

**~BAAL-SHALISHAH (63)**  
**(Ba'al-shal'i-shah) [Owner of Shalishah]**

- **A place from which a man brought 20 barley loaves of the firstfruits of his harvest and some fresh grain to present to the prophet Elisha.**
- **And there was a man that came from **Baal-shalishah**, and he came bringing to the man of the true God bread of the first ripe fruits, twenty barley loaves, and new grain in his bread bag. Then he said; Give it to the people that they may eat. (**2 Kings 4:42**)**
- **However, his waiter said; How shall I put this before a hundred men? To this he said; Give it to the people that they may eat, for this is what Yehowah has said; There will be an eating and a having of leftovers. (**2 Kings 4:43**)**
- **At that he put it before them, and they began to eat, and they had leftovers according to the word of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 4:44**)**
- **It was a time of famine, and Elisha was at Gilgal. The humble supply proved sufficient for the hundred sons of the prophets there, with leftovers.**
- **And Elisha himself returned to Gilgal, and there was famine in the land. As the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he in time said to his attendant; Put the large cooking pot on and boil stew for the sons of the prophets. (**2 Kings 4:38**)**
- **However, his waiter said; How shall I put this before a hundred men? To this he said; Give it to the people that they may eat, for this is what Yehowah has said; There will be an eating and a having of leftovers. (**2 Kings 4:43**)**
- **So all ate and were satisfied, and they took up the surplus of fragments, twelve baskets full. (**Matthew 14:20**)**
- **Accordingly they ate and were satisfied, and they took up surpluses of fragments, seven provision baskets full. (**Mark 8:8**)**

- **Baal-shalishah** is considered to have been near Gilgal and probably in **the land of Shalishah**, through which Saul passed when searching for his father's she-asses.
  
- And he went passing through the mountainous region of Ephraim and passing on through the **land of Shalishah**, and they did not find them. And they went passing on through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. And he went passing on through the land of the Benjaminites, and they did not find them. **(1 Samuel 9:4)**
  
- There is a reference to **Baal-shalishah** in the **Babylonian Talmud** describing it as a place where the fruits ripened especially early. **[Sanhedrin 12a]**. A suggested location is that of **Kafr Thulth** in the foothills of Ephraim, the name Thulth being the precise equivalent in **Arabic** of the **Hebrew Shalishah**. **Kafr Thulth** is located about 46 kilometers (29 miles) North-Northwest of Jerusalem.