

**Arguments Not For the Sake of Heaven**  
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**1. Vayikra 24:10-14, 23**

<p>There came out among the Israelites one whose mother was Israelite and whose father was Egyptian. And a fight broke out in the camp between that half-Israelite and a certain Israelite. The son of the Israelite woman pronounced the Name in blasphemy, and he was brought to Moses - now his mother's name was Shelomith daughter of Dibri of the tribe of Dan - and he was placed in custody, until the decision of the L-rd should be made clear to them. And the L-rd spoke to Moses, saying: Take the blasphemer outside the camp; and let all who were within hearing lay their hands upon his head, and let the whole community stone him...Moses spoke thus to the Israelites. And they took the blasphemer outside the camp and pelted him with stones. The Israelites did as the L-rd had commanded Moses.</p>	<p>וַיֵּצֵא בֶן-אִשָּׁה יִשְׂרָאֵלִית וְהוּא בֶן-אִישׁ מִצְרַיִם בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּנְצוּ בַּמַּחֲנֶה בֶן הַיִּשְׂרָאֵלִית וְאִישׁ הַיִּשְׂרָאֵלִי. וַיִּקְבֹּץ בֶּן-הָאִשָּׁה הַיִּשְׂרָאֵלִית אֶת-הַשֵּׁם וַיִּקְלַל וַיִּבְיֹאוּ אֹתוֹ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְשָׁם אָמוֹ שֵׁל מִית בַּת-דִּבְרֵי לְמַטֵּה-דָן וַיִּנְחִיחוּ בַּמִּשְׁמֶר לְפָרֹשׁ לָהֶם עַל-פִּי ה'. וַיִּדְבֹר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר. הוֹצֵא אֶת-הַמְקַלֵּל אֶל-מַחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה וְסָמְכוּ כָל-הַשְּׂמֵעִים אֶת-יְדֵיהֶם עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ וְרָגְמוּ אֹתוֹ כָּל-הָעֵדָה... וַיִּדְבֹר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיּוֹצִיאוּ אֶת-הַמְקַלֵּל אֶל-מַחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה וַיִּרְגְּמוּ אֹתוֹ אֲבָן וּבְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל עָשׂוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֶת-מֹשֶׁה.</p>
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**2. Vayikra 24:10**

<p>There came out among the Israelites one whose mother was Israelite and whose father was Egyptian.</p>	<p>וַיֵּצֵא בֶן-אִשָּׁה יִשְׂרָאֵלִית וְהוּא בֶן-אִישׁ מִצְרַיִם בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל</p>
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**3. Shmot 12:38**

<p>Moreover, a mixed multitude went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.</p>	<p>גַּם-עַרְבֵי רֶבַע עָלָה אִתָּם וְצֹאֵן וּבָקָר מְקַנָּה כְּבֹד מְאֹד.</p>
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**4. Vayikra 24:22**

<p>You shall have one standard for stranger and citizen alike: for I the L-rd am your G-d.</p>	<p>מִשְׁפַּט אֶחָד יְהִי לָכֶם כְּגֵר כְּאֶזְרַח יְהִי כִּי אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.</p>
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**5. Sforno Shmot 24:23**

<p>They did not stone him due to hatred because he was a stranger who quarreled with a citizen but they did so to fulfill the commandment of G-d.</p>	<p>שלא רגמוהו מפני שנאה על שהיה גר ושהתגרה באזרח אבל עשו לבלתי סור מן המצוה</p>
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## 6. Ibn Ezra Vayikra 24:10

The son of an Israelite woman went out of his tent.	ויצא בן אשה ישראלית מאהלו.
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## 7. Bamidbar 2:2

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.	אִישׁ עַל-דָּגְלוֹ בְּאֹתוֹת לְבֵית אָבוֹתָם יַחֲנוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִנְּגֻד סָבִיב לֹא הֶל-מוֹעֵד יַחֲנוּ.
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## 8. Rashi Vayikra 24:10

The Baraitha states: He went out of Moses' tribunal with a guilty verdict. How so? He had come to pitch his tent within the encampment of the tribe of Dan. So this tribe said to him, "What right do you have to be here?" Said he, "I am of the descendants of Dan." They said to him, "But Scripture states: 'Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house.'" He entered Moses' tribunal where his case was tried, and came out guilty. Then, he arose and blasphemed.	ומתניתא אמרה מבית דינו של משה יצא מחוייב. בא ליטע אהלו בתוך מחנה דן, אמרו לו מה טיבך לכאן, אמר להם מבני דן אני. אמרו לו איש על דגלו באותות לבית אבותם כתיב. נכנס לבית דינו של משה ויצא מחוייב, עמד וגדף:
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## 9. Vayikra 24:5, 6, 8, 9

You shall take choice flour and bake of it twelve loaves...Place them on the pure table before the L-rd...He shall arrange them before the L-rd regularly every Sabbath day...They shall belong to Aaron and his sons, who shall eat them in the sacred precinct...	וְלִקְחֶתָּ סֹלֶת וְאָפִיתָ אֹתָהּ שִׁתִּים עֶשְׂרֵה חִלּוֹת...וְשַׂמְתָּ אוֹתָם...עַל הַשֻּׁלְחָן הַטָּהוֹר לִפְנֵי ה'... בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת יַעֲרֹכְנֻהּ לִפְנֵי ה'...וְהִיְתָה לְאֹהֲרָן וּלְבָנָיו וְאָכְלוּהוּ בְּמִקְוֹם קֹדֶשׁ...
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## 10. Rashi Vayikra 24:10

Rabbi Berechiah says: "He went out of the above passage." He mocked and said, "Scripture says, 'He shall arrange them before the L-rd regularly every Sabbath day.' But surely it is the practice of kings to eat warm fresh bread everyday! Or perhaps it is his way to eat cold bread, nine days old?" he said in astonishment.	רבי ברכיה אומר מפרשה שלמעלה יצא. לגלג ואמר ביום השבת יערכנו, דרך המלך לאכול פת חמה בכל יום, או שמא פת צוננת של תשעה ימים, בתמיה.
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