

1. Bamidbar 16

לב וַתִּפְתַּח הָאָרֶץ אֶת-פִּיהָ,
וַתִּבְלַע אֹתָם וְאֶת-בְּתִיָּהֶם,
וְאֵת כָּל-הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר לְקֹרַח,
וְאֵת כָּל-הָרְכוּשׁ.

32 And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

לג וַיֵּרְדּוּ הֵם וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם,
חַיִּים--שְׁאֵלָה; וַתִּכַּס עֲלֵיהֶם
הָאָרֶץ, וַיֵּאבְדּוּ מִתּוֹךְ הַקֹּהֵל.

33 So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit; and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly.

2. Bamidbar 26

ט וּבְנֵי אֱלִיאָב, נִמְוֵאל וְדָתָן
וְאַבִּירָם: הוּא-דָתָן וְאַבִּירָם
קִרְוָאִי (קִרְיָאִי) הָעֵדָה, אֲשֶׁר
הָצוּ עַל-מֹשֶׁה וְעַל-אַהֲרֹן
בְּעֵדַת-קֹרַח, בְּהִצָּתָם, עַל-
יְהוָה.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, the elect of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD;

י וַתִּפְתַּח הָאָרֶץ אֶת-פִּיהָ,
וַתִּבְלַע אֹתָם וְאֶת-קֹרַח--
בְּמוֹת הָעֵדָה: בְּאֵל כָּל הָאִישׁ,
אֵת חֲמִשִּׁים וּמֵאֹתָיִם אִישׁ,
וַיְהִי, לֵאמֹן.

10 and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men, and they became a sign.

יא וּבְנֵי-קֹרַח, לֹא-מָתוּ.
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11 Notwithstanding the sons of Korah died not.

3. Encyclopedia of Biblical Personalities Yishai Chasida page 472

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□ In what merit were the sons of Korah saved? When they were sitting with their father and they saw Moses, they hung their heads and said, "If we stand up for Moses, we will be showing disrespect for our father. And if we do not rise — it is written, *You shall rise up before the hoary head* (Leviticus 19:32). We had better rise for our teacher Moses, even though we will [thereby] be showing disrespect for our father." At that moment, thoughts of repentance stirred in their hearts (Yalkut Shimoni, Korah 752).

□ When the sons of Korah saw the gaping abyss below on one side and fire [of Gehinnom] on the other, they were unable to open their mouths to confess. But as soon as thoughts of repentance stirred in their hearts, the Holy One, Blessed is He, accepted them. Whatever thoughts one developed, the others developed as well; all three were of one heart (Shocher Tov 45:4).

4. Divrei Hayamim 6

יח וְאֵלֶּה הָעֹמְדִים, וּבְנֵיהֶם:
מִבְּנֵי, הַקֹּהַתִּי--הַיָּמִן
הַמְּשֹׁרֵר, בֶּן-יֹאֵל בֶּן-
שָׁמוּאֵל.

18 And these are they that took their station, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel;

יט בֶּן-אֶלְקָנָה, בֶּן-יִרְחָם, בֶּן-
אֱלִיאֵל, בֶּן-תּוֹחַ.

19 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah;

כ בֶּן-צִיִּף (צוּף), בֶּן-אֶלְקָנָה,
בֶּן-מַחֲת, בֶּן-עֲמָשַׁי.

20 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai;

21 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel,

כא בן-אֶלְקָנָה, בן-יֹאֵל, בן-
עֲזַרְיָה, בן-צִפְנְיָה. the son of Azariah, the son of
Zephaniah;

כב בן-תַּחַת, בן-אַסִּיר, בן-
אַבְיָסָף, בן-קֹרַח. 22 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir,
the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah

5. Shmuel Alef 11

יד וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל-הָעָם,
לָכוּ וְנִלְכָּה הַגִּלְגָּל; וְנַחֲדֵשׁ שָׁם,
הַמְּלוּכָה. 14 Then said Samuel to the people:
'Come and let us go to Gilgal, and
renew the kingdom there.'

