

The Ziphim came

א וַיָּבֹאוּ הַזִּפִּים

to Shaul

אֶל-שָׁאוּל

to Givah

הַגִּבְעָתָה

saying,

לֵאמֹר

“Is not Dovid hiding

הֲלוֹא דָוִד מְסֻתָּר

in Givat Hachachilah

בְּגִבְעַת הַחֲכִילָה

which faces the Yeshimon?”

עַל פְּנֵי הַיְשִׁימֹן:

Shaul got up

ב וַיָּקָם שָׁאוּל

and he went down

וַיֵּרָד

to the wilderness of Ziph

אֶל-מִדְבַּר-זִיף

and with him (were)

וְאִתּוֹ

three thousand men –

שְׁלֹשַׁת-אַלְפִים אִישׁ

the chosen ones of Israel,

בְּחֹרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

to seek Dovid

לְבַקֵּשׁ אֶת-דָּוִד

in the wilderness of Ziph.

בְּמִדְבַּר-זִיף:

Shaul camped

ג וַיַּחַן שָׁאוּל

in Givat Hachachilah

בְּגִבְעַת הַחַכִּילָה

which faces the Yeshimon

אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי הַיְשִׁימֹן

on the wayside.

עַל-הַדֶּרֶךְ

And Dovid

וַדָּוִד

was sitting in the desert

יֹשֵׁב בַּמִּדְבָּר

and he saw

וַיֵּרָא

that Shaul had come after him

כִּי בָא שָׁאוּל אַחֲרָיו

to the desert.

הַמִּדְבָּרָה:

Dovid sent spies

ד וַיִּשְׁלַח דָּוִד מְרַגְלִים

and he knew

וַיֵּדַע

that Shaul had come

כִּי-בָא שָׁאוּל

with certainty.

אֶל-נֶכּוֹן:

שְׁמוּאֵל א' פָּרָק כ"ו פְּסוּקִים א'-י"ב

Dovid got up

וַיָּקָם דָּוִד

and he came to the place

וַיָּבֹא אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם

that Shaul had camped there

אֲשֶׁר חָנָה-שָׁם שְׂאוֹל

and Dovid saw

וַיֵּרָא דָּוִד

the place

אֶת-הַמָּקוֹם

that Shaul was laying there

אֲשֶׁר נָשָׁב-שָׁם שְׂאוֹל

and Avner the son of Ner

וְאַבְנֵר בֶּן-נֵר

his general.

שֵׁר-צָבָאוֹ

And Shaul was laying

וְשְׂאוֹל נָשָׁב

in the circle

בַּמַּעֲנָל

and the nation

וְהָעָם

was camping around him.

חָנִים סָבִיבְתוֹ [סָבִיבְתוֹ]:

Dovid answered

וַיַּעַן דָּוִד

and he said,

וַיֹּאמֶר |

to Achimelech the Chitti

אֶל-אַחִימֵלֵךְ הַחִתִּי

and to Avishai

וְאֶל-אַבִּישי

the son of Tzruyah

בֶּן-צְרוּיָה

the brother of Yoav

אָחִי יוֹאָב

saying,

לֵאמֹר

“Who will go down with me

מִי-יֵרֵד אִתִּי

to Shaul

אֶל-שָׁאוּל

to the camp?”

אֶל-הַמַּחֲנֶה

Avishai said

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבִּישי

“I will go down with you.”

אָנִי אֵרֵד עִמָּךְ:

Dovid and Avishai came

ז וַיָּבֹאוּ דָוִד וְאַבִּישי |

to the nation

אֶל-הָעָם

at night

לַיְלָה

and behold Shaul

וַהֲנִיחַ שָׁאוּל

was laying

שָׁכַב

sleeping in the circle

יָשָׁן בַּמַּעֲגוּל

שְׁמוּאֵל א' פָּרָק כ"ו פְּסוּקִים א'-י"ב

and his spear וַחֲנִיתוֹ
was stuck into the ground מְעוֹכָה-בְּאָרֶץ
at his head מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ [מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ]
and Avner and the nation וְאַבְנֵר וְהָעָם
were laying around him. שְׁכָבִים סְבִיבֹתָיו [סְבִיבֹתוֹ]:

Avishai said to Dovid, ח וַיֹּאמֶר אַבִּישי אֶל-דָּוִד
“Hashem has given over today סִנְר אֱלֹקִים הַיּוֹם
your enemy אֶת-אִיבֶךָ
into your hand בְּיָדְךָ
and now וְעַתָּה
I will hit him please אֶכְנוּ נָא
with a spear בַּחֲנִית
and to the ground וּבְאָרֶץ
one time פַּעַם אַחַת
and I will not repeat (my strike) וְלֹא אֲשַׁנֶּה לוֹ:

on him.”

Dovid said to Avishai,

ט וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-אַבִּישי

“Do not destroy him!

אל-תִּשְׁחִיתָהוּ

For who can extend his hand

כִּי מִי שָׁלַח יָדוֹ

against the anointed one of Hashem

בְּמִשְׁיַח יְיָ

and be cleansed?”

וְנִקְּתָה:

Dovid said,

י וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד

“(I swear by) the life of Hashem

חַי-יְיָ

that either Hashem

כִּי אִם-יְיָ

will plague him

יִנְפְּנֵנִי

or his day will come

אוּ-יּוֹמוֹ יָבוֹא

and he shall die

וּמָת

or he shall go down to battle

אוּ בַמִּלְחָמָה יֵרֵד

and be swept away.

וְנִסְפָּה:

It is forbidden for me

יֵא חָלִילָה לִי

from Hashem

מִי

to extend my hand

מִשְׁלַח יָדִי

against the anointed one of Hashem.

בְּמִשְׁיַח יי

And now

וְעַתָּה

please take the spear

קַח-נָא אֶת-הַחֲנִית

that is at his head

אֲשֶׁר מְרֹאֲשֵׁתָיו [מְרֹאֲשֵׁתוֹ]

and the container of water

וְאֶת-צִפְחַת הַמַּיִם

and let us go.”

וְנִלְכָה לָנוּ:

Dovid took the spear

יָב וַיִּקַּח דָּוִד אֶת-הַחֲנִית

and the container of water

וְאֶת-צִפְחַת הַמַּיִם

from the head of Shaul

מְרֹאֲשֵׁתֵי שָׁאוּל

and they went

וַיֵּלְכוּ לָהֶם

and there was no one who saw

וְאֵין רֹאֶה

שְׁמוּאֵל א' פָּרָק כ"ו פְּסוּקִים א'-י"ב

and there was no one who knew

וְאִין יוֹדֵעַ

and there was no one who woke up

וְאִין מְקוּיָן

for they were all asleep

כִּי כָּלֶם יִשְׁנִים

for the slumber of Hashem

כִּי תִרְדַּמַּת יי

had fallen upon them.

נִפְּלָה עֲלֵיהֶם:

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