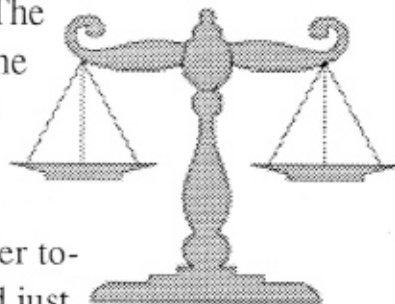


צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט

“Righteousness and Justice”

The Eleventh Blessing of the *Shemonei Esrei* (The Eighteen Benedictions) is the blessing of God as the One Who “loves righteousness and justice.” Sometimes it is difficult to remember that the Almighty is infinitely loving while at the same time infinitely just and righteous. This means that while God is merciful and tender toward His children, He is at the same time righteous and just.



“Righteous” means that everything God does is correct (He never makes a mistake) and that every decision He makes is fair. (Fair is another word for “just.”) And, since this is the very nature of God He desires this to be the case in our lives as well. Here is how the blessing goes:

Restore our judges as before
and our counselors as at first.
Remove from us sorrow and sighing,
and reign over us,
You, Adonai, alone
with kindness and compassion;
and makes us righteous with justice.
Blessed are You, Adonai,
King, Lover of righteousness and justice.

During the days between Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur we change the wording of the last line of this blessing to read: “Blessed are You, Adonai, the King of Justice” since during these “ten days of awe” we emphasize the kingship of God along with His attribute of justice.

Notice that “kindness and compassion” are bound together with God’s justice in this blessing. When God’s Torah is written on the heart by the Ruach, then we truly desire to please our King, and He makes us to live righteously because He loves us and has compassion for us. He knows we are weak, so He supplies us the strength to do His will. Then, as His children, we grow to love and appreciate justice. We long for righteous counselors and judges so that God’s ways will be established. In this longing, we await the return of Yeshua Who will rule with perfect righteousness and judgment, and Who is the Wonderful Counselor

JUDGES OF ISRAEL

Sixteen judges of Israel are listed below. Find them and circle their names in the puzzle below. Names may run in any direction but must be in a straight line.

Othniel
Ehud
Shamgar
Deborah

Barak
Gideon
Abimelech
Tola

Jair
Jephthah
Ibzan
Elon

Abdon
Samson
Eli*
Samuel*

*Priests who also judged Israel

I	L	S	A	M	S	O	N	D	E	L	I	A	H
M	O	V	H	E	Y	U	D	O	M	R	N	B	I
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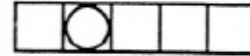
Bonus Question: Can you find six enemies of Israel hidden in this grid?

See: Judges 3:28-30
Judges 4:2, 15, 23
Judges 6:1

Judges 11:4
Judges 13:1

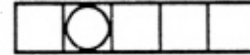
He betrayed Yeshua (John 18:2-5)

1. U S J A D



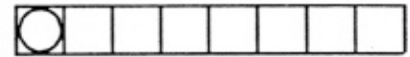
He denied he knew Yeshua (John 18:25-27)

2. T R E E P



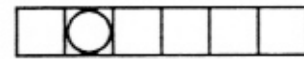
He was Israel's Cohen HaGadol
(High Priest) (John 18:24)

3. H A P S C I A A



He allowed Yeshua to be crucified
to please the people (Luke 23:13-26)

4. L A T I P E



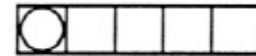
They followed Yeshua as He was led
away to be crucified (Luke 23:27)

5. E M O W N



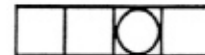
He was crucified beside Yeshua. Yeshua said
he would be with Him in Paradise (Matthew 27:38)

6. F I H E T



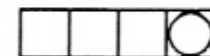
At least three women by this name were
standing at the execution stake (John 19:25)

7. Y M A R



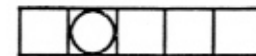
He helped Peter prepare the Passover (Luke 22:8)