טו וַיֵּלְכוּ כָל-הָעָם הַגִּלְגָּל,
וַיַּמְלִכוּ שָׁם אֶת-שָׁאוּל לִפְנֵי
יְהוָה בַּגִּלְגָּל, וַיִּזְבְּחוּ-שָׁם
זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים, לִפְנֵי יְהוָה;
וַיִּשְׂמַח שָׁם שָׁאוּל וְכָל-אֲנָשָׁיו
יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַד-מְאֹד. {פ} 15 And all the people went to Gilgal;
and there they made Saul king
before the LORD in Gilgal; and there
they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-
offerings before the LORD; and
there Saul and all the men of Israel
rejoiced greatly.

Shmuel Alef 12

א וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל, אֶל-כָּל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל, הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי בְקוֹלְכֶם,
לְכָל אֲשֶׁר-אַמַּרְתֶּם לִי; וְאַמְלִיךָ
עֲלֵיכֶם, מֶלֶךְ. 1 And Samuel said unto all Israel:
'Behold, I have hearkened unto
your voice in all that ye said unto
me, and have made a king over
you.'

ב וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה הַמֶּלֶךְ מִתְהַלֵּךְ
לִפְנֵיכֶם, וְאֲנִי זָקֵנָתִי וְשִׁבְתִּי,
וּבְנֵי, הֲנָם אִתְּכֶם; וְאֲנִי
הִתְהַלַּכְתִּי לִפְנֵיכֶם, מִנְעֹרִי עַד-
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה. 2 And now, behold, the king
walketh before you; and I am old
and grayheaded; and, behold, my
sons are with you; and I have
walked before you from my youth
unto this day.

3 Here I am; witness against me

ג הִנְנִי עֲנוּ בִּי נֶגֶד יְהוָה וְנֶגֶד
 מְשִׁיחוֹ, אֶת-שׁוֹר מִי לִקְחֹתִי
 וְחֲמֹר מִי לִקְחֹתִי וְאֶת-מִי
 עָשִׂיתִי אֶת-מִי רְצוֹתִי, וּמִיד-מִי
 לִקְחֹתִי כֶּפֶר, וְאֶעְלִים עֵינֵי בּוֹ;
 וְאָשִׁיב, לָכֶם.

before the LORD, and before His
 anointed: whose ox have I taken?
 or whose ass have I taken? or
 whom have I defrauded? or whom
 have I oppressed? or of whose
 hand have I taken a ransom to
 blind mine eyes therewith? and I
 will restore it you.'

Bamidbar 16:15

וַיַּחַר לְמֹשֶׁה מְאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-יְהוָה אֶל-תִּפְּן
 אֶל-מִנְחָתָם לֹא חֲמֹר אֶחָד מֵהֶם נִשְׁאַתִּי
 וְלֹא הִרְעֵתִי אֶת-אֶחָד מֵהֶם:

Moses was much aggrieved and he
 said to the LORD, "Pay no regard
 to their oblation. I have not taken
 the ass of any one of them, nor
 have I wronged any one of them.

ד וַיֹּאמְרוּ, לֹא עָשִׂיתָנוּ וְלֹא
 רְצוֹתָנוּ; וְלֹא-לִקְחֹת מִיד-אִישׁ,
 מֵאוֹמָה.

4 And they said: 'Thou hast not
 defrauded us, nor oppressed us,
 neither hast thou taken aught of
 any man's hand.'

ה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם עֵד יְהוָה
 בְּכֶם, וְעֵד מְשִׁיחוֹ הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה--כִּי
 לֹא מָצַאתֶם בְּיָדִי, מֵאוֹמָה;
 וַיֹּאמְרוּ, עֵד. {פ}

5 And he said unto them: 'The
 LORD is witness against you, and
 His anointed is witness this day,
 that ye have not found aught in my
 hand.' And they said: 'He is
 witness.' {P}

ו וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל, אֶל-הָעָם:
 יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֶת-מֹשֶׁה
 וְאֶת-אַהֲרֹן, וְאֲשֶׁר הֵעֲלָה אֶת-
 אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם, מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם.

