

- ¶1. And it came to pass, after Saul's death, that David returned from slaying the Amalekites. And David stayed in Ziklag two days.
2. And it came to pass on the third day that, behold, a man coming from the camp, from being with Saul, his clothes torn and dust upon his head. And it came to pass, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth and prostrated himself.
3. And David said to him, "From where have you come?" And he said to him, "From the camp of Israel I have escaped."
4. Then David asked him, "What is the report? Tell me, I pray you." And he answered, "The people fled from the battle, and many of the people have also fallen and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan have also died."
5. And David said to the young man who told it to him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan died?"
6. And the young man who told it to him said, "I had an unexpected encounter near Mount Gilboa, and behold, Saul, leaning on his spear. And behold! The chariotry and owners of horses pursued him closely.
7. And he turned behind him and saw me, and he called to me. And I answered, "Here I am."
8. And he said to me, "Who are you?" And I said to him, "I am an Amalekite."
9. And he said to me, "Stand over me, I beg you, and kill me, for agony has taken hold of me; because my life is just yet in me."
10. So I stood over him, and I killed him, for I knew that he would not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and a bracelet that was on his arm, and I brought them here to my lord.
11. Then David took hold of his clothing and rent them asunder; and likewise did all of the men who were with him.
12. And they mourned, and they wept, and they fasted until the evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan, and for the Lord's people, and for the house of Israel; because they had fallen by the sword.
- ¶13. And David said to the young man who told it to him, "Where do you hail from?" And he said, "I am an Amalekite, son of a sojourner."
14. And David said to him, "How were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?"
15. Then David called to one of the young men and said, "Go near, and light upon him." So he smote him that he died.
16. And David said to him, "Your blood be upon your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have slaughtered the anointed of the Lord.'"
- ¶17. Then David mourned with this lamentation over Saul, and over Jonathan his son.

18. And he said to teach the sons of Judah the bow. Behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.
19. The honor of Israel is slain upon your high places. How the mighty ones have fallen!
20. Do not declare it in Gath. Do not bear glad tidings in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
21. (Terumah) You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, nor rain upon you, nor fields of offerings, for there the shield of the mighty was cast away – the shield of Saul, no longer anointed with oil.
22. From the blood of the slain, from the midriff of the mighty, Jonathan's bow did not turn back, neither did Saul's sword return empty.
23. Saul and Jonathan were beloved and delightful in their lives, and in their deaths, they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.
24. O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with delights, who brought up ornaments of gold upon your raiment.
25. O how the mighty have fallen in the midst of battle! O Jonathan, you were slain on your high places!
26. It is a distress to me concerning you, Jonathan my brother! You were abundantly delightful to me. To me, your love surpassed the love of women.
27. O how the mighty have fallen, and the vessels of war perished!

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14. And David was whirling before Jehovah with all his might, and David was girded with a linen ephod.
15. And David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of Jehovah with a shout of joy and the sound of the shofar.
16. And the ark of the LORD entered the city of David. And Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down through the window and saw King David cutting loose and whirling before Jehovah, and she despised him in her heart.
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20. And David returned to bless his household, and Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David. She said, "How the King of Israel was glorified today! who exposed himself today before the handmaids of his slaves like one of the worthless men that shamelessly expose themselves."
21. And David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD who chose me instead of your father, and instead of all his house, to appoint me ruler over the LORD's people, over Israel! Yes, I played before the LORD!
22. And I will be more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in my own eyes, and as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them will I be honored!"
23. And so, Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child to the day of her death.

2Samuel 7

- ¶1. And it came to pass that as the king sat in his house for Jehovah had given him rest from all his enemies about him.
2. And the king said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, if you will, I dwell in a house made of cedar, and the ark of God of God dwells within the tabernacle curtains.
3. And Nathan said to the King, "Go and do all that is in your heart, for Jehovah is with you."
4. And it came to pass that night that the word of Jehovah came to Nathan, saying,
5. "Go and say to my servant David, 'Thus says Jehovah: Will you build a house for me to dwell in?
6. But I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt until this day, but I have gone about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.

