

|15| And Dovid called one of the ne'arim, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he struck him so that he died.

|16| And Dovid said unto him, Thy dahm be upon thy rosh; for thine own peh hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain Hashem's moshiach.

|17| And Dovid lamented with this kinah (lamentation) over Sha'ul and over Yonatan bno;

|18| Also he bade them teach the Bnei Yehudah: The Keshet. Hinei, it is written in the Sefer HaYasher:

|19| The glory of Yisroel is slain upon thy high places; how are the Gibborim fallen!

|20| Tell it not in Gat, proclaim it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the banot Pelishtim rejoice, lest the banot ha'arelim triumph.

|21| Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no tal, neither let there be matar, upon you, nor fields of terumot; for there the mogen Gibborim is defiled, the mogen of Sha'ul, as though he had not been mashiach (anointed) with shemen.

|22| From the dahm of the slain, from the chelev of the Gibborim, the keshet Yonatan turned not back, and the cherev Sha'ul returned not empty.

|23| Sha'ul and Yonatan were beloved and gracious in their lives, and in their mot they were not parted; they were swifter than nesharim, they were stronger than arayot.

|24| Ye banot Yisroel, weep over Sha'ul, who clothed you in scarlet, with fineries, who put on ornaments of zahav upon your apparel.

|25| How are the Gibborim fallen in the midst of the milchamah! O Yonatan, thou wast slain on thine heights.

|26| I am distressed for thee, my brother Yonatan; very

pleasant hast thou been unto me; thy ahavah was wonderful to me, passing ahavat nashim.

|27| How are the Gibborim fallen, and the klei milchamah (weapons of war) perished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that Dovid inquired of Hashem, saying, Shall I go up into any of the towns of Yehudah? And Hashem said unto him, Go up. And Dovid said, To where shall I go up? And he said, Unto Chevron.

|2| So Dovid went up there, and his two nashim also, Achinoam the Yizre'elit, and Avigal eshet Nabal the Carmeli.

|3| And his anashim that were with him did Dovid bring up, every ish with his household; and they dwelt in the towns of Chevron.

|4| And anshei Yehudah came, and there they anointed Dovid Melech over Bais Yehudah. And they told Dovid, saying, The Anshei Yavesh-Gilead were they that buried Sha'ul.

|5| And Dovid sent malachim unto the Anshei Yavesh-Gilead, and said unto them, Berukhim atem of Hashem, that ye have showed this chesed unto adoneichem, even unto Sha'ul, burying him.

|6| And now Hashem show chesed and emes unto you; and I also will repay you this tovah, because ye have done this thing.

|7| Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, be ye bnei chayil; for adoneichem Sha'ul is dead, and also the Bais Yehudah have anointed me Melech over them.

|8| But Avner ben Ner, Sar Tzava of Sha'ul, took Ishboshet Ben Sha'ul, and brought him over to Machanayim;

|9| And made him melech over Gil'ad, and over the Ashuri, and over Yizre'el, and over Ephrayim, and over Binyamin, and over all Yisroel.

|10| Ishboshet ben Sha'ul was forty shanah when he began to reign over Yisroel, and reigned two shanim. But Bais Yehudah followed Dovid.

|11| And the time that Dovid was Melech in Chevron over Bais Yehudah was shivah shanah and shishah chodashim.

|12| And Avner ben Ner, and the avadim of Ishboshet Ben Sha'ul, went out from Machanayim to Giveon.

|13| And Yoav Ben Tzeruyah, and the avadim of Dovid, went out, and met together by the pool of Giveon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

|14| And Avner said to Yoav, Let the young men now arise for a contest before us. And Yoav said, Let them arise.

|15| Then there arose and went over by mispar twelve of Binyamin, which pertained to Ishboshet ben Sha'ul, and twelve of the avadim of Dovid.

|16| And they caught every one his re'a by the rosh, and thrust his cherev in his re'a's side; so they fell down together; therefore that makom was called Chelkat-Hatzurim, which is in Giveon.

|17| And there was a very fierce milchamah that day; and Avner was defeated, and the Anshei Yisroel, before the Avadim of Dovid.

|18| And there were three Bnei Tzeruyah there: Yoav, Avishai, Asahel; Asahel was as swift of foot as a gazelle.

|19| Asahel pursued after Avner; and in going he turned not to the right nor to the