

1 SAMUEL

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from "Yahweh"
to "God" and vice versa, there is a new line.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

1:1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name [was] Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one [was] Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, [were] there.

4 & And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And [as] he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? [am] not I better to thee than ten sons?

9 & So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she [was] in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days

Elkanah goes to Shiloh with his two wives each year to worship Yahweh

1:1 Now there was a certain man, an Ephrathite, of Ramathaim-zophim, from the hill country of Ephraim. And his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph.

2 And Elkanah had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other was Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And Elkanah went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to Yahweh in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of Yahweh, were there.

4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, he gave to Peninnah his wife one portion of the meat offered, and to each of her sons and her daughters, one portion of the meat offered.

5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but Yahweh had kept her from having children.

6 And Peninnah spoke unkindly and ridiculed Hannah because Yahweh had left Hannah childless, which made Her even more unhappy.

7 And as Elkanah went up to Shiloh year after year, along with Hannah to the temple of Yahweh, Peninnah shamed her. Therefore, Hannah wept and did not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping, why do you not eat, and why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Hannah asks Yahweh for a child

9 So one year, Hannah arose after the family had finished their meal in Shiloh, and went to the temple of Yahweh. Now Eli the priest sat on a seat by a post of the temple.

10 And Hannah's soul was bitter, and she prayed to Yahweh and wept greatly.

11 And she made a vow, "Yahweh, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your servant, and remember me, and not forget Your servant, but will give her a male child, then I will give him to Yahweh all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon

of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.
 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I [am] a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.
 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.
 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant [thee] thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more [sad].
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 19 & And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.
 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, [saying], Because I have asked him of the LORD.
 21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.
 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.
 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.
 24 & And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the

his head to shave it.”
 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before Yahweh, that Eli noticed her mouth moving.
 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart, and though her lips moved, her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk.
 14 And Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Put away your wine.”
 15 And Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman with a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my *soul* (thoughts) before Yahweh.
 16 “Do not consider your servant to be a daughter of Belial, for I have spoken out of the abundance of my anguish and grief.”
 17 Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, grant you your petition that you have asked of Him.”
 18 And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” So she went her way and ate, and she was calm.
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Hannah has a son, which she lends to Yahweh

19 And the family arose early in the morning, and worshiped before Yahweh, and returned to their house in Ramah, and Elkanah lay with his wife. And God blessed her.
 20 Therefore, it came about in due time after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son and named him Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked God for him.”
 21 And Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to Yahweh the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.
 22 But Hannah did not go to Shiloh. Instead, she told her husband, “I will not go until the child is weaned. And then I will bring him, so that he may be presented to Yahweh, and stay there forever.”
 23 And Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you. Stay here until you have weaned him; may Yahweh make your promise come true.” So the woman stayed home and nursed her son until she weaned him.
 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him with her to Shiloh, with three young bulls, one bushel of flour, and a leather bag full of wine. And she brought him to the temple of Yahweh in Shiloh,

<p>house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child [was] young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, [as] thy soul liveth, my lord, I [am] the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.</p>	<p>and the child was young. 25 And they killed a young bull and brought the child to Eli. 26 And Hannah said, "Oh my lord, as your <i>soul</i> (spirit) lives, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to Yahweh. 27 "I prayed for this child, and Yahweh has granted me what I asked of Him. 28 "Therefore, I have dedicated my child to Yahweh. As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to Yahweh." And they worshiped Yahweh there.</p>
<p>2:1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 [There is] none holy as the LORD: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let [not] arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD [is] a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty men [are] broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 [They that were] full have hired out themselves for bread; and [they that were] hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, [and] lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set [them] among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth [are] the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them. 9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The song of Hannah</p> <p>2:1 And Hannah made her prayer a song, saying, "My heart rejoices in God; my strength is exalted in God; I do well before my enemies because I rejoice in Your salvation. 2 "There is none as holy as God, for there is none besides You; nor is there any rock like our God. 3 "You people, do not boast so very proudly, or let arrogant words come out of your mouth. For God is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed. 4 "The bows of the mighty are broken, but those who stumbled are girded with strength. 5 "Those who were full have hired out themselves for food to eat, and those who were hungry have ceased to be hungry. The barren woman has given birth to seven children, and she who has many children has become feeble. 6 "Yahweh kills and makes alive: He brings some down to the grave and lifts others up. 7 "Yahweh makes poor and makes rich: He brings some down and lifts others up. 8 "He raises up the poor from the dust and lifts up beggars from the dunghill to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth are God's, and He has set the world upon them. 9 "He will protect the lives of His holy ones, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness, for no one shall prevail by his own strength. 10 "The adversaries of Yahweh shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven He will thunder upon them. Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth. And He</p>

shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 & Now the sons of Eli [were] sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priests' custom with the people [was, that], when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14 And he struck [it] into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And [if] any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and [then] take [as much] as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, [Nay]; but thou shalt give [it me] now: and if not, I will take [it] by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

18 & But Samuel ministered before the LORD, [being] a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought [it] to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 & And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.

will give strength to His king and exalt the power of His anointed.”

Samuel remains in Shiloh and ministers to Yahweh before Eli

11 And Elkanah returned to Ramah to his house, but Samuel remained at the temple in Shiloh, and ministered to Yahweh before Eli the priest.

The sons of Eli sin grievously, and Yahweh rejects them

12 Now the sons of Eli were wicked sons of Belial: they did not know Yahweh.

13 And this was the custom of these two priests with the people: when anyone offered sacrifice, while the meat was boiling, the priest's servant came with a three-pronged fork in his hand,

14 and the priest's servant stuck the fork into the pot; and everything the fork brought up the priest took for himself. These two priests did this in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15 Also, before the fat was burned to smoke, the priest's servant came and said to the person who sacrificed, “Give meat to roast for the priest. For he will not accept boiled meat from you, only raw meat.”

16 And if anyone said to the servant, “The fat must be burned to smoke first, and then you may take as much as your *soul* (spirit) desires,” the priest would answer that person, “No; you shall give it to me now. And if not, I will take it by force.”

17 Therefore, the sin of these two young priests was very great before Yahweh, for they treated the offerings to Yahweh with disrespect.

18 But Samuel ministered before Yahweh as a child, clothed with a linen ephod (priestly vest).

19 Moreover, his mother made him a little robe each year and brought it to him when she went with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife and said to him, “May Yahweh give you children from this woman in return for the one she dedicated to Yahweh.” And they went to their own home.

21 And God blessed Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before God.

And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 & Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled [at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons; for [it is] no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

27 & And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel [to be] my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded [in my] habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed [that] thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see an enemy [in my] habitation, in all [the wealth] which [God] shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

22 Now Eli was very old and heard about all that his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the temple of Yahweh.

23 And he said to them, "Why are you doing such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people.

24 "My sons, it is not a good report that I am hearing. You are making Yahweh's people transgress.

25 "If one person sins against another, the judge shall judge the sinning person; but if someone sins against Yahweh, who shall defend this person?" However, they did not listen to their father because it was the intention of Yahweh to kill them.

26 And the child Samuel grew in stature and in favor both with God and with the people.

27 And a man of Yahweh came to Eli, and told him these words directly from Yahweh: "Did I not plainly appear to the household of your ancestor Aaron when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's country?

28 "And did I not choose Aaron out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer on My altar, to burn incense, and to wear a priestly vest before Me? And did I not give to the household of your ancestor all the fire offerings of the children of Israel?

29 "Then, why do you not show any respect for the sacrifices and offerings to Me which I have commanded in My dwelling? Do you honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the best part of all the offerings from My people?

30 "Therefore, I, Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, did indeed say that the household of your ancestor should walk before Me forever. But now I say that this shall not happen, for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be dishonored.

