

|16| And HaMelech said,
Thou shalt surely die,
Achimelech, thou, and
kol Bais Avicha.

|17| And HaMelech said unto
the footmen that stood about
him, Turn, and slay the
Kohanim of Hashem; because
their yad also is with Dovid,
and because they knew when
he fled, and did not reveal it
in my ear. But the avadim of
HaMelech would not put
forth their yad to strike the
Kohanim of Hashem.

|18| And HaMelech said to
Do'eg, Turn thou, and strike
the Kohanim. And Do'eg the
Edomi turned, and he struck
the Kohanim, and slaughtered
on that day fourscore and five
ish that did wear ephod bad
(linen robe).

|19| And Nov, the Ir of the
Kohanim, he struck with the
edge of the cherev, both ish
and isha, ollel and nursing
infants, and shor, and
chamor, and seh, with the
edge of the cherev.

|20| And ben ehad of
Achimelech Ben Achituv,
shmo Evyatar (his name
Evyatar [Abiathar]), escaped,
and fled after Dovid.

|21| And Evyatar (Abiathar)
told Dovid that Sha'ul had
slain the Kohanim of Hashem.

|22| And Dovid said unto
Evyatar (Abiathar), I knew it
that day, when Do'eg the
Edomi was there, that he
would surely tell Sha'ul. I am
mortally responsible for
nefesh Bais Avicha.

|23| Abide thou with me, fear
not; for he that seeketh my
nefesh seeketh thy nefesh; but
with me thou shalt be
mishmeret (in safeguard).

23 Then they told
Dovid, saying,
Hinei, the
Pelishtim fight against Ke'ilah,
and they rob the granot
(threshing floors).

|2| Therefore Dovid inquired
of Hashem, saying, Shall I go
and strike these Pelishtim?
And Hashem said unto Dovid,
Go, and strike the Pelishtim,
and save Ke'ilah.

|3| And Anshei Dovid said
unto him, Hinei, Anachnu
(we) are afraid here in
Yehudah; how much more
then if we come to Ke'ilah
against the maarkhot (military
lines) of the Pelishtim?

|4| Then Dovid inquired of
Hashem yet again. And
Hashem answered him and
said, Arise, go down to Ke'ilah;
for I will deliver the Pelishtim
into thine yad.

|5| So Dovid and his anashim
went to Ke'ilah, and fought
with the Pelishtim, and
brought away their livestock,
and attacked them with a
makkah gedolah (great defeat).
So Dovid saved the
inhabitants of Ke'ilah.

|6| And it came to pass, when
Evyatar (Abiathar) Ben
Achimelech fled to Dovid to
Ke'ilah, that he came down
with the Ephod [*with oracular
lot; see Ex 28,39*] in his yad.

|7| And it was told Sha'ul that
Dovid was come to Ke'ilah.
And Sha'ul said, Elohim hath
delivered him into mine yad;
for he is shut in, by entering
into an ir (town) that hath
gates and bar.

|8| And Sha'ul called kol
HaAm together for
milchamah, to go down to
Ke'ilah, to besiege Dovid and
his anashim.

|9| And Dovid knew that
Sha'ul secretly plotted ra'ah
(evil, harm) against him; and
he said to Evyatar (Abiathar)
HaKohen, Bring here the
Ephod.

|10| Then said Dovid,
Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Thy
eved hath certainly heard that
Sha'ul seeketh to come to
Ke'ilah, to destroy the ir (town)
on my account.

|11| Will the Ba'alei Ke'ilah
(citizens of Ke'ilah) deliver me
up into his yad? Will Sha'ul
come down, as Thy eved hath
heard? Hashem Elohei
Yisroel, tell now Thy eved. And
Hashem said, He will come
down.

|12| Then said Dovid, Will
the Baalei Ke'ilah shut me and
my anashim up into the yad
Sha'ul? And Hashem said,
They will deliver thee up.

|13| Then Dovid and his
anashim, which were about
shesh me'ot ish, arose and
departed out of Ke'ilah, and
went wherever they could go.

And it was told Sha'ul that
Dovid was escaped from
Ke'ilah; and he refrained from
going forth.

|14| And Dovid stayed in the
midbar in metzadot
(strongholds, masadas) and
remained on a har in the
midbar Ziph. And Sha'ul
searched for him every day,
but Elohim delivered him not
into his yad.

|15| And Dovid saw that
Sha'ul was come out to seek
his nefesh: and Dovid was in
the midbar Ziph at Choresh.

|16| And Yonatan Ben Sha'ul
arose, and went to Dovid at
Choresh, and strengthened his
yad in Elohim [*i.e.,
encouraged him in G-d*].

|17| And he said unto him,
Fear not; for the yad Sha'ul
Avi shall not find thee; and
thou shalt be Melech over
Yisroel, and I shall be
mishneh (second) unto thee;
and that also Sha'ul Avi
knoweth.

|18| And they two made a brit
(covenant) before Hashem;
and Dovid stayed at Choresh,
and Yonatan went to his bais.

|19| Then came up the
Ziphim to Sha'ul to Giveah,
saying, Doth not Dovid hide
himself among us in metzadot
(strongholds, masadas)