

Shmuel gathered the nation
to Hashem
to Mitzpah.

י' וַיִּצְעַק שְׁמוּאֵל אֶת־הָעָם
אֶל־י'
הַמִּצְפָּה:

He said
to the Children of Yisroel,
“So said Hashem
the G-d of Yisroel,
‘I brought up Yisroel
from Egypt
and I saved you
from the hand of Egypt
and from the hand of all the
kingdoms
who were pressuring you.

י' וַיֹּאמֶר |
אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
כֹּה־אָמַר י'
אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
אָנֹכִי הֵעֵלִיתִי אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִמִּצְרָיִם
וַאֲצִיל אֶתְכֶם
מִיַּד מִצְרָיִם
וּמִיַּד כָּל־הַמְּמַלְכוֹת
הַלְּחֹצִים אֶתְכֶם:

And you today

יֵשׁ וְאַתֶּם הַיּוֹם

have rejected your G-d

מֵאֲסַתֶּם אֶת־אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

that He helps you

אֲשֶׁר־הוּא מוֹשִׁיעַ לָכֶם

from all your bad things

מִכָּל־רָעוֹתֵיכֶם

and your troubles

וְצָרֹתֵיכֶם

and you have said to Him,

וַתֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ

'Only a king

כִּי־מֶלֶךְ

you shall put upon us.'

תַּשִּׁים עָלֵינוּ

And now,

וְעַתָּה

stand before Hashem

הִתְיַצְבוּ לִפְנֵי יי

according to your tribes

לְשִׁבְטֵיכֶם

and according to your thousands.'”

וְלֵאלֲפֵיכֶם:

Shmuel brought forth

כ וַיִּקְרַב שְׁמוּאֵל

all the tribes of Yisroel

אֶת כָּל־שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

and the tribe of Binyomin was

וַיִּלְכֹּד נִשְׁבַּט בְּנֵימִן:

selected (in a lottery).

He brought forth the tribe
of Binyomin

כֹּא וַיִּקְרָב אֶת־שֵׁבֶט בְּנֵי־מִנָּחֵם

according to their families

לְמִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ [לְמִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ]

and the family of Matri was
selected

וַתִּלְכֹּד מִשְׁפַּחַת הַמַּטְרֵי

and Shaul the son of Kish
was selected

וַיִּלְכֹּד שָׁאוּל בֶּן־קִישׁ

and they looked for him

וַיִּבְקְשׂוּהוּ

and he was not to be found.

וְלֹא נִמְצָא:

They further asked Hashem

כֹּב וַיִּשְׁאַל־לוֹ עוֹד בְּיָי

“Has the man (i.e. Shaul) yet
come here?”

הֲבֵא עוֹד הַלֵּם אִישׁ ס

Hashem said,

וַיֹּאמֶר יי

“Behold he is hiding

הִנֵּה־הוּא נִחְבֵּא

among the vessels.”

אֶל-הַכֵּלִים:

They ran

כַּג וַיָּרְצוּ

and they took him from there

וַיִּקְחֵהוּ מִשָּׁם

and he stood among the nation.

וַיִּתְיַצֵּב בְּתוֹךְ הָעָם

He was taller than the entire nation

וַיִּגְבֶּה מִכָּל-הָעָם

from his shoulder and above.

מִשְׁכְּמוֹ וּמֵעֲלָה:

Shmuel said

כֹּד וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל

to the entire nation,

אֶל-כָּל-הָעָם

“Have you seen

הֲרִאִיתֶם

the one who Hashem has chosen him?

אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר-בּוֹ יי

For there is none like him

כִּי אֵין כָּמֹהוּ

among the entire nation.”

בְּכָל-הָעָם

The entire nation shouted

וַיִּרְעוּ כָל-הָעָם

and they said,

וַיֹּאמְרוּ

“The king shall live!”

יְחִי הַמֶּלֶךְ:

Shmuel spoke

כֹּה וַיְדַבֵּר שְׁמוּאֵל

to the nation

אֶל-הָעָם

the laws of the king

אֶת מִשְׁפַּט הַמֶּלֶכָה

and he wrote it in a book

וַיִּכְתֹּב בַּסֵּפֶר

and he placed it before Hashem.

וַיִּנַּח לִפְנֵי יי

Shmuel sent

וַיִּשְׁלַח שְׁמוּאֵל

the entire nation

אֶת-כָּל-הָעָם

each man to their house.

אִישׁ לְבֵיתוֹ:

And also Shaul

כֹּו וְגַם-שָׂאוּל

went to his house

הָלַךְ לְבֵיתוֹ

to Givah.

גִּבְעָתָה

The strong warriors went with him

וַיֵּלְכוּ עִמּוֹ הַחִיִּל

(those) who G-d had touched

אֲשֶׁר-נִגַּע אֱלֹקִים

in their heart (i.e. those who feared Hashem). בְּלִבָּם:

(However,) the low people said, כִּי וּבְנֵי בְּלִיעֵל אָמְרוּ

“What (i.e. how) will this one help us?” מַה-יִשְׁעֵנוּ זֶה

They degraded him וַיְבַזְתֵּהוּ

and they did not bring him וְלֹא-הֵבִיאוּ לוֹ

a gift. מִנְחָה

And he (Shaul) was like someone who וַיְהִי כְּמַתְרִישׁ:
was quiet.