31 "Behold, the days are coming when I will strike your family and the strength of your ancestor's household, so that there shall not be an old person in your household.

32 "And you shall see trouble in My dwelling place. Although others of Israel will be blessed, there shall never be an old person in your house.

33 "And the only relative of yours whom I will allow

<p>33 And the man of thine, [whom] I shall not cut off from mine altar, [shall be] to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.</p> <p>34 And this [shall be] a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.</p> <p>35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, [that] shall do according to [that] which [is] in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.</p> <p>36 And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left in thine house shall come [and] crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.</p>	<p>to become a priest shall lose his sight from weeping, which will grieve your heart. And all the children of your household shall die in their prime.</p> <p>34 "And this shall be a sign to you: this shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas; both of them shall die on the same day.</p> <p>35 "And I will raise up a faithful priest who shall do whatever is <i>in My heart</i> [My desire] and in My mind. And I will build him a trustworthy household, and his descendants shall walk before My anointed king forever.</p> <p>36 "And it shall come to pass, that everyone who is left in your house shall come and beg him for money and a morsel of food so that they will have food to eat."</p>
<p>3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; [there was] no open vision.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli [was] laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, [that] he could not see;</p> <p>3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God [was], and Samuel was laid down [to sleep];</p> <p>4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here [am] I.</p> <p>5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.</p> <p>6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.</p> <p>7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.</p> <p>8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.</p> <p>9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak,</p>	<p>God calls to Samuel and tells Samuel that He has rejected Eli and his two sons</p> <p>3:1 And the child Samuel ministered to Yahweh before Eli. And the word of God was precious in those days and visions from God were infrequent; there was no open vision.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass at that time that Eli lay down in his place, and his eyes had begun to fail and he could not see well.</p> <p>3 And before the lamp went out in the temple of Yahweh where the ark (chest) of Yahweh was, and Samuel had laid down to sleep,</p> <p>4 God called Samuel. And Samuel answered, "I am here."</p> <p>5 And Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "I have come; for you called me." And Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." And Samuel went and lay down.</p> <p>6 And God called again, "Samuel." And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "I have come, for you called me." And Eli answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."</p> <p>7 Now Samuel did not know God yet, neither had the word of God been revealed to him yet.</p> <p>8 And God called Samuel the third time. And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "I have come, for you called me." And Eli perceived that God had called the child.</p> <p>9 Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if God calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, God; for</p>

<p>Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.</p> <p>10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.</p> <p>11 & And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.</p> <p>12 In that day I will perform against Eli all [things] which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.</p> <p>13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.</p> <p>14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.</p> <p>15 & And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.</p> <p>16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here [am] I.</p> <p>17 And he said, What [is] the thing that [the LORD] hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide [it] not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide [any] thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.</p> <p>18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It [is] the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.</p> <p>19 & And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.</p> <p>20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel [was] established [to be] a prophet of the LORD.</p> <p>21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.</p>	<p>Your servant hears.” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.</p> <p>10 And God called as before, "Samuel, Samuel." Then Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant is listening."</p> <p>11 And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle.</p> <p>12 "In that day I will punish Eli in all the ways I have spoken concerning his house; whatever I begin, I will also finish.</p> <p>13 "For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he is aware of, because his sons made themselves vile and he did not restrain them.</p> <p>14 "And therefore I have sworn to Eli that the iniquity of his household can never be atoned for by sacrifice nor offering."</p> <p>15 And Samuel lay down until the morning; then he opened the doors of the temple of Yahweh. And he was afraid to tell Eli about the vision.</p> <p>16 But Eli called to him and said, "Samuel, my son." And Samuel answered, "I am listening."</p> <p>17 And Eli said, "What has Yahweh said to you? Do not hide it from me. May Yahweh punish you if you hide anything from me that He said to you."</p> <p>18 And Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And Eli said, "It is God; let Him do what seems good to Him."</p> <p>19 And Samuel grew, and God was with him and made everything come true that Samuel had prophesized.</p> <p>20 And all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Yahweh.¹</p> <p>21 And the words of Yahweh were heard again in Shiloh, for Yahweh revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by His words.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>4:1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.</p>	<p>The Philistines defeat the Israelites in battle, and Eli's sons pass on</p> <p>4:1 And the words of Samuel were revealed to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and camped beside Ebenezer. And the Philistines camped in Aphek.</p>

