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# Shaul's Arc — FULL TEXT

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### 1 Samuel Chapter 13

ו אַ בַּן-שָׁנָה, שָׁאוּל בִּמָלְכוֹ; וּשְׁתֵּי שַׁנִים, מַלַךְ Saul was ---- years old when he began to reign; and two years על-ישָׂרָאֵל. he reigned over Israel.

,ב וַיִּבְחַר-לוֹ שָׁאוּל שִׁלשֵׁת אֱלַפִּים, 2 And Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmas and in the mount of וּבְהַר בִּית-אֵל, וְאֵלְף הָיוּ עִם-יוֹנְתָן בְּגְבְעַת Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeathbenjamin; and the rest of the people he sent every man to his בּנְיָמִין; וְיֶתֶר הָטָם, שִׁלַּח אִישׁ לְאֹהָלִיו.

ג וַיךְ יוֹנָתָן, אָת וַצִיב פּלְשָׁתִים אַשֶּׁר בּנְבַע, 3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in נישמעוּ, פְּלְשָׁתִּים; וְשָאוּל תָּקַע בַּשּׁוֹפָר Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the horn . בְּכָל-הָאָרֶץ לֵאמר, יִשְׁמְעוּ הָעִבְרִים throughout all the land, saying: 'Let the Hebrews hear.'

ד וכל-ישראל שמעו לאמר. הכה שאול 4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also had made himself odious with the Philistines. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

ה וּפְלְשָׁתִים גֵאַספּוּ לְהַלְּחֵם עִם-ישׂראל. 5 And the Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, שׁלשִׁים אֶלֶף רַבֶב וִשְׁשֵׁת אֵלְפִים פַּרַשִׁים, מעם, כחול אַשֶּׁר עַל-שָּׁפַת-הַיָּם לָרב; וַיַּעַלוּ and people as the sand which is on the sea-shore in multitude; and they came up, and pitched in Michmas, eastward of Beth-

ו ואיש ישראל ראו כי צר-לו, כי נגש 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait--for the people were distressed--then the people did hide themselves in . וּבַּסְּלָעִים, וּבַצְרְחִים, וּבַבּרוֹת caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in holds, and in pits.

ז וְעַבְרִים, עָבָרוּ אָת-הַיִּרְדֵּן, אֱבִץ גַּד, 7 Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the וְגִּלְעָדוּ וְשָׁאוּל עוֹדְנוּ בַגּלְגָּל, וְכָל-הָעָם חָרְדוּ land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

ח וייחל (ניוֹחֵל) שבעת יַמִים, לַמוֹעד אשר 8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that

שמואל, ווֹיָבִץ שמואל, הַגּּלְגָּל; וַיָּבֵץ Samuel had appointed; but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the הַעְם, מֵעְלִיו. people were scattered from him.

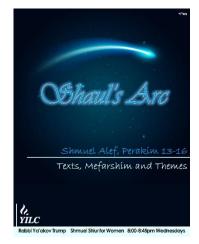
ע ויאמר שאול--הגשו אלי, העלה 9 And Saul said: 'Bring hither to me the burnt-offering and the . והשלמים; ויעל, העלה. peace-offerings.' And he offered the burnt-offering.

י וַיָּהְי, בְּכַלתוֹ לְהַעָלוֹת הַעֹּלָה, וְהַנֵּה י 10 And it came to pass that, as soon as he had made an end of ישמואַל, בָּא; וַיִּצֵא שָאוּל לְקְרָאתוֹ, לְבָרִכוֹ. offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

אית; ויאמר אַל, מה עשית; ויאמר (אמר 11 And Samuel said: 'What hast thou done?' And Saul said: שאול כִּי-נָפַץ הָעָם מֵעַלַי, וִאַתַּה 'Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the בְּאֶסְפִים מִכְמָשׂ. Philistines assembled themselves together against Michmas;

12 therefore said I: Now will the Philistines come down upon me to Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favour of the LORD; I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt-offering.' {S}

לא הישואל אל-שאול, נסכלת: לא א אמואל אל-שאול, נסכלת: לא 13 And Samuel said to Saul: "Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which He שמרת, אֶת-מְצְוַת ה' אלקיף אֵשֶׁר צְוַךְ, כִּי





עדה הַכִּין ה' אָת-מְמַלְכִתּּךְ אֵל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַד- commanded thee; for now would the LORD have established עוֹלָם. thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

יד וְעַתָּה, מֵמְלַכְתִּךְ לֹא-תַקוּם: בָּקֵשׁ ה' לו 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue; the LORD hath sought him a man after His own heart, and the LORD hath (ס) לא שָׁמַרִתָּ, אֵת אֲשֵׁר-צִוּךָ ה'. appointed him to be prince over His people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.' {S}

טו וַיָּקָם שְׁמוּאֵל, וַיַּעֵל מְן-הַגּּלְגַּל--גָּבַעַת 15 And Samuel arose, and got him up from Gilgal unto Gibeathbenjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with . עמו, כשש מאות, איש. him, about six hundred men.

