

instruments of war, and his chariot equipment.

|13| And he will take your banot to be perfumers, and to be tabakhot (cooks) and ofe'ot (bakers).

|14| And he will take your fields, and your kramim (vineyards), and your olive groves, even the best of them, and give them to his avadim.

|15| And he will take the tenth of your zera, and of your kramim (vines), and give to his officers, and to his avadim.

|16| And he will take your avadim, and your shifchot, and your finest bochurim, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

|17| He will take the tenth of your tzon; and ye shall be his avadim.

|18| And ye shall cry out in that day because of your melech which ye shall have chosen for you; and Hashem will not hear you in that day.

|19| Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Shmuel; and they said, No; but we will have a Melech over us;

|20| That we also may be like kol HaGoyim; and that our Melech may judge us, and go out before us, and fight milchamoteinu (our battles).

|21| And Shmuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Hashem.

|22| And Hashem said to Shmuel, Pay heed unto their voice, and crown them a Melech. And Shmuel said unto the Anshei Yisroel, Go ye back every ish unto his ir (town).

9 Now there was an ish of Binyamin, shmo Kish Ben Aviel Ben Tzeror Ben Bechorat Ben Aphiach, an ish of Binyamin, a gibbor chayil (man of valor).

|2| And he had a ben, shmo Sha'ul, a handsome bochur; and there was not among the Bnei Yisroel one more handsome than he; he was head and shoulders taller than kol HaAm.

|3| And the donkeys of Kish Avi Sha'ul were lost. And Kish said to Sha'ul bno, Take now one of the ne'arim with thee, and arise, go look for the donkeys.

|4| And he passed through har Ephrayim, and passed through Eretz Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through Eretz Sha'alim, and they were not there; and he passed through the territory of Binyamin, but they found them not.

|5| And when they were come to Eretz Tzuph, Sha'ul said to his na'ar that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest Avi stop caring for the donkeys, and become concerned for us.

|6| And he said unto him, Hinei now, there is in this town an Ish Elohim, an ish nikhbad (an honorable man); all that he saith cometh surely to pass; now let us go there; perhaps he can show us darkeinu (our way) that we should go.

|7| Then said Sha'ul to his na'ar, But, hinei, if we go, what shall we bring the Ish? For the lechem is all gone in our vessels, and there is not a teshurah (gift) for the Ish HaElohim: what have we?

|8| And the na'ar answered Sha'ul again, and said, Hinei, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of kesef; that will I give to the Ish HaElohim, to tell us darkeinu (our way).

|9| Beforetime in Yisroel, when an ish went to inquire of Elohim, thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the ro'eh (seer); for he that is now called a navi

was beforetime called a ro'eh (seer).

|10| Then said Sha'ul to his na'ar, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the town where the Ish HaElohim was.

|11| And as they went up the hill to the town, they found ne'arot (girls) going out to draw mayim, and said unto them, Is the ro'eh here?

|12| And they answered them, and said, He is; hinei, he is ahead of you; make haste now, for he came today to the town; for there is a zevach (sacrifice) for HaAm today in the bamah (high place);

|13| As soon as ye be come into the town, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat; for HaAm will not eat until he come, because hu yevarech hazevach (he doth bless the sacrifice); and afterwards hakeru'im (the ones being invited) eat. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

|14| And they went up into the town; and when they were come into the town, hinei, Shmuel came out toward them as he was going up to the bamah (high place).

|15| Now Hashem galah (had revealed, unveiled) in the ozen (ear) of Shmuel yom echad before Sha'ul came, saying,

|16| Makhar (tomorrow) about this time I will send thee an ish out of Eretz Binyamin, and umeshachto (thou shalt anoint him) to be Nagid over My people Yisroel, that he may save My people out of the yad Pelishtim; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come unto Me.

|17| And when Shmuel saw Sha'ul, Hashem said unto him, Hinei haIsh [*Zech 6:12*] whom I spoke to thee of!