



Shechem

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Judges Chapters 8,9 (22) Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us—you, your son, and your grandson as well; for you have saved us from the Midianites.” (23) But Gideon replied, “I will not rule over you myself, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord alone shall rule over you.” (29) So Jerubbaal son of Joash retired to his own house. (30) Gideon had seventy sons of his own issue, for he had many wives. (31) A son was also born to him by his concubine in Shechem, and he named him Abimelech. (32) Gideon son of Joash died at a ripe old age, and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash at Ophrah of the Abiezrites. (33) After Gideon died, the Israelites again went astray after the Baalim, and they adopted Baal-berith as a god. (34) The Israelites gave no thought to the Lord their G-d, who saved them from all the enemies around them. (35) Nor did they show loyalty to the house of Jerubbaal-Gideon in return for all the good that he had done for Israel. (1) Abimelech son of Jerubbaal went to his mother’s brothers in Shechem and spoke to them and to the whole clan of his mother’s family. He said, (2) “Put this question to all the citizens of Shechem: Which is better for you, to be ruled by seventy men—by all the sons of Jerubbaal—or to be ruled by one man? And remember, I am your own flesh and blood.”^a (3) His mother’s brothers said all this in his behalf to all the citizens of Shechem, and they were won over to Abimelech; for they thought, “He is our kinsman.” (4) They gave him seventy shekels from the temple of Baal-berith; and with this Abimelech hired some worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him. (5) Then he went to his father’s house in Ophrah and killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal,

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(כב) ויאמרו איש-ישׂראל אל-גִּדְעוֹן מְשַׁלְבָנוּ גַם-אַתָּה גַם-בְּנֶךָ גַם בְּוֶן-בְּנֶךָ כִּי הוֹשַׁעְתָּנוּ מִיַּד מִדְיָן: (כג) ויאמר אֵלֵהֶם גִּדְעוֹן לֹא-אֶמְשַׁל אֲנִי בָכֶם וְלֹא-יִמְשַׁל בְּנִי בָכֶם יְקֻמָּה מְשַׁל בָּכֶם: (כט) וַיֵּלֶךְ יִרְבֶּעֶל בְּוִיּוֹאֵשׁ וַיָּשֶׁב בְּבֵיתוֹ: (ל) וַיִּגְדְּעוֹן הָיָה שְׂבָעִים בָּנִים יֶצְאֵי יֶרֶכּוֹ כִּי-נָשִׁים רַבּוֹת הָיוּ לוֹ: (לא) וּפִילְגֶשׁוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּשָׂמָם יִלְדָה-לּוֹ גַם-הָיָא בֶן וַיִּשֶׁם אֶת-שְׁמוֹ אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ: (לב) וַיָּמָת גִּדְעוֹן בְּוִיּוֹאֵשׁ בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה וַיִּקְבֹּר בְּקֶבֶר יוֹאֵשׁ אָבִיו בְּעַפְרָה אָבִי הָעֶזְרָי: פ
(לג) וַיְהִי כְּאֲשֶׁר מָת גִּדְעוֹן וַיִּשׁוּבוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּזְנוּ אַחֲרַי הַבְּעֻלִים וַיִּשְׁימוּ לָהֶם בַּעַל בְּרִית לֵאלֹהֵיהֶם: (לד) וְלֹא זָכְרוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-יְקֻמָּה אֶל־לֹהֵיהֶם הַמַּצִּיל אוֹתָם מִיַּד כָּל-אִיְבֵיהֶם מִסָּבִיב: (לה) וְלֹא-עָשׂוּ חֹסֵד עִם-בֵּית יִרְבֶּעֶל גִּדְעוֹן כְּכֹל-הַטּוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה עִם-יִשְׂרָאֵל: פ
