



Shmuel II Perek 20

- A man named Sheva ben Bichri started a rebellion against King Dovid.
- Sheva ben Bichri tried to completely defame King Dovid.
- Sheva ben Bichri claimed that Dovid felt more allegiance to the tribe of Yehudah than to the rest of Yisrael.
- Upon returning to Yerushalim, King Dovid did not live with his concubines ever again. However, he continued to support them.
- King Dovid ordered Amasa, the new general, to rally the troops of Yehudah to stop Sheva ben Bichri.
- Amasa was to report back to King Dovid within three days. Amasa did not arrive on time, and Avishai was assigned to the mission instead.
- Yoav accompanied Avishai.
- Yoav assassinated Amasa. He approached Amasa to seemingly give him a kiss, but he then killed Amasa with one strike of his sword.
- The gruesome sight of Amasa's body on the road deterred the soldiers from continuing the search for Sheva Ben Bichri.
- Amasa's body was cleaned up and moved off to the side of the road where people wouldn't be alarmed by the sight.
- Sheva ben Bichri was located in a fortified city. Yoav started to demolish the city's wall to wipe out the city and Sheva ben Bichri.
- A "wise woman" (midrash: it was Serach, daughter of Asher, who was 684 years old) convinced Yoav not harm the entire city because of one man.
- The woman then delivered the severed head of Sheva ben Bichri to Yoav.
- The war ended and the shofar was blown.
- The people serving in King Dovid's court were: Yoav, general of the army, Benayahu Ben Yehoyadah, head of the archers and slingers, Adoram, head of taxes, Yehoshaphat ben Achilud, chronicler, Shva, scribe, and Tzadok, Avyasar and Ira, Kohanim.