now the angel of ALAHAYAM hath received the sentence of ALAHAYAM to cut thee in two.

⁵⁶ So he put him aside, and commanded to bring the other, and said unto him, O you seed of Kena'an, and not of Yahudah, beauty hath deceived thee, and lust hath perverted thine heart. ⁵⁷ Thus have ye dealt with the daughters of Israel, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Yahudah would not abide your wickedness. ⁵⁸ Now therefore tell me, Under what tree didst you take them companying together? Who answered, Under a holm tree. ⁵⁹ Then said Daniy'el unto him, Well; you hast also lied against thine own head: for the angel of ALAHAYAM waits with the sword to cut thee in two, that he may destroy you.

⁶⁰ With that all the assembly cried out with a loud voice, and praised ALAHAYAM, who saved those that trust in him. ⁶¹ And they arose against the two elders, for Daniy'el had convicted them of false witness by their own mouth: ⁶² And according to the Torah of Moses they did unto them in such sort as they maliciously intended to do to their neighbor: and they put them to death. Thus, the innocent blood was saved the same day.

⁶³Therefore Qelkyahu and his wife praised ALAHAYAM for their daughter Shushanah, with Yahuyaqiyim her husband, and all the kindred, because there was no dishonesty found in her. ⁶⁴From that day forth was Daniy'el had in great reputation in the sight of the people.

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