(א) וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ בְּוִיּוֹאֵשׁ שְׂכֻמָּה אֶל-אַחֵי אִמּוֹ וַיַּזְדַּבֵּר אֵלֵיהֶם וַאֲלֵ-כָל-מִשְׁפַּחַת בֵּית-אָבִי אִמּוֹ לֵאמֹר: (ב) דַּבְּרוּ-נָא בְּאָזְנֵי כָל-בְּעָלֵי שְׂכָמָה מֵהַטּוֹב לְכֶם הַמְשַׁל בָּכֶם שְׂבָעִים אִישׁ כֹּל בְּנֵי יִרְבֶּעֶל אִם-מְשַׁל בָּכֶם אִישׁ אֶחָד וַיִּזְכְּרֻתָם כִּי-עֲצָמְכֶם וּבִשְׂרָכֶם אָנִי: (ג) וַיַּזְדַּבְּרוּ אַחֲרֵי-אִמּוֹ עָלָיו בְּאָזְנֵי כָל-בְּעָלֵי שְׂכָמָה אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיֵּט לָבָם אַחֲרַי אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ כִּי אָמְרוּ אַחֲרֵינוּ הוּא: (ד) וַיִּתְּנוּ-לוֹ שְׂבָעִים כֶּסֶף מִבֵּית בַּעַל

seventy men on one stone. Only Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, survived, because he went into hiding. (6) All the citizens of Shechem and all Beth-millo convened, and they proclaimed Abimelech king at the terebinth of the pillar at Shechem. (7) When Jotham was informed, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and called out to them in a loud voice. "Citizens of Shechem!" he cried, "Listen to me, that G-d may listen to you. (8) "Once the trees went to anoint a king over themselves. They said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' (9) But the olive tree replied, 'Have I, through whom G-d and men are honored, stopped yielding my rich oil, that I should go and wave above the trees?' (10) So the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.' (11) But the fig tree replied, 'Have I stopped yielding my sweetness, my delicious fruit, that I should go and wave above the trees?' (12) So the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.' (13) But the vine replied, 'Have I stopped yielding my new wine, which gladdens G-d and men, that I should go and wave above the trees?' (14) Then all the trees said to the thornbush, 'You come and reign over us.' (15) And the thornbush said to the trees, 'If you are acting honorably in anointing me king over you, come and take shelter in my shade; but if not, may fire issue from the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon!' (16) "Now then, if you acted honorably and loyally in making Abimelech king, if you have done right by Jerubbaal and his house and have requited him according to his deserts— (17) considering that my father fought for you and saved you from the Midianites at the risk of his life, (18) and now you have turned on my father's household, killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and set up Abimelech, the son of his handmaid, as king over the citizens of Shechem just because he is your kinsman— (19) if, I say, you have this day acted honorably and loyally toward Jerubbaal and his house, have joy in Abimelech and may he likewise have joy in you. (20) But if not, may fire issue from Abimelech and consume the citizens of Shechem and Beth-millo, and may fire issue from the citizens of Shechem and Beth-millo and consume Abimelech!" (21) With that, Jotham fled. He ran to Beer and stayed there, because of his brother Abimelech. (22) Abimelech held sway over Israel for three years. (23) Then G-d sent a spirit of discord between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem, and the citizens of Shechem broke faith with Abimelech— (24) to the end that the crime committed