טז וַשַּאוּל וְיוֹנַתַן בְּנוֹ, וָהַעָם הַנְּמָצָא עָמַם, 16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were ישבים, הגבע בנימן; ופלשתים, חנו present with them, abode in Gibeath-benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmas.

,יז וַיִּצֵא הַמְשִׁחִית מְמַחֵנֵה פְּלְשִׁתִּים, 17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth . עָפְרָה, אֶל-אֶרֶץ שוּעָל to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual;

ותראש אַחַד יְפְנַה, דָּרַךְ בֵּית חֹרוֹן; 18 and another company turned the way to Beth-horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looketh לים הַמְּדְבֵּרָה. {ס} down upon the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. {S}

יט וַחַרַשׁ לֹא יִמַצֵּא, בָּכֹל אֵרֵץ יִשְׂרָאֵל: כִּי- 19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of אמר (אָמִרוֹ) פַּלְשָׁתִים--פֵּן יַעשוּ הַעְבִרִים, Israel; for the Philistines said: 'Lest the Hebrews make them מרב או חנית. swords or spears';

ואת, מחרשתו. mattock.

20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his plowshare, and his coulter, and his axe, and his

בא והיתה הפּצִירָה פִים, לְמַחֵרֵשׁת 21 And the price of the filing was a pim for the mattocks, and ולאתים, ולשלש קלשון, ולהקרדמים; for the coulters, and for the forks with three teeth, and for the ולהציב, הַדְרבָן. axes; and to set the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that יוֹנָתָן; וַתִּמְצֵא לְשָׁאוּל, וּלִיוֹנָתַן בְּנוֹ. were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

כג וַיֵּצֵא מַצַב פּלִשְׁתִּים, אֵל-מַעַבַר 23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out unto the pass of (ס מְּכְמָשׁ. אוֹchmas. {S}

### 1 Samuel Chapter 14

א וַיִהִי הַיּוֹם, וַיֹּאמֵר יוֹנַתַן בֵּן-שַׁאוּל אֵל- 1 Now it fell upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bore his armour: 'Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on yonder side. But he told not his הגיד. father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate-tree which is in Migron; and the people that were with him were about six hundred men,

ג וַאַתְיָה בֶּן-אַתְטוּב אָחִי אִיכְבוֹד בָּן־ 3 and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD in Shiloh, פינחט בּן-עֵלִי כֹּחָן ה', בְּשְׁלוֹ--נְשָׁא אָפוֹד; יוֹנְתֶן. פִי הָלַךְ יוֹנָתֶן. wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was

א ד וּבִין הַמַּעַבְּרוֹת, אֵשֶׁר בְּקָשׁ יוֹנְתַן 4 And between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one



side, and a rocky crag on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

ה הַשֵּׁן הָאֶחָד מְצוּק מְצָפּוֹן, מוּל מִכְמָשׁ; זה הַשֵּׁן הָאֶחָד מָצוּק מִצְפוֹן, מוּל מִכְמָשׁ; 5 The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmas, and the (ס) יהָאֶתְד מְנֵגְב, מוּל גָבע. (ס) other on the south in front of Geba. {S}

ו וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶל-הַנַּעַר נֹשֵּא כַלִיו, 6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour: י לְכָה וְנַעְבְּרָה אֶל-מַצַב הָעֲרַלִים הָאֵלֶה- 'Come and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us; for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.'

ז וַיּאמֶר לוֹ נשֵׁא כֵלִיו, עֲשֵׂה כָּל-אֲשֵׁר 7 And his armour-bearer said unto him: 'Do all that is in thy heart; turn thee, behold I am with thee according to thy heart.' {S}

ח וַיֹּאמֶר, יָהוֹנְתוֹ, הָנָה אַנַחְנוּ עבְרִים, 8 Then said Jonathan: 'Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will disclose ourselves unto them.

נעלה אליהם.

ט אִם-כֹּה יֹאמִרוּ, אֱלֵינוּ, דֹמוּ, עַד- 9 If they say thus unto us: Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

י וַאִם-כֹּה יאמִרוּ עֵלוּ עַלֵּינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וְעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעָלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וַעַלִינוּ, וֹעַלִינוּ, the LORD hath delivered them into our hand; and this shall be the sign unto us.'