8. O H N J



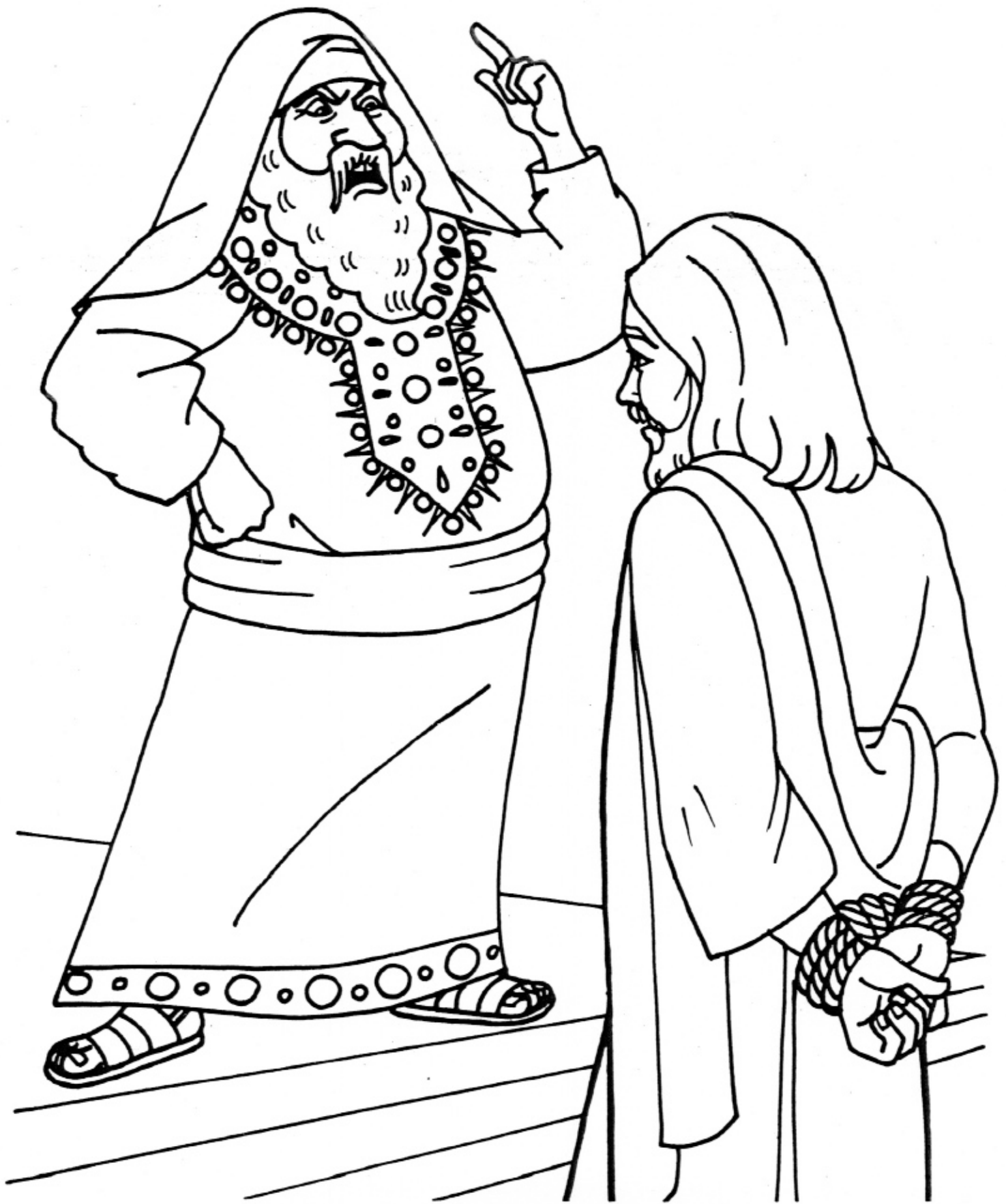
He announced, "He is risen!" (Matthew 28:2-6)

9. G L E N A

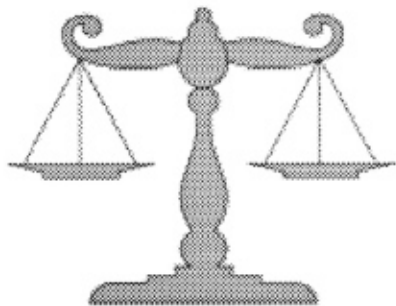


He said, "Truly this was the Son of G-d."
(Matthew 27:54)

10.



The counsel of
Adonai stands
forever, The
plans of His
heart from
generation to
generation.



Psalm 33:11