בגרית וישפר בהם אבימלך אנשים ריקים ופנזים וילכו אחריו: (ה) ויבא בית-אביו עפרתה ויהרג את-אחיו בני-ירבעל שבעים איש על-אבן אחת ויחר יותם בן-ירבעל הקטן פי נחבא: ס (ו) ויאספו כל-בעלי שכם וכל-בית מלוא וילכו וימליכו את-אבימלך למלך עם-אלון מצב אשר בשכם: (ז) ויגדו ליותם וילך ויעמד בראש הר-גרזים וישא קולו ויקרא ויאמר להם שמעו אלי בעלי שכם וישמע אליכם א-להים: (ח) הלוה הלוה העצים למשח עליהם מלך ויאמרו לזית מלוכה מלכה עלינו: (ט) ויאמר להם הזית החדלתי את-דשני אשר-בי וכבדו א-להים ואנשים והלכתי לנוע על-העצים: (י) ויאמרו העצים לתאנה לכי את מלכי עלינו: (יא) ותאמר להם התאנה החדלתי את-מתקי ואת-תנובתי הטובה והלכתי לנוע על-העצים: (יב) ויאמרו העצים לגפן לכי-את מלכי עלינו: (יג) ותאמר להם הגפן החדלתי את-תירושי המשמח א-להים ואנשים והלכתי לנוע על-העצים: (יד) ויאמרו כל-העצים אל-האטד לך אתה מלך-עלינו: (טו) ויאמר האטד אל-העצים אם באמת אתם משחים אתי למלך עליכם באו חסו בצלי ואם-אין תצא אש מן-האטד ותאכל את-ארגי הלבנון: (טז) ועתה אם-באמת ובתמים עשיתם ותמליכו את-אבימלך ואם-טובה עשיתם עם-ירבעל ועם-ביתו ואם-כגמול ידיו עשיתם לו: (יז) אשר-גלתם אבי עליכם וישלך את-נפשו מנגד ויצל אתכם מיד מדין: (יח) ואתם קמתם על-בית אבי היום ומהרגו את-בניו שבעים איש על-אבן אחת ותמליכו את-אבימלך בן-אמתו על-בעלי שכם פי אחיכם הוא: (יט) ואם-באמת ובתמים עשיתם עם-ירבעל ועם-ביתו היום הגה שמחו באבימלך וישמח גם-הוא בכם: (כ) ואם-אין תצא אש מאבימלך ותאכל את-בעלי שכם ואת-בית מלוא ותצא אש מבעלי שכם ומבית מלוא ותאכל את-אבימלך: (כא) וינס יותם ויברח וילך בארה וישב שם מפני אבימלך אחיו: פ

against the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged, and their blood recoil upon their brother Abimelech, who had slain them, and upon the citizens of Shechem, who had abetted him in the slaying of his brothers. (25) The citizens of Shechem planted ambuscades against him on the hilltops; and they robbed whoever passed by them on the road. Word of this reached Abimelech. (26) Then Gaal son of Ebed and his companions came passing through Shechem, and the citizens of Shechem gave him their confidence. (27) They went out into the fields, gathered and trod out the vintage of their vineyards, and made a festival. They entered the temple of their god, and as they ate and drank they reviled Abimelech. (28) Gaal son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech and who are [we] Shechemites, that we should serve him? This same son of Jerubbaal and his lieutenant Zebul once served the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem;^b so why should we serve him? (29) Oh, if only this people were under my command, I would get rid of Abimelech! One would challenge Abimelech, 'Fill up your ranks and come out here!'" (30) When Zebul, the governor of the city, heard the words of Gaal son of Ebed, he was furious. (31) He sent messages to Abimelech at Tormah to say, "Gaal son of Ebed and his companions have come to Shechem and they are inciting the city against you. (32) Therefore, set out at night with the forces you have with you and conceal yourself in the fields. (33) Early next morning, as the sun rises, advance on the city. He and his men will thereupon come out against you, and you will do to him whatever you find possible." (34) Abimelech and all the men with him set out at night and disposed themselves against Shechem in four hiding places. (35) When Gaal son of Ebed came out and stood at the