יא וַיִּגָּלוּ שִׁנֵיהֵם, אֱל-מַצֵּב פְּלְשִׁתִּים; 11 And both of them disclosed themselves unto the garrison of ,ויאמרו פּלְשָׁתִּים--הְגֵּה עָבְרִים יֹצְאִים, the Philistines; and the Philistines said: 'Behold Hebrews coming מן-הַחרִים אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַבְּאוּ-שָׁם. forth out of the holes where they hid themselves.'

יב וַיַּענוּ אַנְשֵׁי הַמַּצְבָה אָת-יוֹנְתַן וְאָת- 12 And the men of the garrison spoke to Jonathan and his {hing.' {P} אָתְכֶם, דָּבַר;

armour-bearer, and said: 'Come up to us, and we will show you a

ביאמר יוֹנְתוּן אֶל-נּשֵא כָלִיו, עַלָה אָחַרִי-. And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer: 'Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.'

יג וַיַּעל יוֹנַתוּ, עַל-יַרִיו וְעַל-רַגְלִיוּ, וְנַשָּׁא 13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew them after him.

יד וַתְּהִי הַמְּכָּה הַרָּאשׁנָה, אֲשֵׁר הְּכָּה 14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-bearer יוֹנָתָן וִנֹשֵא כֵלָיו--כְּעֵשִׂרִים אִישׁ: כָּבַחֵצִי made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow's מַעַנָה, צֵמֵד שַּׁדֵה. length in an acre of land.

15 And there was a trembling in the camp in the field, and among ; הַמָּשִׁחִית, חָרְדוּ גַּם-הַמַּה, all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked; so it grew into a terror from God. וַתְּרְגַּז הָאָרֶץ, וַתְּהִי לְחֶרְדַּת אלקים.

טז וַיִּרְאוּ הַצַּפִים לְשֵׁאוּל, בַּגְבַעַת בְּנִימַן; 16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeath-benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went hither and thither. {P}

יז וַיֹּאמֵר שַׁאוּל, לַעָם אֲשֵׁר אָתוֹ, פַּקְדוּ- 17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him: 'Number now, and see who is gone from us.' And when they had . אֵין יוֹנָתָן וִנֹשֵׂא כֵלִיו. numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there.

הַהוּא--וּבְנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל.

יח וַיּאמֶר שָׁאוּל לַאַחִיָּה, הַגִּישָׁה אַרוֹן 18 And Saul said unto Ahijah: 'Bring hither the ark of God.' For the ark of God was there at that time with the children of Israel.

יט וַיִהִי, עַד דְּבֵּר שַׁאוּל אֵל-הַכֹּהָן, 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and (פּן increased; {P}



מול אַל-הַכּהֵן, אֵסף יַדֵדָ. and Saul said unto the priest: 'Withdraw thy hand.'

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword וַיָּבֹאוּ, עַד-הַמְלְחָמָה; וְהְגַּה הָיִתָה חֵרֶב . איש, בּרֵעהוּ--מְהוּמָה, גְּדוֹלָה מְאד. was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

כא וָהַעְבְרִים, הַיוּ לָפְּלְשָׁתִּים כָּאָתְמוֹל 21 Now the Hebrews that were with the Philistines as beforetime, and that went up with them into the camp round about; even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and שאול, ויונתן. Jonathan.

בהר- בהַר יִשְׂרַאֵל הַמְּתִחְבָּאִים בְּהַר- 22 Likewise all the men of Israel that had hid themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

והמלחמה--עברה, את-בית און. far as Beth-aven.

כג וַיּוֹשֵע ה' בֵּיוֹם הַהוּא, אֵת-יִשׂרָאֵל; 23 So the LORD saved Israel that day; and the battle passed on as

כד וָאִישׁ-יִשִּׂרָאֵל נְגַשׁ, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא; וַיֹּאֵל 24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day; but Saul שאול אֶת-הָעָם לֵאמר, אַרוּר הַאִיש adjured the people, saying: 'Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies.' So (ס) מאיבי, וְלא-טָעַם כָּל-הָעָם, לָחֵם. וחone of the people tasted food. {S}

25 And all the people came into the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. עַל-פָּנֵי הַשָּׂדֵה.

כו וַיָּבֹא הַעֶּם אָל-הַיָּעֶר, וְהְנָּה הַלְּךְּ דְּבַשׁ; 26 And when the people were come unto the forest, behold a flow יוֹאֵין-מַשִּיג יָדוֹ אֵל-פִּיו, כִּי-יַרֵא הַעָם אֵת- of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people השבעה. feared the oath.

