

¹And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.²And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son.³And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.⁴Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.⁵And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.⁶In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.⁷And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.⁸And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.⁹And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.¹⁰And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the

¹وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مِنْ جَبَلِ أَفْرَايِمَ اسْمُهُ مِيخَا.²فَقَالَ لِأُمِّهِ، إِنَّ الألفَ وَالْهَيْمَةَ سَاقِلِ الْفِصَّةِ الَّتِي أُحْدِثْتُ مِنْكَ، وَأَنْتِ لَعَنْتِ وَقُلْتِ أَيْضاً فِي أذُنِي. هُوَذَا الْفِصَّةُ مَعِي. أَنَا أُحْدِثُهَا. فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ، مُبَارَكُ أَنْتِ مِنَ الرَّبِّ يَا ابْنِي.³فَرَدَّ الألفَ وَالْهَيْمَةَ سَاقِلِ الْفِصَّةِ لِأُمِّهِ. فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ، تَقْدِيساً قَدَسْتُ الْفِصَّةَ لِلرَّبِّ مِنْ يَدِي لِابْنِي لَعَمَلِ تِمْنَالٍ مَبْخُوتٍ وَتِمْنَالٍ مَسْبُوكٍ. قَالَآنَ أَرُدُّهَا لَكَ.⁴فَرَدَّ الْفِصَّةَ، لِأُمِّهِ فَأَحْدَثَ أُمُّهُ مِئْتَيْ سَاقِلِ فِصَّةٍ وَأَعْطَتْهَا لِلصَّائِغِ فَعَمَلَهَا تِمْنَالاً مَبْخُوتاً وَتِمْنَالاً مَسْبُوكاً. وَكَانَا فِي بَيْتِ مِيخَا.⁵وَكَانَ لِلرَّجُلِ مِيخَا بَيْتٌ لِلْأَلْهَةِ، فَعَمَلَ أَفُوداً وَتَرَافِيمَ وَمَلَأَ يَدَ وَاحِدٍ مِنْ بَنِيهِ قِصَارَ لَهُ كَاهِناً.⁶وَفِي تِلْكَ الْيָامِ لَمْ يَكُنْ مَلِكٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. كَانَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يَعْمَلُ مَا يَحْسُنُ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ.⁷وَكَانَ غُلَامٌ مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمَ يَهُودَا مِنْ عَشِيرَةِ يَهُودَا، وَهُوَ لَوِيٌّ مُتَعَرِّبٌ هُنَاكَ.⁸فَذَهَبَ الرَّجُلُ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمَ يَهُودَا لِيَتَعَرَّبَ حَيْثُمَا اتَّفَقَ. فَأَتَى إِلَى جَبَلِ أَفْرَايِمَ إِلَى بَيْتِ مِيخَا وَهُوَ آخِذٌ فِي طَرِيقِهِ.⁹فَقَالَ لَهُ مِيخَا، مِنْ أَنْ أَتَيْتِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، أَنَا لَوِيٌّ مِنْ بَيْتِ لَحْمَ يَهُودَا، وَأَنَا ذَاهِبٌ لَأَتَعَرَّبَ حَيْثُمَا اتَّفَقَ.¹⁰فَقَالَ لَهُ مِيخَا، أَقِمْ عِنْدِي وَكُنْ لِي أَباً وَكَاهِناً، وَأَنَا أُعْطِيكَ عَشْرَةَ سَوَاقِلِ فِصَّةٍ فِي السَّنَةِ، وَحُلَّةَ ثِيَابٍ، وَفُوتَكَ. فَذَهَبَ مَعَهُ اللَّوِيُّ.¹¹فَرَضِيَ اللَّوِيُّ بِالْإِقَامَةِ مَعَ الرَّجُلِ، وَكَانَ الْغُلَامُ لَهُ كَأَخٍ بَنِيهِ.¹²فَمَلَأَ مِيخَا يَدَ اللَّوِيِّ، وَكَانَ الْغُلَامُ لَهُ كَاهِناً، وَكَانَ فِي بَيْتِ مِيخَا.¹³فَقَالَ مِيخَا، الْآنَ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ الرَّبَّ يُحْسِنُ إِلَيَّ لِأَنَّهُ صَارَ لِي اللَّوِيُّ كَاهِناً.

year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.¹¹ And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.¹² And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.¹³ Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.