entrance to the city gate, Abimelech and the army with him emerged from concealment. (36) Gaal saw the army and said to Zebul, "That's an army marching down from the hilltops!" But Zebul said to him, "The shadows of the hills look to you like men." (37) Gaal spoke up again, "Look, an army is marching down from Tabbur-erez, and another column is coming from the direction of Elon-meonenim." (38) "Well," replied Zebul, "where is your boast, 'Who is Abimelech that we should serve him'? There is the army you sneered at; now go out and fight it!" (39) So Gaal went out at the head of the citizens of Shechem and gave battle to Abimelech. (40) But he had to flee before him, and Abimelech pursued him, and many fell slain, all the way to

(כב) וַיִּשָׂר אֲבִימֶלֶךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים: (כג) וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶל־לְהִיִּם רֵיחַ רָעָה בֵּין אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וּבֵין בְּעָלֵי שְׁכֶם וַיִּגְדְּדוּ בְּעַלְי־שְׁכֶם בְּאֲבִימֶלֶךְ: (כד) לְבֹאֵי הַמָּס שְׁבָעִים בְּגִי־יִרְבָּעַל וְדָמָם לְשׁוּם עַל־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ אַחִיהֶם אֲשֶׁר הִרְגָּ אֹתָם וְעַל בְּעָלֵי שְׁכֶם אֲשֶׁר־חִזְקוּ אֶת־יָדָיו לְהִרְגֵּ אֶת־אֲחִיו: (כה) וַיִּשְׂמִימוּ לוֹ בְּעָלֵי שְׁכֶם מֵאֲרָבִים עַל רְאשֵׁי הַהָרִים וַיִּגְזְלוּ אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־יַעֲבֹר עֲלֵיהֶם בַּדֶּרֶךְ וַיִּגְדְּדוּ לְאֲבִימֶלֶךְ: פ (כו) וַיָּבֹא גָעַל בֶּן־עֵבֶד וְאֲחָיו וַיַּעֲבְרוּ בְּשֶׁכֶם וַיִּבְטְחוּ־בּוֹ בְּעָלֵי שְׁכֶם: (כז) וַיִּצְאוּ הַשָּׂדֶה וַיִּבְצְרוּ אֶת־פְּרֻמֵיהֶם וַיִּדְרְכוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ הַלֹּוֹלִים וַיָּבֹאוּ בֵּית אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וַיֹּאכְלוּ וַיִּשְׁתּוּ וַיִּקְלְלוּ אֶת־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ: (כח) וַיֹּאמְרוּ גָעַל בֶּן־עֵבֶד מִי־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וּמִי־שְׁכֶם כִּי נַעֲבָדְנוּ הֲלֹא בֶן־יִרְבָּעַל וְזָבֹל פָּקִידוֹ עָבְדוּ אֶת־אֲנָשֵׁי חָמוֹר אָבִי שְׁכֶם וּמִדּוֹעַ נַעֲבָדְנוּ אֲנַחְנוּ: (כט) וּמִי יִמָּן אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה בְּיָדִי וְאֶסִּירָה אֶת־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לְאֲבִימֶלֶךְ רַבָּה צָבָאָה וְצָאָה: (ל) וַיִּשְׁמַע זָבֹל שֶׁ־הָעִיר אֶת־דְּבָרֵי גָעַל בֶּן־עֵבֶד וַיַּחֲר אָפוּ: (לא) וַיִּשְׁלַח מִלְּאָכִים אֶל־אֲבִימֶלֶךְ בְּתַרְמָה לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה גָעַל בֶּן־עֵבֶד וְאֲחָיו בָּאִים שְׁכֶמָה וְהִנֵּם צָרִים אֶת־הָעִיר עֲלֵיךְ: (לב) וְעַתָּה קוּם לְלִיָּה אֶתָּה וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתָּךְ וְאַרְבַּ בַּשָּׂדֶה: (לג) וְהִנֵּה בַּכָּקֹר כְּנֹרֶחַ הַשָּׁמֶשׁ תִּשְׁכַּם וּפְשֻׁטָּת עַל־הָעִיר וְהִנֵּה־הוּא וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתּוֹ יִצְאִים אֵלֶיךָ וְעַשִׂיתָ לּוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר תִּמְצָא יָדָה: ס (לד) וַיִּקָּם אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וְכָל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־עִמּוֹ לְלִיָּה וַיִּאָּרְבוּ עַל־שְׁכֶם אַרְבָּעָה רָאשִׁים: (לה) וַיִּצְא גָעַל בֶּן־עֵבֶד וַיַּעֲמֵד פֶּתַח שַׁעַר הָעִיר וַיִּקָּם אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וְהָעָם