

They told Dovid saying,

“Behold the Plishtim

are fighting in Ke'ilah

and they are plundering

the threshing floors.”

א וַיִּגְדּוּ לְדָוִד לֵאמֹר

הִנֵּה פְּלִשְׁתִּים

נֹלְחָמִים בְּקַעֲיֵלָה

וְהִמָּה שָׁסִים

אֶת־הַתְּבַנּוֹת:

Dovid asked Hashem saying,

“Shall I go

and shall I hit

against these Plishtim?”

Hashem said to Dovid,

“Go

and you shall hit the Plishtim

and you shall help Ke'ilah.”

ב וַיִּשְׁאַל דָּוִד בְּיַי לֵאמֹר

הֲאֵלָּךְ

וְהִכִּיתִי

בַּפְּלִשְׁתִּים הֲאֵלָּה ס

וַיֹּאמֶר יי אֶל־דָּוִד

לֵךְ

וְהִכִּיתָ בַּפְּלִשְׁתִּים

וְהוֹשַׁעְתָּ אֶת־קַעֲיֵלָה:

Dovid's men said to him,

ג וַיֹּאמְרוּ אַנְשֵׁי דָוִד אֵלָיו

“Behold we are here in Yehudah

הִנֵּה אֲנַחְנוּ כֹּה בְּיְהוּדָה

afraid,

יִרְאִים

and certainly if we shall go to Ke'ilah

וְאִם כִּי־נֵלֵךְ קְעִלָה

to the battlefield of the Plishtim!”

אֶל־מַעְרְכֹת פְּלִשְׁתִּים:

Dovid further continued

ד וַיִּוָּסֶף עוֹד דָּוִד

to ask of Hashem

לְשַׁאֵל בְּיָי

and Hashem answered him

וַיַּעֲנֵהוּ יי

and he said,

וַיֹּאמֶר

“Get up

קוּם

(and) go down to Ke'ilah

יָרֵד קְעִלָה

for I am giving

כִּי־אֲנִי נֹתֵן

the Plishtim into your hand.”

אֶת־פְּלִשְׁתִּים בְּיָדְךָ:

Dovid and his men went

הַ וַיֵּלֶךְ דָּוִד וְאֲנָשָׁיו [וְאֲנָשָׁיו]

to Ke'ilah

קַעֲיִלָּה

and he fought against the Plishtim

וַיִּלָּחֶם בַּפְּלִשְׁתִּים

and he led (away) their livestock

וַיִּנְהַג אֶת-מִקְנֵיהֶם

and he hit among them

וַיִּךְ בָּהֶם

a great strike

מִכַּת גְּדוֹלָה

and Dovid helped

וַיִּשַׁע דָּוִד

the residents of Ke'ilah.

אֶת יוֹשְׁבֵי קַעֲיִלָּה:

It was

וַיְהִי

when Avyatar the son of Achimelech ran away

בְּבֵרוֹת אַבְיָתָר בֶּן-אַחִימֵלֵךְ

to Dovid

אֶל-דָּוִד

to Ke'ilah

קַעֲיִלָּה

the *ephod*

אֶפֶוד

he brought down in his hand.

יָרַד בְּיָדוֹ:

It was told to Shaul

וַיִּגֵּד לְשָׁאֹל

that Dovid had come

כִּי־בָא דָוִד

to Ke'ilah

קַעֲיִלָּה

and Shaul said,

וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁאֹל

“Hashem has given him over

נָפַר אֶת־וְאֵלֶּיךָ

into my hand

בְּיָדִי

for he was trapped to come into a
city

כִּי נִסְגַּר לְבֹא בְּעִיר

of doors and bars.”

דְּלָתַיִם וּבָרִיחַ:

Shaul gathered

ח וַיִּשְׁמַע שָׁאֹל

the entire nation

אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם

to battle

לְמִלְחָמָה

to go down to Ke'ilah

לְרֵדֶת קַעֲיִלָּה

to lay siege against Dovid

לְצֹר אֶל־דָּוִד

and against his men.

וְאֶל-אֲנָשָׁיו:

Dovid knew

ט וַיֵּדַע דָּוִד

that upon him

כִּי עָלָיו

Shaul was intending the evil

שָׂאוֹל מִחֲרִישׁ הָרָעָה

and he said to Avyatar the priest

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אַבְיָתָר הַכֹּהֵן

“Bring forth the *ephod*.”

הַגִּישָׁה הָאֶפֹּוד:

Dovid said,

י וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד

“Hashem the G-d of Yisroel

י' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

Your servant has heard

שָׁמַע שָׁמַע עַבְדְּךָ

that Shaul seeks

כִּי-מִבְּקֵשׁ שָׂאוֹל

to come to Ke'ilah

לָבוֹא אֶל-קַעִילָה

to destroy the city

לְשַׁחֵת לְעִיר

because of me.

בְּעִבּוּרֵי:

Will the people of Ke'ilah
deliver me

יֵא תִּסְגְּרֵנִי בְּעַלְיִ קְעִילָה

into his hand?

בְּיָדוֹ

Will Shaul come down

תִּירַד שְׂאוּל

like Your servant has heard?

כַּאֲשֶׁר שָׁמַע עַבְדְּךָ

Hashem the G-d of Yisroel

יְי אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

please tell Your servant.”

תִּגְדַּלְנָא לְעַבְדְּךָ ס

Hashem said,

וַיֹּאמֶר יְי

“He will come down.”

יִרַד:

Dovid said,

יב וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד

“Will the people of Ke'ilah
deliver me

תִּסְגְּרוּ בְּעַלְיִ קְעִילָה אֶתִּי

and my men

וְאֶת־אֲנָשָׁי

into the hand of Shaul?”

בְּיַד־שְׂאוּל

Hashem said,

וַיֹּאמֶר יי

“They will deliver.”

יִסְגְּרוּ:

Dovid and his men got up

יָג וַיָּקָם דָּוִד וְאֲנָשָׁיו

about six hundred men

כְּשֵׁשׁ-מֵאוֹת אִישׁ

and they went out of Ke'ilah

וַיֵּצְאוּ מִקְּעֵלָה

and they went

וַיִּתְהַלְכוּ

where they went.

בְּאֲשֶׁר יִתְהַלְכוּ

And to Shaul it was said

וּלְשָׁאוּל הַגִּיד

that Dovid had escaped

כִּי-נִמְלָט דָּוִד

from Ke'ilah

מִקְּעֵלָה

and he (Shaul) refrained

וַיַּחְזֵק

from going out (after Dovid).

לְצֵאת:

Dovid sat in the wilderness

יָד וַיֵּשֶׁב דָּוִד בַּמִּדְבָּר

in the fortresses,

בְּמִצְדֹת

or (sometimes) he sat in the mountain

וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּהָר

in the wilderness of Ziph

בְּמִדְבַר־זִיף

and Shaul sought (i.e. searched for) him

וַיִּבְקֹשֶׁהוּ שְׂאוּל

all the days

כָּל־הַיָּמִים

but Hashem did not give him

וְלֹא־נָתַנּוּ אֵלָיו

into his hands.

בְּיָדוֹ:

Dovid saw

טו וַיֵּרָא דָוִד

that Shaul had gone out

כִּי־יָצָא שְׂאוּל

to seek his soul

לְבַקֵּשׁ אֶת־נַפְשׁוֹ

and Dovid was in the wilderness of
Ziph

וַדָּוִד בְּמִדְבַר־זִיף

in the forest.

בְּחֹרֶשֶׁת:

* Note: The online quiz for this section is through the end of the *perak*.