6 And Samuel said unto the
 people: 'It is the LORD that made
 Moses and Aaron, and that brought
 your fathers up out of the land of
 Egypt.

ז ועתה, התיצבו ואשפטה אתכם--לפני יהוה: את כל-צדקות יהוה, אשר-עשה אתכם ואת-אבותיכם.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD, which He did to you and to your fathers.

ח כאשר-בא יעקב, מצרים--ויזעקו אבותיכם, אל-יהוה, וישלח יהוה את-משה ואת-אהרן ויציאו את-אבותיכם ממצרים, וישבום במקום הזה.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, then your fathers cried unto the LORD, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and they were made to dwell in this place.

ט וישכחו, את-יהוה אלהיהם; וימכר אתם ביד סיסרא שר-צבא חצור וביד-פלשתים, וביד מלך מואב, וילחמו, בם.

9 But they forgot the LORD their God, and He gave them over into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

י ויזעקו אל-יהוה, ויאמר (ויאמרו) חטאנו, כי עזבנו את-יהוה, ונעבד את-הבעלים ואת-העשתרות; ועתה, הצילנו מיד איבינו--ונעבדך.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said: We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtarothe; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.

יא וישלח יהוה את-ירבעל ואת-בדן, ואת-יפתח ואת-שמואל; ויציל אתכם מיד איביכם, מסביב, ותשבו, בטח.

11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelt in safety.

יב ותראו, כי-נחש מלך בני-עמון בא עליכם, ותאמרו לי,

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me:

לֹא כִי-מֶלֶךְ יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ: וַיְהוֹה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, מִלְּכֶכֶם.

Nay, but a king shall reign over us;
when the LORD your God was your
king.

יג וְעַתָּה, הִנֵּה הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר
בְּחַרְתֶּם--אֲשֶׁר שְׁאַלְתֶּם; וְהִנֵּה
נָתַן יְהוֹה עָלֵיכֶם, מֶלֶךְ.

13 Now therefore behold the king
whom ye have chosen, and whom
ye have asked for; and, behold, the
LORD hath set a king over you.

יד אַם-תִּירְאוּ אֶת-יְהוֹה,
וְעַבַּדְתֶּם אֹתוֹ וּשְׁמַעְתֶּם בְּקוֹלוֹ,
וְלֹא תִמְרוּ, אֶת-פִּי יְהוֹה--וְהִיתֶם
גַּם-אִתָּם, וְגַם-הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר מֶלֶךְ
עָלֵיכֶם, אַחֵר, יְהוֹה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and
serve Him, and hearken unto His
voice, and not rebel against the
commandment of the LORD, and
both ye and also the king that
reigneth over you be followers of
the LORD your God--;

טו וְאִם-לֹא תִשְׁמָעוּ בְּקוֹל
יְהוֹה, וּמְרִיתֶם אֶת-פִּי יְהוֹה--
וְהִיתָה יַד-יְהוֹה בָּכֶם,
וּבְאַבְתֵּיכֶם.

15 but if ye will not hearken unto
the voice of the LORD, but rebel
against the commandment of the
LORD, then shall the hand of the
LORD be against you, and against
your fathers.

טז גַּם-עַתָּה הִתִּיצְבוּ וּרְאוּ,
אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה, אֲשֶׁר
יְהוֹה, עֹשֶׂה לְעֵינֵיכֶם.