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 & And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth [between] the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, [were] there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What [meaneth] the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these [are] the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 & And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 & And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the

2 And the Philistines set up battle positions against Israel and destroyed them in the ensuing battle, killing about four thousand Israelite soldiers on the battlefield.

3 And when the troops returned to the camp, the elders of Israel asked, "Why has Yahweh struck us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh from Shiloh to go with us, so it may save us from the hands of our enemies."

4 So the people sent to Shiloh to bring from there the ark of the covenant of Yahweh which resides between the cherubims (angelic creatures). And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of Yahweh.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of Yahweh came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth rang.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they asked, "What does this loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" Then they learned that the ark of Yahweh had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, saying, "Yahweh has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before.

8 "Woe to us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck down the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 "Be strong and fight bravely, you Philistines, so that you do not become slaves of the Hebrews as they have been to you. Conduct yourselves well and fight bravely."

10 So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated. The slaughter was very great; thirty thousand Israelite soldiers fell. The survivors fled to their tents.

11 And the ark of Yahweh was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

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12 And a man of Benjamin ran out of the army and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes torn and dust on his head.

13 And when he came, behold, Eli sat on a seat by

<p>wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told [it], all the city cried out.</p> <p>14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What [meaneth] the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.</p> <p>15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.</p> <p>16 And the man said unto Eli, I [am] he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?</p> <p>17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.</p> <p>18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.</p> <p>19 & And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, [near] to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.</p> <p>20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard [it].</p> <p>21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.</p> <p>22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.</p>	<p>the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of Yahweh. And when the man entered the city and spread the news, the whole city cried out.</p> <p>14 And when Eli heard the outcry, he said, "What does this commotion mean?" And the man came up hastily and told Eli.</p> <p>15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his vision was nearly gone.</p> <p>16 And the man said to Eli, "I have come from the army, and I fled from them today." And Eli asked, "What happened there, my son?"</p> <p>17 And the messenger answered, "Israel fled before the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people. And your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of Yahweh was taken."</p> <p>18 And it came to pass, when the messenger mentioned the ark of Yahweh, that Eli fell off his seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck broke. And he died, being very old and overweight. And he had judged Israel for forty years.</p> <p>19 And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant and about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of Yahweh was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bent down with labor pains and gave birth.</p> <p>20 And as she was dying, the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not be afraid; for you have given birth to a son." But she did not pay any attention to them or respond.</p> <p>21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel," because the ark of Yahweh had been taken and her father-in-law and her husband had died.</p> <p>22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of Yahweh has been taken."</p>
<p>、 、 、 、</p> <p>5:1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.</p> <p>2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by</p>	<p>After the Philistines capture the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, the ark causes great devastation in the Philistine cities where the ark is kept</p> <p>5:1 And the Philistines took the ark of Yahweh and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.</p> <p>2 Then they brought the ark of Yahweh into the temple of their god Dagon and set it by him.</p>