בז וִיוֹנַתֵן לֹא-שַׁמַע, בְּהַשָּׁבִּיעַ אַבִיו אַת־ 27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; and he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his feet, וַיִּטְבֹּל אוֹתָהּ בִּיַעָרַת הַדְּבַשׁי; וַיְשֶׁב יְדוֹ שֶׁל-פִּיו, ותראנה (וַתָּארנַה) אֶל-פִּיו, mouth; and his eyes brightened.

העם.

כת וַיַּצְן אִישׁ מַהַּעָם וּיֹאמֶר, הַשְּׁבֵּע 28 Then answered one of the people, and said: "Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying: Cursed be the man that eateth food this day; and the people are faint.' הָאִישׁ אֲשֵׁר-יֹאכַל לֵחֶם, הַיּוֹם; וַיִּעַף,

כט ויאמר, יוֹנְתוֹ, עַכָּר אבִי, אַתּ- 29 Then said Jonathan: 'My father hath troubled the land; see, I pray you, how mine eyes are brightened, because I tasted a little of מעט דבש הזה. this honey.

ל אַף, כִּי לוּא אַכל אַכַל הַיוֹם הַעָם, 30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? had there not been 'then a much greater slaughter among the Philistines.'

לא וַיָּכוּ בֵּיוֹם הַהוּא, בפּלשתים, 31 And they smote of the Philistines that day from Michmas to . ממכמש, אַיָּלנָה; וַיַּעַף הַעָם, מאד. Aijalon; and the people were very faint.

them with the blood.

לב ויעש (ויַעט) הַעַם אֵל-שלל (השלל). 32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people did eat

33 Then they told Saul, saying: 'Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood.' And he said: 'Ye have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone unto me this day.'

34 And Saul said: 'Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them: Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD



in eating with the blood.' And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

לה וַיָּבֶן שָאוּל מִזְבֵּחַ, לַה'; אתוֹ הַחֵל, 35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD; the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD. {P}

לַיַלָה וְנַבֹּזָה בַהֶם עָד-אור הַבַּקר, ולא-נַשָּׁאֵר בַּהֶם אִישׁ, וַיֹּאמְרוּ, כַּל-הַטוֹב ָבְּעֵינֶידְּ עֲשֵׂה; {ס} וַיֹּאמֵר, הַכּּהַן, נִקְרָבָה הַלֹם, אֵל-הָאלקים.

לו וַיֹּאמֵר שָׁאוּל נֵרְדָה אַחֵרִי פַּלְשָׁתִּים 36 And Saul said: 'Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them.' And they said: 'Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee.' {S} Then said the priest: 'Let us draw near hither unto God.'

אַרָים, הָאָרָד אַחָרַי 37 And Saul asked counsel of God: 'Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into the hand of Israel?' But ענהו, ביום ההוא. He answered him not that day.

הַזֹּאת, הַיּוֹם.

אול--גשו הַלֹם, כֹל פְּנוֹת 38 And Saul said: 'Draw nigh hither, all ye chiefs of the people; and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

לט כי חי-ה', המושיע את-ישראל--כי 39 For, as the LORD liveth, who saveth Israel, though it be in וסות; וְאֵין בְּנִי, כִּי מוֹת יְמוֹת; וְאֵין Jonathan my son, he shall surely die.' But there was not a man .ענהו, מְכָּל-הָעָם among all the people that answered him.

בַּעִינֵיךְ עֲשֶׁה. {ס}

מ ויאמר אַל-כַּל-יַשְרָאַל, אַתְם תְּהִינ 40 Then said he unto all Israel: 'Be ye on one side, and I and אַבר אָתָד, וַאֲנִי וְיוֹנָתָן בְּנִי, נִהְיֵה לְעֵבֵר Jonathan my son will be on the other side.' And the people said unto Saul: 'Do what seemeth good unto thee.' {\$}

מא וַיֹּאמֵר שָאוּל, אֱל-ה' אלקי יִשְׂרָאֵל-- 41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD, the God of Israel: יהָבָה תָמִים; וַיְּלְכֵד יוֹנְתוּן וְשָׁאוּל, וְהָעָם 'Declare the right.' And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot; but יַּצָאוֹ. the people escaped.

מב וָיֹאמֶר שָאוֹל--הַפִּילוּ, בֵּינִי וּבֵין יוֹנְתַן 42 And Saul said: 'Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son.' And Jonathan was taken. בּנִי; וַיִּלְכֵד, יוֹנָתָן.

