



Review Questions for Chapter 21

21:1 Yehonatan's Losses

1> What do we emphasize by describing how David and Yehonatan go different ways?

21:2-4 David sneaks help from the Mishkan in Nov

2> Why does Dovid go to the Mishkan, specifically, for food and a weapon?

3> Why does Dovid ask for 5 rolls, specifically?

21:5-10 Achimelech helps Dovid, and is caught

4> What bread does Achimelech give Dovid?

5> Why is Doeg at the Mishkan?

6> Why is Achimelech not concerned about Doeg seeing Dovid?

7> Why is Goliath's sword in the Mishkan?

8> On what basis does the Talmud label Doeg an important Torah scholar?

9> Midrashim also see Doeg in stories of the war against Amalek, Dovid's selection as a musician, and Shaul's inquiry about Dovid's lineage. How should we understand these midrashim?

10> How could Dovid descend so far, and not rely on Hashem?

21:11-16 Dovid flees to the Philistines

11> Why do the Philistines call Dovid "king of the land" when addressing Achish?

12> Why does Dovid go to the Philistines?

13> What three types of descent do we see for Dovid here?

Outline of Perek 22

22:1-4 Dovid turns to Moav for help

22:5 Gad sends Dovid back to civilization

22:6-8 Shaul's paranoia rises, and he lashes out at his circle

22:9-15 Doeg triggers an investigation of Nov's help for Dovid

22:16-19 Shaul and Doeg eradicate Nov

22:20-22 Evyatar flees from Nov to Dovid, who admits his guilt

22:1-4 Dovid turns to Moav for help

1. The Cave of Adulam Bereishit 38:1, Michah 1:15

2. Those of bitter spirit Shoftim 18:25, Shemuel I 30:6, Shemuel II 17:8

3. Malbim to Tehillim 34:8

"חונה מלאך ד' סביב ליראיו" - שיראיו א"צ לצעוק כלל מן הצרה, כי מלאך ד' ושלוחו עומד תמיד סביבם כמחנה מזוינת ויחלצם, יעשה אותם חלוצים בכלי זיין, כי נדמה כמחנה מלאכים חלוצי צבא עומדים סביבם לשמרם מכל רע, (ורמז על האנשים שהתחברו אליו אח"כ בברחו מפני אכיש אל מערת עדולם (ש"א כ"ב) שהיו רבים עמו יראי ד' וחלוצי צבא למלחמה):

"The *malach* of Gd camps around those who revere Him" – For those who revere Him need not cry out from trouble at all, for the *malach* of Gd, His agent, stands around them perpetually, like an armed camp, and is *choleitz* them – making them *chalutzim* with weapons. It appears that though a camp of *malachim*, *chalutzei tzava*, stand around them to protect them from all harm. (And it hints that the men who joined him afterward, when he fled from Achish to the Cave of Adulam, included many who revered Gd and were *chalutzei tzava* for war.)

4. Time in Metzudah Shemuel II 23:13-17

5. Outcast entourages Shoftim 9:4, Shoftim 11:3, Divrei haYamim II 13:7

6. "Empty people" Mishlei 12:11, Mishlei 28:19, Shemuel II 6:20

7. Rabbi Amnon Bazak, **פרק כב (1) דוד ואנשיו מול שאול ואנשיו**

תיאור הקבוצה עמה נמצא דוד בנדודיו משמש גם מצג להבנת פרשיות שונות בהמשך הדרך. באופן מיוחד ניתן לעמוד על התנהגותם של אנשים אלו בשעה שנופלת לפני דוד הזדמנות לפגוע בשאול...

לאור הבנה זו נוכל להבין בנקל את טענתו של נבל הכרמלי: "מי דוד ומי בן ישי היום רבו עבדים המתפרצים איש מפני אדניו" (כ"ה, י). סיעתו של דוד אכן עשויה הייתה לעורר תגובות מזלזלות, בהיותה מורכבת מאנשים דלים וחסרי כול...

The description of the group with whom Dovid was found in his wanderings serves as a demonstration [aiding] understanding of different portions along the way. Especially, one can understand the conduct of these men when the opportunity to strike Shaul falls before David...

With this understanding, we can also understand the claim of Naval of Carmel: "Who is David, and who is the son of Yishai? Today, many servants break forth, each from before his master." David's group was indeed the sort that would arouse derogatory reactions, as it was comprised of poor men, lacking everything...

8. Enemy of my enemy Shemuel I 14:47

9. Midrash, Bamidbar Rabbah 14:1

שבשעה שברח דוד מפני שאול הוליך אביו ואמו אל מלך מואב, כי היה ירא מפני שאול. והיה בוטח בהם לפי שהיה מרות המואביה...

For when David fled from before Shaul, he brought his father and mother to the king of Moav, fearing Shaul. And he trusted them because he was from Ruth, the Moabite...

10. Trouble with Moav Shemuel II 8:2