<p>Dagon.</p> <p>3 & And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon [was] fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.</p> <p>4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon [was] fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands [were] cut off upon the threshold; only [the stump of] Dagon was left to him.</p> <p>5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.</p> <p>6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, [even] Ashdod and the coasts thereof.</p> <p>7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that [it was] so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.</p> <p>8 They sent therefore and gathered all the LORDS of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about [thither].</p> <p>9 And it was [so], that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.</p> <p>10 & Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.</p> <p>11 So they sent and gathered together all the LORDS of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.</p> <p>12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.</p>	<p>3 And when the people of Ashdod arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of Yahweh. And they took Dagon and set him up in his place again.</p> <p>4 And when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of Yahweh, and his head and both hands were broken off and lay on the threshold of his temple. Only his torso remained.</p> <p>5 Therefore, neither the priests of Dagon, nor any other persons who enter the temple of Dagon tread on the threshold to this day.</p> <p>6 But the power of Yahweh weighed heavily on the inhabitants of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, inflicting Ashdod and its surroundings with tumors.</p> <p>7 And when the people of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, "The ark of Yahweh of Israel shall not stay with us. For His power is heavy on us and on Dagon our god.</p> <p>8 Therefore, they assembled all the leaders of the Philistines and asked, "What shall we do with the ark of Yahweh of Israel?" And they answered, "Let it be moved to Gath," a city of the Philistines. And they carried the ark of Yahweh of Israel there.</p> <p>9 And after they had carried it to Gath, the power of Yahweh weighed heavily upon that city causing great suffering among the people, young and old, with tumors in their bodies.</p> <p>10 Therefore they sent the ark of Yahweh to Ekron, another Philistine city. And it came to pass, as the ark of Yahweh came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, "They have brought the ark of Yahweh of Israel, to kill us and our people."</p> <p>11 So they assembled all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of Yahweh of Israel. And let it go again to its own place so that it does not slay our people and us." For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city: the power of Yahweh was very heavy there.</p> <p>12 And the people who did not die were afflicted with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to the heavens.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
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<p>6:1 And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.</p> <p>2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.</p> <p>3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.</p> <p>4 Then said they, What [shall be] the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, [according to] the number of the LORDs of the Philistines: for one plague [was] on you all, and on your lords.</p> <p>5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.</p> <p>6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?</p> <p>7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:</p> <p>8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him [for] a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.</p> <p>9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, [then] he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that [it is] not his hand [that] smote us: it [was] a chance [that] happened to us.</p> <p>10 & And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:</p> <p>11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Philistines send the ark of Yahweh back to Israel with a guilt offering</p> <p>6:1 And the ark of Yahweh was in the country of the Philistines for seven months.</p> <p>2 And the Philistines called for their priests and magicians, saying, "What shall we do with the ark of Yahweh? Tell us how we should send it to its place."</p> <p>3 And they said, "If you send away the ark of the Yahweh of Israel, do not send it empty; rather, return it with a guilt offering. Then you shall be healed, and you shall know why Yahweh of Israel kept punishing you."</p> <p>4 Then they said, "What shall the guilt offering be which we give Him?" They answered, "Five golden models of tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines. For the same plague was on you all, and on your lords.</p> <p>5 "Therefore, you shall make images of your tumors and of the mice that afflict the land, and you shall give glory to Yahweh of Israel. Perhaps He will lift His hand from off you, your gods and your land.</p> <p>6 "Why do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had wrought great wonders among the Egyptians, did they not let the Israelites go, and the Israelites departed?</p> <p>7 "Therefore, make a new cart, and take two nursing cows which have never been yoked, and harness the cows to the cart, and put their calves into their barn.</p> <p>8 "And take the ark of Yahweh, and lay it upon the cart, and put the jewels of gold which you give Yahweh for a guilt offering into a box by the side of the ark. And send the cart away so that it may go on its own.</p> <p>9 "And you will know, if it goes up by way of its own land to Beth-shemesh, that Yahweh has done us this great evil. But if not, then we shall know that it is not He that struck us down: it was by chance that we were struck down."</p> <p>10 And the people did so. They took two nursing cows, harnessed them to the cart and shut up their calves in their barns.</p> <p>11 And they laid the ark of Yahweh on the cart, along with the box containing the mice of gold and</p>
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of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, [and] went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside [to] the right hand or [to] the left; and the LORDs of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.