16 Now therefore stand still and
see this great thing, which the
LORD will do before your eyes.

יז הֲלוֹא קִצִּיר-חֲטִיִּים, הַיּוֹם--
אֶקְרָא אֶל-יְהוֹה, וַיִּתֵּן קִלּוֹת
וּמָטָר; וַדָּעוּ וּרְאוּ, כִּי-רָעַתְכֶם
רַבָּה אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם בְּעֵינֵי יְהוֹה,
לִשְׁאוֹל לָכֶם, מֶלֶךְ. {ס}

17 Is it not wheat harvest to-day? I
will call unto the LORD, that He
may send thunder and rain; and ye
shall know and see that your
wickedness is great, which ye have
done in the sight of the LORD, in
asking you a king.' {S}

יח וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל-יְהוֹה,
וַיִּתֵּן יְהוֹה קִלּוֹת וּמָטָר בַּיּוֹם

18 So Samuel called unto the
LORD; and the LORD sent thunder
and rain that day; and all the
people greatly feared the LORD

וַיִּירָא כָל-הָעָם מֵאֵד
אֶת-יְהוָה, וְאֶת-שְׁמוּאֵל.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel: 'Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not; for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.'

יט וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָל-הָעָם אֶל-
שְׁמוּאֵל, הִתְפַּלֵּל בְּעַד-עַבְדֶּיךָ
אֶל-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ--וְאַל-נַמּוּת:
כִּי-יִסָּפְנוּ עָל-כָּל-חַטֹּאתֵינוּ רָעָה,
לְשָׂאֵל לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ.

20 And Samuel said unto the people: 'Fear not; ye have indeed done all this evil; yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

כ וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל-הָעָם, אַל-
תִּירְאוּ--אֲתֶם עָשִׂיתֶם, אֵת כָּל-
הָרָעָה הַזֹּאת; אַךְ, אַל-תָּסּוּרוּ
מֵאַחֲרֵי יְהוָה, וְעַבַּדְתֶּם אֶת-
יְהוָה, בְּכָל-לִבְבְּכֶם.

21 and turn ye not aside; for then should ye go after vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain.

כא וְלֹא, תָּסּוּרוּ: כִּי אַחֲרֵי
הַתְהוּ, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יוֹעִילוּ וְלֹא
יִצִּילוּ--כִּי-תִהְיוּ הִמָּה.

22 For the LORD will not forsake His people for His great name's sake; because it hath pleased the LORD to make you a people unto Himself.

כב כִּי לֹא-יִטֹּשׁ יְהוָה, אֶת-עַמּוֹ-
בְּעֵבוּר, שְׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל: כִּי הוֹאִיל
יְהוָה, לַעֲשׂוֹת אִתְּכֶם לוֹ לְעָם.

23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

כג גַּם אֲנֹכִי, חָלִילָה לִי מִחֲטֹא
לִיהוָה--מִחֲדֹל, לְהִתְפַּלֵּל
בְּעַדְכֶם; וְהוֹרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם, בְּדֶרֶךְ
הַטּוֹבָה וְהַיְשָׁרָה.

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things He hath done for you.

כד אַךְ יִרְאוּ אֶת-יְהוָה,
וְעַבַּדְתֶּם אֹתוֹ בְּאֵמֶת--בְּכָל-
לִבְבְּכֶם: כִּי רָאוּ, אֵת אֲשֶׁר-

הַגְדֵּל עִמָּכֶם.

25 כֹּה וְאֵם-הָרֵעַ, תִּרְעוּ--גַּם-אֶתֶּם
גַּם-מֶלְכְּכֶם, תִּסְפוּ. {פ} 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly,
ye shall be swept away, both ye
and your king.'

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If we consider further that it was this selfsame Samuel who, in the most important historical moment, fought with, and impressive intensity against, every thought of one man ruling in Israel "in the way of the other nations"; and who brought home to the minds of the people the exclusive rule of God in the guidance and formation of the fate of Israel; who, in truth, proved himself the incorporation of the conscience of the nation as the one who carried on the lofty spirit of the immortal first leader of the nation; that this Samuel was — as is recorded in I. Chron. VI,21 et seq. — the descendent of — *Korach*, who filled with low jealousy, denied the Divine origin of Moses's mission, and tried to mislead the nation to defection in order to obtain the place of leader for himself; then we can understand why just this chapter is chosen for the Haphtora to this Sidra. We can only bow our heads in respect for the great power and wisdom of the Divine education which, for the service of the goals of Its Rule, can succeed in producing such a shoot from such a stem.