

Talmud Makos Review Lesson 52 - Daf 11A:

1. **Version #2 - an alternative text of the Mishnah:** Therefore, the mothers of the Kohanim Gedolim give food and clothing to the exiles, in order that the exiles will pray that the Kohen Gadol should live.
2. **Inference:** If the exiles would pray for a Kohen Gadol to die, he would die.
3. **Question:** The Kohen is blameless!
4. **Version #2A (Chachamim of Bavel):** If Tuvia sinned, should Zigud (someone else) be lashed?!
5. **Version #2B (Chachamim of Eretz Yisrael):** If Shechem took Dinah, should Migavai (someone of his city, who did not benefit from this,) have to circumcise himself?!
6. **Answer - an elder who learned from Rava:** The Kohanim Gedolim are responsible. They should have prayed that there will be no accidental murders.
7. **Proof from a story:** A man was eaten by a lion three Parsa'os (about 12 kilometers) from R. Yehoshua ben Levi. Eliyahu did not speak with him for three days.
8. **Rav Yehudah:** The curse of a Chacham is fulfilled, even if it was unjustified. We learn from Achitofel.
9. When David was digging the foundations for the Mikdash, water came gushing from below. It was threatening to flood the world. David asked if one may write Hash-m's name on pottery and drop it on the source of the water (which might cause His name to be erased), in order to stop the water. No one answered him.
10. **David:** "If anyone knows and does not answer, he should be choked!"
11. Achitofel made a Kal va'Chomer. Hash-m allows his name to be erased to permit a Sotah to her husband. All the more so, it is permitted in order to save the world! He told David. David did so, and stopped the water.
12. Nevertheless, the curse was fulfilled - "va'Achitofel... va'Yechanek"