

|13| Now there were more than arba'im anashim (forty men) who joined in this kesher.

|14| After they approached the Rashei HaKohanim (Chief Priests) and the Zekenim (Elders), they said, "We have bound ourselves with a shevu'ah (oath) to eat nothing until we have killed Rav Sha'ul.

|15| "Now, therefore, you with the Sanhedrin notify the tribune so that he may bring Rav Sha'ul down to you as if intending to determine more accurately the things concerning him, and, before he draws near, we are ready to kill him."

|16| Now when Rav Sha'ul's achyon (nephew) heard about the ma'arav (ambush), he went and gained entrance into the barracks and reported this to Rav Sha'ul.

|17| And Rav Sha'ul summoned one of the centurions and said, "Bring this bochur to the tribune for he has something to report to him."

|18| So the centurion took the bochur and brought him to the tribune and says, "The prisoner Rav Sha'ul has summoned me and asked me to bring this bochur to you; he has something to say to you."

|19| The tribune grasped the bochur's hand and drew him aside privately, inquiring, "What is it you have to report to me?"

|20| And the bochur said, "The Judeans agreed to ask you to bring Rav Sha'ul down machar (tomorrow) to the Sanhedrin as if intending to inquire something more accurate concerning him.

|21| "Therefore, you should not be persuaded by them, for more than arba'im anashim are lying in wait for him and these took a shevu'ah upon

themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they have assassinated him, and now they are ready, waiting for your consent."

|22| Therefore, the tribune dismissed the bochur, ordering him, "Tell no one that you reported these things to me."

|23| And having summoned two of the centurions, the tribune said, "Prepare to leave for Caesarea by nine o'clock tonight the following: two hundred chaiyalim, seventy horsemen, and two hundred bowmen.

|24| "And also provide mounts for Rav Sha'ul to ride, that he may be given safe passage to Felix the Moshel."

|25| Then the tribune wrote an iggeret to this effect:

|26| "Claudius Lysias to the most excellent Moshel, Felix. Greetings.

|27| "This man was seized by the Judeans and was about to be killed by them, but when I learned that he is a Roman citizen, I came with the chaiyalim and rescued him.

|28| "Desiring to have da'as of the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their Sanhedrin.

|29| "I found he was being accused about issues of their Torah and the charge was nothing worthy of mavet or of imprisonment.

|30| "And when I received information of a kesher (plot) keneged (against) the man, I sent him immediately to you, having given orders also to his accusers to state their case against Rav Sha'ul before your excellency."

|31| Therefore, as they were ordered, the chaiyalim took Rav Sha'ul along and brought him under cover of lailah to Antipatris.

|32| And on the next day, having allowed the horsemen

to go on with Rav Sha'ul, they returned to the barracks.

|33| When the horsemen entered into Caesarea, they delivered the iggeret to the Moshel and also presented Rav Sha'ul to him.

|34| And having read it, and having asked from what province Rav Sha'ul hailed, the Moshel learned that he was from Cilicia.

|35| "I will give you a hearing," Felix said, "when also your accusers arrive." Then the Moshel commanded Rav Sha'ul to be watched by shomrim in the Praetorium of Herod.

**24** And after chamash yamim, the Kohen Gadol Chananyah came down with some Zekenim and an orator, a certain Tertullus, who explained to the Moshel the charges keneged (against) Rav Sha'ul.

|2| And when Rav Sha'ul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "Your Excellency, much shalom has been attained through you, and reforms have come to this nation by your foresight.

|3| "This in every way and everywhere, we acknowledge, most excellent Felix, with todah rabbah.

|4| "But in order that I may not detain you any longer, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly.

|5| "For having found this man a troublemaker and an inciter of riots among all the Yehudim throughout kol ha'aretz,