

## ~ARMOR-BEARER (157)

[Hebrew, *no-se 'ke-lim'* one carrying armor or weapons]

- A military attendant who carried the armor and weapons of a king or other leader, stood by him in danger, and did his bidding. Armor-bearer translates the Hebrew expression *no-se 'ke-lim'*, literally meaning one carrying armor or weapons.
- So Jonathan said to the attendant, his **armor-bearer**; Do come and let us cross over to the outpost of these uncircumcised men. Perhaps Yehowah will work for us, for there is no hindrance to Yehowah to save by many or by few. (1 Samuel 14:6)
- And it came about one day that Jonathan the son of Saul proceeded to say to the attendant carrying his weapons: Do come and let us cross over to the outpost of the Philistines who are across over there. But to his father he did not tell it. (1 Samuel 14:1)
- Foes wounded by a prominent warrior might be given the final deathblow by his **armor-bearer**.
- And Jonathan kept going up on his hands and his feet, and his **armor-bearer** after him, and they began to fall before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer was putting them to death behind him. (1 Samuel 14:13)
- These attendants were selected from among valiant soldiers, and some were evidently very devoted to their commanders.
- So Jonathan said to the attendant, his **armor-bearer**; Do come and let us cross over to the outpost of these uncircumcised men. Perhaps Yehowah will work for us, for there is no hindrance to Yehowah to save by many or by few. (1 Samuel 14:6)
- At this his **armor-bearer** said to him; Do whatever is in your heart. Turn where you wish to. Here I am with you in accord with your heart. (1 Samuel 14:7)
- When his **armor-bearer** saw that Saul had died, then he too fell upon his own sword and died with him. (1 Samuel 31:5)

- Mortally wounded Abimelech had the attendant **bearing his weapons** put him to death so that it might not be said; It was a woman that killed him.
- And Abimelech made his way to the tower and began fighting against it, and he went on up close to the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire. (**Judges 9:52**)
- Then a certain woman pitched an upper millstone upon Abimelech's head and broke his skull in pieces. (**Judges 9:53**)
- So he quickly called the **attendant bearing his weapons** and said to him; Draw your sword and put me to death, for fear they should say about me; It was a woman that killed him. Immediately his attendant ran him through, so that he died. (**Judges 9:54**)
- David once served as King Saul's **armor-bearer**.
- Thus David came to Saul and attended upon him, and he got to loving him very much, and he came to be his **armor-bearer**. (**1 Samuel 16:21**)
- While a later **armor-bearer**, who refused to put the dying ruler to death, followed Saul in the course of suicide.
- And the fighting became heavy against Saul, and the shooters, the bowmen, finally found him, and he got severely wounded by the shooters. (**1 Samuel 31:3**)
- Then Saul said to his **armor-bearer**; Draw your sword and run me through with it, that these uncircumcised men may not come and certainly run me through and deal abusively with me. And his **armor-bearer** was unwilling, because he was very much afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell upon it. (**1 Samuel 31:4**)
- When his **armor-bearer** saw that Saul had died, then he too fell upon his own sword and died with him. (**1 Samuel 31:5**)
- Thus Saul and his three sons and his **armor-bearer**, even all his men, came to die together on that day. (**1 Samuel 31:6**)
- **Armor-bearers** also attended Jonathan and Joab.

- So Jonathan said to the attendant, his **armor-bearer**; Do come and let us cross over to the outpost of these uncircumcised men. Perhaps Yehowah will work for us, for there is no hindrance to Yehowah to save by many or by few. (**1 Samuel 14:6**)
- At this his **armor-bearer** said to him; Do whatever is in your heart. Turn where you wish to. Here I am with you in accord with your heart. (**1 Samuel 14:7**)
- Then Jonathan said; Here we are crossing over to the men, and let us expose ourselves to them. (**1 Samuel 14:8**)
- If this is the way they should say to us; Stand still until we make contact with you! We must then stand where we are, and we should not go on up to them. (**1 Samuel 14:9**)
- But if this is the way they should say; Come up against us! We must then go up, because Yehowah will certainly give them into our hand, and this is for us the sign. (**1 Samuel 14:10**)
- With that the two of them exposed themselves to the outpost of the Philistines. And the Philistines proceeded to say; Here are the Hebrews coming out from the holes where they have hidden themselves. (**1 Samuel 14:11**)
- So the men of the outpost answered Jonathan and his **armor-bearer** and said; Come on up to us, and we will let you know a thing! At once Jonathan said to his **armor-bearer**; Come up after me, because Yehowah will certainly give them into the hand of Israel. (**1 Samuel 14:12**)
- And Jonathan kept going up on his hands and his feet, and his **armor-bearer** after him, and they began to fall before Jonathan, and his **armor-bearer** was putting them to death behind him. (**1 Samuel 14:13**)
- And the first slaughter with which Jonathan and his **armor-bearer** struck them down amounted to about twenty men within about half the plowing line in an acre of field. (**1 Samuel 14:14**)
- Then **ten attendants carrying Joab's weapons** came around and struck Absalom, that they might put him to death. (**2 Samuel 18:15**)

- Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, **armor-bearers** of Joab the son of Zeruiah. (**2 Samuel 23:37**)
- Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the **armor-bearer** of Joab the son of Zeruiah. (**1 Chronicles 11:39**)
- **And chief warriors of various ancient nations, such as the Philistine giant Goliath.**
- **And the wooden shaft of his spear was like the beam of loom workers, and the blade of his spear was six hundred shekels of iron, and the bearer of the large shield was marching ahead of him. (1 Samuel 17:7)**
- **And the Philistine began to come, coming nearer and nearer to David, and the man carrying the large shield was ahead of him. (1 Samuel 17:41)**