

the Ben Kish? Is Sha'ul also among the nevi'im?

|12| And an ish from that place answered and said, And who is avihem (their father, cf *Amos 7:14*)? Therefore it became a mashal (proverb), Is Sha'ul also among the nevi'im?

|13| And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the bamah (high place).

|14| And the dod Sha'ul said unto him and to his na'ar, Where went ye? And he said, To search for the donkeys; and when we saw that they were nowhere, we came to Shmuel.

|15| And the dod Sha'ul said, Tell me, now, what Shmuel said unto you.

|16| And Sha'ul said unto his dod, He told us plainly that the donkeys were found. But of the matter of the melukhah (kingship), whereof Shmuel spoke, he told him not.

|17| And Shmuel called HaAm together unto Hashem at Mitzpah;

|18| And said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, I brought up Yisroel out of Mitzrayim, and delivered you out of the yad Mitzrayim, and out of the yad kol HaMamlachot, and of them that oppressed you;

|19| And ye have this day rejected Eloheichem, who Himself was Moshi'a for you out of all your adversities and your tzoroses; and ye have said unto Him, No, but set a Melech over us. Now therefore present yourselves before Hashem by your Shevatim (Tribes), and by your alefim (thousands, larger kinship units).

|20| And when Shmuel had caused all the Shivtei Yisroel to come near, the Shevet (Tribe) of Binyamin was lakhad (taken [*by lot*], singled out [*by lot*]).

|21| When he had caused the Shevet (Tribe) of Binyamin to come near by their mishpekhoh, the mishpakhat Matri was lakhad (singled out [*by lot*]), and Sha'ul Ben Kish was lakhad; and when they searched for him, he could not be found.

|22| Therefore they inquired of Hashem further, Has the ish come here yet? And Hashem answered, Hinei he hath hid himself among the kelim (vessels, baggage, stuff).

|23| And they ran and brought him out from there; and when he stood among HaAm, he was taller than any of HaAm from his shekhamim (shoulders) upward.

|24| And Shmuel said to kol HaAm, See ye him whom Hashem hath chosen? That there is none like him among kol HaAm? And kol HaAm shouted, and said, May HaMelech live!

|25| Then Shmuel told HaAm the mishpat haMelukhah (right of the monarchy; see also *Dt. 17:14-20*), and wrote it in a sefer, and deposited it up before Hashem. And Shmuel sent kol HaAm away, every ish to his bais.

|26| And Sha'ul also went home to Giveah; and there went with him the valiant whose lev Elohim had touched.

|27| But the Bnei Beliyaal said, How shall this one yoshi'einu (save us)? And they despised him, and brought no minchah (gift). But he held his peace.

**11** Then Nachash the Ammoni came up, and laid siege to Yavesh Gil'ad; and all the anashim of Yavesh said unto Nachash, Make a brit with us, and we will serve thee.

|2| And Nachash the Ammoni answered them, On this condition will I cut a brit with

you, that I may gouge out all your ayin yamin (right eyes), and so bring cherpah upon kol Yisroel.

|3| And the Zekenim of Yavesh said unto him, Give us shivat yamim that we may send malachim unto all the territory of Yisroel; and then, if there be no moshi'a to save us, we will come out and surrender to thee.

|4| Then came the malachim to Giveat Sha'ul, and told the devarim in the oznayim of HaAm; and kol HaAm lifted up their kol (voices), and wept.

|5| And, hinei, Sha'ul came after the bakar out of the sadeh; and Sha'ul said, What aileth HaAm that they weep? And they told him the divrei anshei Yavesh.

|6| And the Ruach Elohim came upon Sha'ul when he heard those devarim, and his anger was kindled greatly.

|7| And he took a tzemed bakar, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Yisroel by the hands of malachim, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Sha'ul and after Shmuel, so shall it be done unto his bakar. And the pachad Hashem fell on HaAm, and they came out as ish echad.

|8| And when he mustered them at Bezek, the Bnei Yisroel were three hundred elef, and the Ish Yehudah thirty elef.

|9| And they said unto the malachim that came, Thus shall ye say unto the Ish Yavesh Gil'ad, Tomorrow, by the time the shemesh is hot, teshuah will come to you. So the malachim came and reported it to the anshei Yavesh; and they had simchah.

|10| Therefore the anshei Yavesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to surrender unto you, and ye shall do