דְבַשׁ--הְנְנִי אֲמוּת. {ס}

מג וַיֹּאמֵר שָׁאוּל אֵל-יוֹנַתוּ, הַגִּידָה לִי מֵה 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan: 'Tell me what thou hast done.' And עשיתה; וַיָּגִד-לוֹ יוֹנָתָן, וַיֹּאמֵר טַעֹם Jonathan told him, and said: 'I did certainly taste a little honey with טָעַמְתִּי בִּקְצֵה הַמַּטֵה אֵשֵׁר-בִּיַדִי מִעַט the end of the rod that was in my hand; here am I: I will die.' {S}

'.Jonathan יוֹסף: כִּי-מוֹת תַּמוּת, יוֹנַתַן.

מד וַיֹּאמֶר שָאוֹל, כֿה-יַעְשָה אלקים וְלה 44 And Saul said: 'God do so and more also; thou shalt surely die,

ַהַּזֶּה; וַיִּפְדוּ הָעָם אֵת-יוֹנַתוּ, וַלֹא־ Jonathan, that he died not. {S} מת. {ס}

מה וַיּאמֶר הָעָם אֵל-שַאוּל, הֵיוֹנַתוְ יְמוּת 45 And the people said unto Saul: 'Shall Jonathan die, who hath אשר עשה הישועה הגדולה הזאת wrought this great salvation in Israel? Far from it; as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day.' So the people rescued

(מו ויעל שאול, מאחרי פלשתים; 46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the .Philistines went to their own place ופלשתים, הלכו למקומם

לכֵד הַמְּלוּכָה, עַל-יִשְׁרַאֵל; 47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and whithersoever he turned himself, he put them to the worse.

-מח ויעש חיל, ויך את-עמלק; ויצל את 48 And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered ישָׁרָאֵל, מִיַד שׁסֵהוּ. {פּ} Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. {P}



מט וַיָּהִיוּ בְּנֵי שַׁאוּל, יוֹנַתון וְיְשׁוִי 49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal;

בר- נְשְׁם אָשֶׁת שָׁאוּל, אֲחִינעם בְּת- 50 and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of אַחִימָעַץ; וְשֵׁם שַר-צָבָאוֹ אַבִיגֵר, בֵּן-גֵר Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the ידוד שאול. son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

נא וְקִישׁ אֲבִי-שָאוּל וְגֵר אֲבִי-אַבְגַר, בֵּן- 51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner (ס) אביאל. was the son of Abiel. {S}

נכָל-בֶּן-חַיִל, וַיַּאַסְפֵּהוּ, אֵלַיוּ. {פּ took him unto him. {P}

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of ל יְמִי שָאוּל; וְרָאָה שָאוּל כָּל-אִישׁ גְּבּוֹר, Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he

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אתי שַׁלַח And Samuel said unto Saul: "The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over His people, over Israel; now therefore hearken (ס) thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. {S}

ב פֿה אָמַר, ה' צָבָאוֹת, פַּקַדְתִּי, אֵת 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I remember that which Amalek לישראָל-אַשר-שָׁם לו did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he בַדֶּרֶד, בַּעַלתו מִמְצְרֵים. came up out of Egypt.

ועד-יונק, משור ועד-שה, מגמל ועד-חמור. {ס}

ג עתה לך והביתה את-עמלק, 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and עָלִיו; וְהַמַּתָּה מֵאִישׁ עַד-אָשָּה, מֵעלֵל suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.' {S}

אלפים, את-איש יהודה.

ד וישמע שאול, את-העם, ויִפקדם 4 And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

ה וַיִּבֹא שַאוּל, עִד-עִיר עַמַלְּק; וַיְרַב, 5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. בַּנָּחַל.

ו וַיֹּאמֶר שַׁאוֹל אֵל-הַקֵּינִי לכוּ סְרוּ רְדוּ 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites: 'Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ye אַרָּבְּנִי יִשְרָאֵל, showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt.' So the Kenites departed from among the .אָמָלִקּ Amalekites

ז וַיְרְ שָׁאוּל, אָת-עַמֶּלֶק, מְחַוִילָה בּוֹאַךְ 7 And Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as thou goest to שור, אַשֵּׁר עַל-פָּנֵי מִצְרִים. Shur, that is in front of Egypt.

ח וַיִּתְפַּשׁ אָת-אָגָג מֵלֶךְ-עָמַלֶּק, חֵי; וָאֵת- 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly לפִי-חָרֵב. destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

ט וַיַּחְמל שָאוּל וְהַעָם עָל-אַגָג, וְעַל- 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, even the young of the second birth, and the ו הַכָּרִים וְעַל-כָּל-הַטוֹב, וְלֹא אָבוֹ, lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing that was of no account and feeble, that they אּתָהּ הֶחֱרִימוּ. {פ} destroyed utterly. {P}

י וְיָהִי, דְּבֶּר-ה', אֵל-שָׁמוּאֵל, לֵאמֹר. 10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying:

יא נְחַמְתִּי, כִּי-הִמְלַכְתִּי אֵת-שַאוּל לְמֵלְךָּ- 11 'It repenteth Me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following Me, and hath not performed My ניִחַר, לִשְׁמוּאֵל, וַיִּזְעַק אֶל-ה', כָּל-הַלְיְלָה. commandments.' And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.