7. In any place I went about among all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken to one of the rulers¹ of Israel whom I had commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built a house of cedar for me?”
8. And then say this to my servant, to David: ‘Thus says the LORD of Hosts: I took you from the sheep pen, from following the flock, to be leader over my people, over Israel.
9. And I have been with you everywhere you went, and I have cut off all your enemies before you, and I have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.
10. Furthermore, I appointed a place for my people, for Israel, and I planted them, that they might dwell in it, and that they be troubled no more, and that unjust men would not again abuse them as before.
11. And from the day that I appointed judges over my people Israel, I gave you rest from all your enemies. And Jehovah tells you that Jehovah will make you a house.
12. For when your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you who will go out from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom.
13. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
14. I will be his Father, and he will be my son, whom if he do iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with stripes of the children of men,
15. but my mercy will not depart from him, as I removed from Saul, whom I put away from before you.
15. But my lovingkindness shall not depart from him as I departed from Saul whom I took away before you.

16. And your house and your kingdom will be established for ever before you. Your throne will be established for ever.
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- ¶1. And it came to pass, after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun, his son, became king in his place.
2. And David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun ben-Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So, by the hand of his servants, David sent to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants went into the land of the children of Ammon.
3. But the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord: "Do you think David is honoring your father because he has sent comforters to you? Has David not rather sent his servants to you to search the city, and spy it out, and overthrow it?"
4. And so, Hanun took David's servants, and he shaved off half of their beards, and cut off half of their garments up to their buttocks, and then sent them away.
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13. And David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD!" And Nathan said to David, "The LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the son that is born to you shall surely die."

15. And Nathan went to his house. And the LORD struck the boy that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick.

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18a. And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died.

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25. Now, in all Israel, there was no man so acclaimed as Absalom for beauty. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head, there was no blemish in him.
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- ¶1. And it came to pass after this that Absalom provided for himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
2. And Absalom rose early and stood beside the way of the gate, and when any man who had a controversy came to the King for judgment, then Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such-and-such place in the tribes of Israel."
3. Then Absalom would say to him, "See now, your claims are good and right, but there is no man appointed by the King to hear you."
4. And Absalom would say, "Oh, that I was judge over the land! Then any man who had a suit or cause would come up to me, and I would do him right."
5. And it came to pass that when any man drew near to do him obeisance that he would reach out and take hold of him, and kiss him.
6. And Absalom did thus to all in Israel who came to the King for judgment, and Absalom stole the heart of the men of Israel.
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23. And the counsel of Ahithophel that he gave in those days was as if one had inquired in the oracle of God.
So was all the counsel of Ahithophel to both David and Absalom.

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7. And Hushai said to Absalom, “The counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.

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14. And Absalom, with all the men of Israel, said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel!” For Jehovah had determined to frustrate the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that Jehovah might bring destruction upon Absalom.

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23. When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and went to his house, to his city, and set his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulcher of his father.

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32. And the King said to Cush, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' And Cush said, "May it happen to the enemies of my lord the King, and to all who would rise up against you for harm, as it has happened to that young man!"

33. And the king began to shake, and he went up to an upper chamber of the gate, and wept. And thus he said as he went up: 'Oh, my son Absalom! My son! My son Absalom! Would God that I had died instead of you! Oh, Absalom my son! My son!"

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21. but Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, “Should not Shimei be put to death for this? He abused the LORD’s anointed!”
22. Then David said, “What is there between you sons of Zeruiah and me, that you should act like Satan on my behalf today?”
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2Samuel 24

- ¶1. Again, the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He provoked David against them, to say,
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21. And Araunah said, “Why has my master the king come to his servant?” And David said, “To buy this threshing floor from you, to build an altar unto the LORD so that the plague may be stayed from the people.”

22. And Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever he wants. Look, here are the oxen for a burnt offering. And for the wood, here are threshing sledges and instruments for the oxen.

23. All these, O king, does Araunah give to the king.”

¶And then Araunah said to the king, “May the LORD your God accept you!”

24. But the king said unto Araunah, “No. I must buy it from you for a price. I will not offer to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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