

his right and on his left.
 |7| And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou ish hadamim and thou ish habeliyya'al;
 |8| Hashem hath returned upon thee all the dahm of the Bais Sha'ul, in whose place thou hast reigned; and Hashem hath delivered the meluchah (kingdom) into the yad Avshalom binecha; and, behold, thou art taken in thy ra'ah, because thou art an ish damim.
 |9| Then said Avishai Ben Tzeruyah unto HaMelech, Why should this kelev hamet (dead dog) curse adoni HaMelech? Let me go over, now and cut off his rosh.
 |10| And HaMelech said, What have I to do with you, ye Bnei Tzeruyah? So let him curse, because Hashem hath said unto him, Curse Dovid. Who shall then say, why hast thou done so?
 |11| And Dovid said to Avishai, and to all his avadim, Hinei, beni, which came forth from within me, seeketh my nefesh; how much more now may this Bin-Hayemini (Benjamite) do it? Let him alone, and let him curse; for Hashem hath bidden him.
 |12| It may be that Hashem will look on mine affliction, that Hashem will repay me tovah for his cursing this day.
 |13| And as Dovid and his anashim went by the derech, Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him, cursed as he went, threw avanim at him, and kicked up aphar.
 |14| And HaMelech, and kol HaAm that were with him, arrived weary, and refreshed themselves there [at the Yarden].
 |15| And Avshalom, and kol HaAm Ish Yisroel, came to Yerushalayim, and Achitophel with him.

|16| And it came to pass, when Chushai the Archi, re'eh Dovid, was come unto Avshalom, that Chushai said unto Avshalom, Long live HaMelech, Long live HaMelech.
 |17| And Avshalom said to Chushai, Is this thy chesed (loyal loving-kindness) to thy re'a (friend)? Why wentest thou not with thy re'a (friend)?
 |18| Chushai said unto Avshalom, Lo; but whom Hashem, this people, and kol Ish Yisroel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.
 |19| And again, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of bno? As I have served in the presence of Avicha, so will I be in thy presence.
 |20| Then said Avshalom to Achitophel, Give etza (counsel, advice, wisdom) among you what we shall do.
 |21| And Achitophel said unto Avshalom, Go in unto the pilagshim of Avicha, which he hath left to be shomer over the Bais (palace); and kol Yisroel shall hear that thou art a stench to Avicha; then shall the hands of all that are with thee be chazak (strong).
 |22| So they spread Avshalom an ohel upon the gag (roof); and Avshalom went in unto the pilagshim of Aviv in the sight of kol Yisroel.
 |23| And the etza (counsel) of Achitophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if an ish had inquired at the davar HaElohim; so was all the etza (counsel) of Achitophel both with Dovid and with Avshalom.

17 Moreover Achitophel said unto Avshalom, Let me now choose out shneym asar elef ish, and I will arise

and pursue after Dovid halailah (this night);
 |2| And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak of hands, and will make him tremble with fear; and kol haAm that are with him shall flee; and I will strike HaMelech only;
 |3| When I return kol HaAm to you, all except the ish whom thou seekest, it is as if [kol HaAm] returned; so kol haAm shall be in shalom.
 |4| And the saying pleased Avshalom well, and kol Ziknei Yisroel.
 |5| Then said Avshalom, Call now Chushai the Archi also, and let us hear likewise from his peh (mouth).
 |6| And when Chushai was come to Avshalom, Avshalom spoke unto him, saying, Achitophel hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his saying? If not; speak thou.
 |7| And Chushai said unto Avshalom, The etza (counsel) that Achitophel hath given is not tovah at this time.
 |8| For, said Chushai, thou knowest Avicha and his anashim, that they be Gibborim, and they be enraged in their nefesh, as a dov (bear) robbed of her cubs in the sadeh; and Avicha is ish milchamah, and will not spend the night with HaAm (the troops).
 |9| Hinei, he is hid now in one of the pits, or in some other makom; and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the outset, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a magefah (slaughter) among the people that follow Avshalom.
 |10| And he also that is chayil (valiant), whose lev is as the lev ha'aryeh (heart of a lion), shall utterly melt; for kol Yisroel knoweth that Avicha is a Gibbor, and they that