יב וַיַּשְׁכֵּם שְׁמוּאָל לְקַרָאת שֵׁאוּל, בַּבּקַר; 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying: 'Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he is setting him up a monument, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.'

יג וַיָּבֹא שִׁמוּאֵל, אֵל-שַאוּל; וַיֹּאמֵר לו 13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him: 'Blessed be thou of the LORD; I have performed the commandment of the .'LORD.'

יד וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל, וּמָה קוֹל-הַצֹּאן הָזָה 14 And Samuel said: 'What meaneth then this bleating of the יר:אָני, וַקוֹל הַבַּקַר, אָשֶׁר אָנֹכִי שׁמֵע. sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear!

טו וַיֹּאמֵר שָאוּל מֵעַמַלֵקִי הַבִּיאוּם, אַשֵׁר 15 And Saul said: 'They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to זבת, לַה' אלקיך; וְאֶת-הַיּוֹתֵר, sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly לפן destroyed.' {P} הֶּחֶרַמְנוּ. {פ

{S} הַלָּילָה; ויאמרו (וַיֹּאמֵר) לוֹ, דַבֵּר. {ס}

טז וַיאמר שִׁמוּאֵל, אֵל-שַאוּל, הֵרף 16 Then Samuel said unto Saul: 'Stay, and I will tell thee what the ואַגִּידָה לְּדָּ, אֵת אָשֵׁר דָבֵּר ה' אֵלֵי LORD hath said to me this night.' And he said unto him: 'Say on.'

וִיִּמְשָּׁחֲדָּ ה' לְמֶלֶדְ, עַל-יִשְׁרָאֵל. thee king over Israel;

יז וַיּאמֵר שִׁמוּאֵל--הַלוֹא אִם-קטֹן אַתַּה 17 And Samuel said: "Though thou be little in thine own sight, art ;אָתָה; יְשְׁרָאֵל אָתָה; thou not head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed

. וְנִלְחֵמְתָּ בוֹ, עַד כַּלוֹתָם אֹתָם they be consumed.

יח וַיִּשְׁלַחַךְ הֹ', בְּדָרַךְ; וַיֹּאמֶר, לַךְ 18 and the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said: Go and utterly לְהַחְבַמְּתָּה אֶת-הַחַטָּאִים אֶת-עֲמְלֵק, destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until

יט וֹלָמָה לא-שַׁמַעִת, בִּקוֹל ה'; וַתַּעֵט, 19 Wherefore then didst thou not hearken to the voice of the (בּצֵינֵי ה'. [ס] LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which was evil in the sight of the LORD?' {S}

ב וַיּאמֶר שָׁאוּל אֵל-שִׁמוּאֵל, אֲשֵׁר 20 And Saul said unto Samuel: 'Yea, I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly שׁלְחַנִי ה'; וַאָבִיא, אֶת-אָגג מֵלךּ עַמְלַלק, וְאֶת-עַמְלֵק, הֶחֱרַמִתִּי. destroyed the Amalekites.

{S} בַּגְּלְגַּל. {ס}

כא וַיִּקַח הָעָם מַהַשָּׁלָל צֹאן וּבָהָר, 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.'

בב ניאמר שׁמוּאֵל, הַחֵפֵץ לַה' בְּעֹלוֹת 22 And Samuel said: 'Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-יוֹבְחִים, כּשׁמע, בּקוֹל ה': הְגָה שׁמע offerings and sacrifices, as in hearkening to the voice of the . מובח טוב, להַקשִיב מְחֵלֵב אֵילִים LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of the fraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of the נמלך. {DRD, He hath also rejected thee from being king.' {S}

כד ויאמר שאול אל-שמואל חטאתי, 24 And Saul said unto Samuel: 'I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words; . יֵרֵאתִי אֵת-הָעָם, וָאֵשְׁמֵע בִּקוֹלְם because I feared the people, and hearkened to their voice.

כה וְעַתָּה, שֵׁא נֵא אֵת-חַטַאתי; ושוּב 25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and return with me, עמי, וְאֶשְׁתַחֵוֶה לַה'. that I may worship the LORD.'

