

Hakodesh; you are doing like your Avot. [Ex 32:9; 33:3,5; Lv 26:41; Dt 10:16; Jer 4:4; 9:26; Isa 63:10]

|52| "Which of the Nevi'im (prophets) did your Avot not persecute? And they killed the ones having announced beforehand about the Bias HaMoshiach, the coming of the Tzaddik of whom now you became bogedim and rotzechim (murderers);

|53| "You who received the Torah at the directions of malachim and were not shomer of it."

|54| And hearing these things, they were infuriated in their levavot, and they were grinding their teeth at him.

|55| But being full of the Ruach Hakodesh and having gazed into Shomayim, Stefanos saw the kavod (glory) of Hashem and Yehoshua standing limin Hashem.

|56| And Stefanos said, "Hinei, I see Shomayim having been opened and the Ben HaAdam (*Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14*) standing limin Hashem."

|57| And having cried out with a kol gadol, they shut their oznayim and they rushed down with one impulse upon Stefanos.

|58| And having driven Stefanos outside the Ir (City), they were stoning him. And the edim took off their garments at the feet of a bochur named Sha'ul. [Lv 24:14,16; Dt 17:7]

|59| And they went on stoning Stefanos as he called upon Hashem, saying, "Adoneinu, receive my neshamah." [TEHILLIM 31:5]

|60| And having fallen down, he cried out in a kol gadol, "Adoneinu, may this aveirah not be held against them!" And having said this, Stefanos fell asleep.

8 And Rav Sha'ul was giving approval to the murder of Stefanos. And there came about in that day a great pogrom kenege (against) the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Yerushalayim, and everyone was scattered throughout the regions of Yehudah and Shomron except the Moshiach's Shlichim.

|2| And chasidim came and gave kevarah (burial) to Stefanos and they made loud lamentation over him.

|3| But Rav Sha'ul was making havoc of the Moshiach's Kehillah, barging in bais by bais, dragging off both anashim and nashim, and delivering them over to the beis hasohar.

|4| The ones therefore having been scattered went about preaching the dvar Hashem.

|5| Now Philippos [*Ac 6:5*], having gone down to the city of Shomron, was preaching to them the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

|6| And the multitudes with one accord were paying attention to the things being said by Philippos, as they heard him and saw the otot which he was accomplishing.

|7| For many had ruchot teme'ot coming out, crying out with a kol gadol, and many having been paralyzed and many pisechim (lame ones) were given refuah shleimah.

|8| And there was great simchah in that city.

|9| Now a certain ish by name Shimon was previously in the city practicing magic and astonishing the people of Shomron, saying that he himself was an ish of gadlus (with remarkable superiority) and gadol.

|10| And to this certain Shimon everyone from katon to gadol was paying attention, saying, "Hinei! This man is the ko'ach (power) of Hashem, the

ko'ach hagadol."

|11| And they were giving heed to him, because he for a long time had astonished them by magic tricks.

|12| But when they had emunah (faith) in what Philippos preached about the Malchut Hashem and the Shem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, they, both anashim and nashim, were submitting to Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva.

|13| And Shimon himself also had emunah, and, having submitted to Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva, was following Philippos, and, seeing otot and nifla'ot and moftim hagedolim taking place, he was constantly mishpoyel (standing in awe).

|14| And when Moshiach's Shlichim heard in Yerushalayim that Shomron has accepted the dvar Hashem, they sent Kefa and Yochanan to them,

|15| Who, having come down, davened for them that they might receive the Ruach Hakodesh.

|16| For the Ruach Hakodesh had not yet fallen upon any one of them, but only they had received a tevilah of teshuva in a mikveh mayim b'Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

|17| Then Kefa and Yochanan were laying their hands upon them, and they were receiving the Ruach Hakodesh.

|18| And when Shimon saw that through the laying on of hands of Moshiach's Shlichim that the Ruach Hakodesh is given, he brought to them kesef,

|19| Saying, "Give me also this samchut that on whomever I may lay my hands such may receive the Ruach Hakodesh."

|20| But Kefa said to him, "May your kesef perish with