אֲשֶׁר־אִתּוֹ מִן־הַמְּאָרְבִּ: (לו) וַיִּרְא־גָעַל אֶת־הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־זָבֹל הִנֵּה־עָם יוֹרֵד מִרְאשֵׁי הַהָרִים וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו זָבֹל אַתָּה צַל הַהָרִים אֶתָּה רֹאֵה כָּאֲנָשִׁים: ס (לז) וַיִּסָּף עוֹד גָּעַל לְדַבֵּר וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה־עָם יוֹרְדִים מֵעַם טַבּוֹר הַאֲרָזִים וְרֹאש־אֶחָד בָּא מִדֶּרֶךְ אֵלּוֹן מְעוֹנְנִים: (לח) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו זָבֹל אֵינִי אָפוּא כִּי־אֲשֶׁר תֹּאמַר מִי אֲבִימֶלֶךְ כִּי נַעֲבָדְנוּ הֲלֹא זֶה הָעָם אֲשֶׁר מְאָסְתָה בּוֹ צֹא־נָא עִתָּה וְהִלַּחֵם בּוֹ: ס (לט) וַיִּצְא גָעַל לִפְנֵי בְּעָלֵי

the entrance of the gate. (41) Then Abimelech stayed in Arumah, while Zebul expelled Gaal and his companions and kept them out of Shechem. (42) The next day, when people went out into the fields, Abimelech was informed. (43) Taking the army, he divided it into three columns and lay in ambush in the fields; and when he saw the people coming out of the city, he pounced upon them and struck them down. (44) While Abimelech and the column that followed him dashed ahead and took up a position at the entrance of the city gate, the other two columns rushed upon all that were in the open and struck them down. (45) Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He captured the city and massacred the people in it; he razed the town and sowed it with salt. (46) When all the citizens of the Tower of Shechem learned of this, they went into the tunnel of the temple of El-berith. (47) When Abimelech was informed that all the citizens of the Tower of Shechem had gathered [there], (48) Abimelech and all the troops he had with him went up on Mount Zalmon. Taking an ax in his hand, Abimelech lopped off a tree limb and lifted it onto his shoulder. Then he said to the troops that accompanied him, "What you saw me do—quick, do the same!" (49) So each of the troops also lopped off a bough; then they marched behind Abimelech and laid them against the tunnel, and set fire to the tunnel over their heads. Thus all the people of the Tower of Shechem also perished, about a thousand men and women. (50) Abimelech proceeded to Thebez; he encamped at Thebez and occupied it. (51) Within the town was a fortified tower; and all the citizens of the town, men and women, took refuge there. They shut themselves in, and went up on the roof of the tower. (52) Abimelech pressed forward to the tower and attacked it. He approached the door of the tower to set it on fire. (53) But a woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and cracked his skull. (54) He immediately cried out to his attendant, his arms-bearer, "Draw your dagger and finish me off, that they may not say of me, 'A woman killed him!'" So his attendant stabbed him, and he died. (55) When the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, everyone went home. (56) Thus G-d repaid Abimelech for the evil he had done to his father by slaying his seventy brothers; (57) and G-d likewise repaid the men of Shechem for all their wickedness. And so the curse of Jotham son of Jerubbaal was fulfilled upon them. (JPS 1985)

שָׁכַם וַיִּלְחֶם בְּאַבְיִמֶלֶךְ: (מ) וַיִּרְדְּפוּהוּ
 אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וַיִּגַּס מִפְּנֵיו וַיִּפְּלוּ חֲלָלִים רַבִּים
 עַד-פְּתַח הַשָּׁעַר: (מא) וַיָּשָׁב אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ
 בְּאֲרוּמָה וַיִּגְרַשׁ זִבְל וְאֶת-אֶחָיו
 מִשִּׁבְתּוֹ בַּשָּׂדֶה: (מב) וַיְהִי מִמְּחֻרָת וַיֵּצֵא
 הָעָם הַשָּׂדֶה וַיִּגְדּוּ לְאַבְיִמֶלֶךְ: (מג) וַיִּקַּח
 אֶת-הָעָם וַיַּחְצֵם לְשִׁלְשָׁה רֵאשִׁים וַיַּאֲרֹב
 בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיֵּרָא וַהֲגִה הָעָם יֵצֵא מִן-הָעִיר
 וַיִּקָּם עֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּכּוּם: (מד) וַאֲבִימֶלֶךְ
 וְהָרֵאשִׁים אֲשֶׁר עִמּוֹ פָּשְׁטוּ וַיַּעֲמֵדוּ פְתַח
 הַשָּׁעַר הָעִיר וַשְּׁנֵי הָרֵאשִׁים פָּשְׁטוּ עַל-כָּל-
 אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּכּוּם: (מה) וַאֲבִימֶלֶךְ נִלְחַם
 בָּעִיר כָּל הַיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּלְכֹּד אֶת-הָעִיר
 וְאֶת-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-בָּהּ הִרְג וַיִּתֵּן אֶת-הָעִיר
 וַיִּזְרְעֶהָ מֶלַח: פ (מו) וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ כָּל-בְּעָלֵי
 מְגַדְל־שָׁכַם וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-צִירִיָּה בֵּית אֵל
 בְּרִית: (מז) וַיִּגְדּוּ לְאַבְיִמֶלֶךְ כִּי הִתְקַבְּצוּ
 כָּל-בְּעָלֵי מְגַדְל־שָׁכַם: (מח) וַיַּעַל
 אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ הַר-צִלְמוֹן הוּא וְכָל-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-
 אִתּוֹ וַיִּקַּח אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֶת-הַקַּרְדָּמוֹת בְּיָדוֹ
 וַיִּכְרַת שׁוֹכֵת עֵצִים וַיִּשְׁאַף וַיִּשֶׂם עַל-
 שִׁכְמוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-עִמּוֹ מָה
 רְאִיתֶם עֲשִׂיתִי מִהֲרוּ עֲשׂוּ כְמוֹנִי: (מט)
 וַיִּכְרַתוּ גַם-כָּל-הָעָם אִישׁ שׁוֹכֵה וַיִּלְכּוּ
 אַחֲרֵי אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וַיִּשְׂימוּ עַל-הַצִּירִיָּה וַיִּצְיִתוּ
 עֲלֵיהֶם אֶת-הַצִּירִיָּה בְּאֵשׁ וַיָּמָתוּ גַם כָּל-
 אַנְשֵׁי מְגַדְל־שָׁכַם כְּאֵלֶּף אִישׁ וְאִשָּׁה: פ
 (נ) וַיִּלְכֹּד אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֶת-תַּבְּצִן וַיִּסֹּן בְּתַבְּצִן
 וַיִּלְכְּדֶהּ: (נא) וּמְגַדְל־עֹז הָיָה בְּתוֹךְ-הָעִיר
 וַיִּנְסוּ שָׁמָּה כָּל-הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנְּשִׁים וְכָל-
 בְּעָלֵי הָעִיר וַיִּסְגְּרוּ בַּעֲדָם וַיַּעֲלוּ עַל-גֹּגֶן
 הַמְּגַדָּל: (נב) וַיָּבֹא אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ עַד-הַמְּגַדָּל
 וַיִּלְחֶם בּוֹ וַיִּגֵּשׁ עַד-פְּתַח הַמְּגַדָּל לְשַׂרְפוֹ
 בְּאֵשׁ: (נג) וַתִּשְׁלֹף אִשָּׁה אֶתַּת פְּלַח רֶכֶב
 עַל-רֹאשׁ אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וַתִּרְצֵן אֶת-גְּלִגְלָתוֹ:
 (נד) וַיִּקְרָא מְהֵרָה אֶל-הַנְּעָרוֹ נִשְׂא כִלְיוֹ
 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ שְׁלֹף חֶרֶבְךָ וּמוֹתֵנִי פֶּן-יֹאמְרוּ
 לִי אִשָּׁה הִרְגָתְהוּ וַיִּדְקְרְהוּ וַנְּעָרוּ וַיָּמָתוּ:
 (נה) וַיִּרְאוּ אִישׁ-יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי מָת אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ
 וַיִּלְכוּ אִישׁ לְמִקְמוֹ: (נו) וַיָּשָׁב אֶל-לְהִים אֵת
 רַעַת אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְאָבִיו לְהִרְג
 אֶת-שִׁבְעִים אָחָיו: (נז) וְאֵת כָּל-רַעַת
 אַנְשֵׁי שָׁכַם הַשֵּׁיב אֶל-לְהִים בְּרֹאשָׁם וַתִּבֹּא
 אֲלֵיהֶם קִלְלַת יוֹתָם בְּוַיִּרְבְּעֵל: פ