בנ ויאמר שמואל אל-שאול, לא אשוב 26 And Samuel said unto Saul: 'I will not return with thee; for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath עמָּך: כִּי מָאַסְתָּה, אֵת-דָבֵר ה', וַיִּמְאַסְּד רה', מהיות מֶלֶךְ עַל-ישְׁרָאֵל. {ס} rejected thee from being king over Israel.' {S}

בו וַיִּסֹב שְׁמוּאֵל, לֶלְכֶתוֹ וַיְּחָזֶק בְּכוֹף 27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the (ס) איילו, ויִקרע. skirt of his robe, and it rent. {S}



כח וַיֹּאמֶר אַלִיו, שְׁמוּאֵל, קָרַע ה' אָת- 28 And Samuel said unto him: "The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of לְבְעֵּךְ הַטוֹב מִמֶּךָ. {סֹ thine, that is better than thou. {S}

כט וְגַם גַצַח יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֹא יִשַׁקֵר וְלֹא 29 And also the Glory of Israel will not lie nor repent; for He is not a man, that He should repent.' יְנָחֵם: כִּי לֹא אָדָם הוּא, לְהְנַחֵם.

ל וַיֹּאמֶר הָטָאתִי--עַתָּה בַּבְּדֵנִי נָא נָגֵד 30 Then he said: 'I have sinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, יַקְבִי-עַמִי, וְנָגֶד יִשְׁרָאֵל; וְשוּב עִמִי, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.'

לא וַיָּשָׁב שִׁמוּאֵל, אַחֵרִי שַׁאוּל; וַיְּשָׁתַחוּ 31 So Samuel returned after Saul; and Saul worshipped the {ס} שאול, לַה'. {ס

לב וַיּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל, הַגִּישׁוּ אֵלֵי אֵת-אֵגֵג 32 Then said Samuel: 'Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.' And Agag came unto him in chains. And Agag said:  $\{\sigma\}$  יַניאמר אָגָג, אָכֵן סָר מַר-הַמָּוֵת. 'Surely the bitterness of death is at hand.'  $\{S\}$ 

אַמֶּר שִׁפְּלָה נָשִׁים 33 And Samuel said: As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed (ס) שמואל אֶת-אֲגָג לְפְנֵי ה', בַּגּלְגָּל. Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. {S}

אל-ביתו, גבעת שאול. Gibeath-shaul.

לד וַיָּלֶךְ שְׁמוּאֵל, הָרְמָתָה; וְשָׁאוּל עָלָה 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to

had made Saul king over Israel. {P} עַל-יִשְׂרַאֵל. {פּ}

לה ולא-יַסף שמואַל לָרְאוֹת אַת-שַאוּל, 35 And Samuel never beheld Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel mourned for Saul; and the LORD repented that He

### 1 Samuel Chapter 16

א ניאמר ה' אל-שמואל, עד-מתי אַתּה 1 And the LORD said unto Samuel: 'How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king ישראל; מַלָּא קַרְנְךְּ שֶׁמֶן, וְלֵךְ אֵשׁלְחֵךְ אֵל- over Israel? fill thy horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to ישי בֵּית-הַלְּחְמִי--כִּי-רָאִיתִי בַּבָנִיו לִי, מֵלְהַ. Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I have provided Me a king among his sons.'

ב וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁמוּאָל אִיךְ אָלָךְ, וְשָׁמֵע שָׁאוּל 2 And Samuel said: 'How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said: "Take a heifer with thee, and say: I מm come to sacrifice to the LORD. וְאָמַרְתָּ, לְזְבֹחַ לַה' בָּאתִי.

ג וְקַרָאתָ לִישִׁי, בַּזַבַח; וְאַנֹכִי, אוֹדִיעֵךּ אֵת 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell thee what thou shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto Me him whom I name unto thee.'

ד וַיַּעַשׂ שִׁמוּאֵל, אֵת אֲשֵׁר דְּבֵּר ה', וַיַבֹא, 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spoke, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him ַניאמֶר, שָׁלֹם בּוֹאֵך. trembling, and said: 'Comest thou peaceably?'

אתי, הְתַקְדְּשׁוּ, 5 And he said: 'Peaceably; I am come to sacrifice unto the וּבָאתֶם אָתִי בַּוְבַח; וַיְקַדִשׁ אֶת-יִשִּי וְאֶת- LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

ו וַיִהִי בָּבוֹאַם, וַיַּרָא אֵת-אֱלִיאַב; וַיִּאמֵר, אַדְ 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he beheld [מַגְד ה' מִשִּׁיחוֹ. {ס Eliab, and said: 'Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him.' {S}

ז וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֵל-שָמוּאֵל, אַל-תַּבֶּט אֵל- 7 But the LORD said unto Samuel: 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have ירָאֶה הָאָדָם יִרְאֵה rejected him; for it is not as man seeth: for man looketh on the יַרְאֶה לַלְבָב. outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.'



