

|5| And he had a kova (helmet) of nechoshet upon his rosh, and he was wearing a coat of mail armor; and the weight of the coat of armor was five thousand shekels of nechoshet.

|6| And he had mitzchah (greaves, *i.e.*, *leg plate armor*) of nechoshet upon his legs, and a kidron (javelin) of nechoshet [slung] between his shoulders.

|7| And the khetz (shaft) of his khanit (spear) was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's blade weighed six hundred barzel (iron) shekels; and the no'se tzinnah (great shield bearer) walked ahead of him.

|8| And he stood and cried out unto the ma'arkhot Yisroel (ranks of Israel), and said unto them, Why are ye come out to line up for milchamah? Am not I a Philistine, and ye avadim of Sha'ul? Choose you an ish for you, and let him come down to me.

|9| If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your avadim; but if I prevail over him, and kill him, then shall ye be to us for avadim, and serve us.

|10| And the Philistine said, I defy the maarkhot Yisroel this day; give me ish, that we may fight together.

|11| When Sha'ul and kol Yisroel heard those divrei haPelishti, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

|12| Now Dovid was the ben ish of that Ephrati from Beit-Lechem Yehudah, shmo Yishai; and he had shmoneh banim; and the ish [Yishai] was zaken in the days of Sha'ul, advanced in age among anashim.

|13| And the shloshet Bnei Yishai hagedolim went and followed Sha'ul to the milchamah; and the shem of his three banim that went to the milchamah were Eliav the

bechor, and mishneh unto him Avinadav, and hashelishi (the third) Shammah.

|14| And Dovid was the katan; and the shloshah hagedolim followed Sha'ul.

|15| But Dovid went and returned from Sha'ul to tend tzon aviv at Beit-Lechem.

|16| And the Pelishti drew near morning and evening, and presented himself arba'im yom.

|17| And Yishai said unto Dovid bno, Take now for thy achim an ephah of this roasted grain, and these ten lechem, and run to the machaneh of thy achim;

|18| And carry these ten charitzei hecholov (cuts of milk, *hence cheeses*) unto the sar of their elef (unit, thousand), and look how thy achim fare for shalom, and take their arvut (pledge).

|19| Now Sha'ul, and they, and all the Ish Yisroel, were in the Emek (Valley) of Elah (Oak), fighting with the Pelishtim (Philistines).

|20| And Dovid rose up early in the boker, and left the tzon with a shomer (watchman), and loaded up, and embarked, as Yishai had commanded him; and he came to the camp, as the army was going forth to the fight and shouted for the milchamah (battle).

|21| For Yisroel and the Pelishtim took their positions, ma'arakhah (battle array) facing ma'arakhah.

|22| And Dovid left his supplies in the yad of the shomer hakelim (supply master), and ran into the ma'arakhah (battle line), and came and gave shalom greeting to his achim.

|23| And as he talked with them, hinei, there came up the Ish HaBenayim Golyat HaPelishti shmo, from Gat, out of the lines of the

Pelishtim, and spoke according to these words; and Dovid heard them.

|24| And all the Ish Yisroel, when they saw the ish, fled from before him, and were greatly afraid.

|25| And the Ish Yisroel said, Have ye seen this ish that is come up? Surely to defy Yisroel is he come up; and it shall be, that the ish who killeth him, the melech will give ashires gadol and will give him bitto (his daughter) [*in marriage*], and bais aviv make khofshi b'Yisroel (free, tax-exempt in Israel).

|26| And Dovid spoke to the anashim that stood by him, saying, What shall be done for the ish that killeth this Pelishti, and taketh away the cherpah (reproach) from Yisroel? For who is this Pelishti hearel (uncircumcised Philistine) that he should defy the ma'arkhot Elohim Chayyim (arrayed battle forces of the living G-d)?

|27| And HaAm answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the ish that killeth him.

|28| And Eliav achiv hagedol heard when he spoke unto the anashim; and af Eliav was kindled against Dovid, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? And with whom hast thou left those few tzon in the midbar? I know thy zadon (presumptuousness), and the evil of thine levav; for thou art come down l'ma'an (in order that) thou mightest watch the milchamah.

|29| And Dovid said, What have I done now? It was only a davar (word) [*I said*], wasn't it?

|30| And he turned from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner; and HaAm answered him again according to the davar harishon (the previous word).