

~HELKATH-HAZZURIM (33)

(Hel'kath-haz-zu'rim) [Field of Flint Knives, or, by an emendation, Field of Sides]

- **A field near the pool of Gibeon. Twenty-four young men, 12 representing the armies of Ish-bosheth and 12 from the servants of David, died there while putting on a combat. The place was subsequently named from this incident.**
- **In time Abner the son of Ner and the servants of Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. (2 Samuel 2:12)**
- **As for Joab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David, they went out and later met together by the pool of Gibeon, and they kept sitting, these on this side of the pool and those on that side of the pool. (2 Samuel 2:13)**
- **Finally Abner said to Joab; Let the young men rise up, please, and let them put on a combat before us. To this Joab said; Let them rise up. (2 Samuel 2:14)**
- **So they rose up and went across by number, twelve belonging to Benjamin and Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, and twelve from the servants of David. (2 Samuel 2:15)**
- **And they began grabbing hold of one another by the head, with the sword of each one in the side of the other, so that they fell down together. And that place came to be called **Helkath-hazzurim**, which is in Gibeon. (2 Samuel 2:16)**