ד וויקרא ושי אל-אַבינדב, וויעברהו לפני 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before "Samuel. And he said: 'Neither hath the LORD chosen this.' שמואל; וַיֹּאמֵר, גַּם-בָּזֵה לא-בַחַר ה'.

ט וַיַּעֲבֵר יִשִׁי, שַׁמָּה; וַיֹּאמֶר, גַּם-בָּזֵה לֹא- 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said: 'Neither .'. בחר ה' hath the LORD chosen this.'

י ווַעַבר יְשֵׁי שׁבַעַת בניו, לפני שמואל: 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. בּאֵלֶה. And Samuel said unto Jesse: "The LORD hath not chosen

יא וַיּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֵל-יִשִׁי, הַתַמוּ הַנְּעָרִים, 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse: 'Are here all thy children?' And ָוּאמֶר עוֹד שָאַר הַקַּטָן, וִהְנֵה רֹעֵה בַּצֹאן; he said: "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he ניאמר שמואֵל אֶל-יִשִׁי שִׁלְחָה וִקְחֵנוּ, כִּי לא- keepeth the sheep.' And Samuel said unto Jesse: 'Send and לב עד-באו פה. fetch him; for we will not sit down till he come hither.'

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and (פּ) איניִם וְטוֹב רֹאִי; withal of beautiful eyes, and goodly to look upon. {P}

. אַמֶּר ה' קוֹם מְשָׁחֵהוּ, כִּי-זֵה הוּא. And the LORD said: 'Arise, anoint him; for this is he.'

יג וַיְּקֶח שְׁמוּאֵל אָת-קָרן הַשְּׁמֵן, וַיְמְשֵׁח 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the אתוֹ בְּקֵרֵב אֵחָיו, וַתִּצְלַח רוּחַ-ה' אֵל-דַּוְד, midst of his brethren; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose . הָּרָמָתָה up, and went to Ramah.

יד ורות ה' סָרָה, מֵעָם שַאוּל; וּבְעַתַתוּ רוּחַ- 14 Now the spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and .'בְּעָה, מֵאֵת ה' an evil spirit from the LORD terrified him.

טו וַיּאמְרוּ עַבְדִי-שַׁאוּל, אַלִיו: הַנּה-נַא 15 And Saul's servants said unto him: 'Behold now, an evil רות-אלקים רָעָה, מְבַעְתֵּךָ. spirit from God terrifieth thee.

טז יאמר-נָא אַדוְנוּר, עַבַדִיךְ לְפַנֵיךְ--יִבַקְשׁר, 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, that are before thee, to seek out a man who is a skilful player on the harp; and it shall be, when the evil spirit from God cometh upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.' {P}

יז וַיאמר שָאוּל, אֵל-עַבַדִיו: רָאוּ-נָא לִי, 17 And Saul said unto his servants: 'Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.' איש מיטיב לְנגַּן, וַהַבִּיאוֹתֵם, אֵלַי.

יח וַיַּעַן אָחַד מֶהַנְּעַרִים וַיֹּאמֶר, הָנֶּה רָאִיתִי 18 Then answered one of the young men, and said: 'Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is skilful in ן אִישׁ מַלְחָמָה וּנְבוֹן דָּבָר, וְאִישׁ תּאַר; וַה', playing, and a mighty man of valour, and a man of war, and prudent in affairs, and a comely person, and the LORD is with

me David thy son, who is with the sheep.'

יט וַיִּשְׁלַח שָאוּל מַלְאָכִים, אֵל-יִשֵּי; וַיּאמֵר, 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said: 'Send

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of עוֹים, אֶחָד; וַיִּשׁלַח בִּיַד-דָּוִד בְּנוֹ, אֵל-שַאוֹל. wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

כא וַיַבא דוִד אֵל-שַאוּל, וַיִּעַמֹד לְפַנֵיו; 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he וַיֶּאֱהָבָהוּ מְאִד, וַיִהִי-לוֹ נשֵא כֵּלִים. loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer.

עמד-נא אפר: יַעמד-נא 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying: 'Let David, I pray thee, stand בּעִינֵי. פֿי-מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי. before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.'

בג וָהָיָה, בָּהִיוֹת רוּחַ-אלקים אֵל-שַאוּל, 23 And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand; so Saul found relief, and it was well with him, and the evil spirit departed from him. {P}