13 And [they of] Bethshemesh [were] reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see [it].

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where [there was] a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that [was] with it, wherein the jewels of gold [were], and put [them] on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen [it], they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these [are] the golden emerods which the Philistines returned [for] a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18 And the golden mice, [according to] the number of all the cities of the Philistines [belonging] to the five lords, [both] of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great [stone of] Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: [which stone remaineth] unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

19 & And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten [many] of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 & And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, [and] fetch it up to you.

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12 And the cows headed straight up the road toward Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, mooing as they went, never straying to the right or the left. And the leaders of the Philistines followed them to the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there near a great stone. And the people broke up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

15 And the Levites took the ark of Yahweh and the box that was with it containing the jewels of gold, and put them on the great stone. And the people of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and other sacrifices that day to Yahweh.

16 And when the five leaders of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the five gold tumors which the Philistines gave for a guilt offering to Yahweh: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, and one for Ekron.

18 And the five golden mice were given according to the number of Philistine walled towns and country villages belonging to the five leaders. The great stone of Abel, on which they set the ark of Yahweh, remains to this day in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite.

19 And Yahweh struck the people of Bethshemesh because they looked inside the ark of Yahweh. He smote fifty thousand seventy of the people. And the people mourned because Yahweh had destroyed many of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the people of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before this holy Yahweh? And where can we send the ark to get Him away from us?"

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the ark of Yahweh. Come and take it."

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<p>7:1 And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.</p> <p>3 & And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, [then] put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.</p> <p>4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.</p> <p>5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.</p> <p>6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured [it] out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.</p> <p>7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the LORDS of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard [it], they were afraid of the Philistines.</p> <p>8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.</p> <p>9 & And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered [it for] a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.</p> <p>10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.</p> <p>11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until [they</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">While Samuel is the judge of Israel, Israel dominates the Philistines</p> <p>7:1 And the people of Kirjath-jearim came and took the ark of Yahweh. They brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to guard the ark of Yahweh.</p> <p>2 And it came to pass that the ark stayed in Kirjath-jearim for a long time, twenty years in all. And during this time, all the people of Israel cried out to Yahweh for help.</p> <p>3 And Samuel said to all the people of Israel, “If you wish to return to Yahweh with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you. And dedicate your hearts to Yahweh and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.”</p> <p>4 Then the children of Israel put away the Baals and Ashtaroth and served Yahweh only.</p> <p>5 And Samuel said, “Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to Yahweh for you.”</p> <p>6 And they assembled at Mizpah where they drew water, poured it out before Yahweh, and fasted that day. They said, “We have sinned against Yahweh.” And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah.</p> <p>7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the leaders of the Philistines prepared to attack Israel. And when the children of Israel learned of this, they were afraid of the Philistines.</p> <p>8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to pray to Yahweh our Deity for us and ask Him to save us from the Philistines.”</p> <p>9 And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it for a burnt offering wholly to Yahweh, and Samuel prayed to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh heard him.</p> <p>10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines advanced to battle against Israel. But Yahweh sent loud thunder against the Philistines that day to confuse them, and they fled before Israel.</p> <p>11 And the warriors of Israel went out of Mizpah to pursue the Philistines and struck them down almost as far as Bethcar.</p>

<p>came] under Bethcar. 12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set [it] between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. 13 & So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. 17 And his return [was] to Ramah; for there [was] his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.</p>	<p>12 Then Samuel took a stone, set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called it "Ebenezer" (stone of help), saying, "Thus far, Yahweh has helped us." 13 So the Philistines were subdued and stopped invading the land of Israel. And the power of Yahweh was against the Philistines throughout Samuel's lifetime. 14 And the towns which the Philistines had taken from Ekron to Gath were restored to Israel. And Israel delivered the territory in the vicinity of those towns from the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15 And Samuel judged Israel for the rest of his life. 16 And he went each year in a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. 17 And he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. And there he judged Israel and built an altar to Yahweh.</p>
<p>、 、 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: [they were] judges in Beersheba. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 6 & But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. 7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken</p>	<p>Despite Samuel's protests, the Israelites ask him to make them a king 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3 And his sons did not walk in his ways, but were corrupted by greed, taking bribes, and perverting justice. 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 And they said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint us a king to lead us like other nations have." 6 But it displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to lead us." And Samuel prayed to Yahweh. 7 And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me. They do not want Me to reign over them. 8 "Just as they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, when they have forsaken Me and served other gods, so they also are doing to you.</p>

me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 & And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint [them] for himself, for his chariots, and [to be] his horsemen; and [some] shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and [will set them] to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters [to be] confectionaries, and [to be] cooks, and [to be] bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, [even] the best [of them], and give [them] to his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put [them] to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 & Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles."

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9 "Therefore, respond to their voices, but still solemnly warn them, and make it clear to them the kind of king who will reign over them."

10 And Samuel told all the words of Yahweh to the people who asked him for a king.

11 And Samuel said, "This is how it will be when a king reigns over you. He will take your sons and assign them to attend to him, to drive his chariots and be his cavalry, and some shall run before his chariots.

12 "And he will appoint some as commanders over thousands and others, commanders over fifty. He will force others to plow his fields, reap his harvest, and make his weapons, including the equipment for his chariots.

13 "And he will take your daughters to make perfumes and to be cooks and bakers.

14 "And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards and your olive groves and give them to his servants.

15 "And he will take a tenth of your grain harvest and your vineyards and give it to his officers and his servants.

16 "And he will take your male slaves, your female slaves, your finest young people, and your donkeys, and force them to work for him.

17 "He will take a tenth of your sheep, and you shall be his slaves.

18 "And then you will cry out because of the king you have chosen, and Yahweh will not listen to you that day."

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel and said, "No, we want to have a king over us,

20 so we may be like all the other nations, with a king to judge us, go before us and fight our battles."

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them to Yahweh.

22 And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and appoint a king for them." And Samuel said to the people of Israel, "Go, all of you, back to your own towns."

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9:1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name [was] Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name [was] Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and [there was] not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward [he was] higher than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found [them] not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and [there they were] not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found [them] not.

5 [And] when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that [was] with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave [caring] for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, [there is] in this city a man of God, and [he is] an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, [if] we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and [there is] not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: [that] will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for [he that is] now [called] a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God [was].

Saul goes looking for his father's lost donkeys

9:1 Now there was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite. He was a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, an excellent young man. There was not a more handsome person among all the people of Israel than he—a head taller than anyone else.

3 One day the donkeys of Saul's father Kish were lost, so Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the servants with you and go search for the donkeys."

4 And Saul and his servant passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find the donkeys. They continued searching through the land of Shalim, and then through the land of the Benjamites, but still could not find the donkeys.

5 And when they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant, "Come, let us go back, or my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

6 And Saul's servant said to him, "Behold, there is in this town a man of God, an honorable man; all that he says surely comes to pass. Now let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way that we should go."

7 Then Saul said to his servant, "But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring him? For there is no more food in our bags, and we do not have a present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8 And the servant answered Saul, "Behold, I have here with me the fourth part of a shekel of silver (a small silver coin); I will give that to the man of God to tell us our way."

9 (Before in Israel, when a person went to inquire of Yahweh, the person said, "Come, let us go to the seer." For the one who is now called a "prophet" was before called a "seer.")

Saul and his servant encounter Samuel, who has a message for Saul from Yahweh

10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the town where the man of God was.

11 & [And] as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, [he is] before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for [there is] a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:

13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; [and] afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city: [and] when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

15 & Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him [to be] captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house [is].

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I [am] the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that [is] in thine heart
20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found.

And on whom [is] all the desire of Israel? [Is it] not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

21 And Saul answered and said, [Am] not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden,

11 And as they went up the hill to the town, they found young women going out to draw water and asked them, "Is the seer here?"

12 And they answered, "He is; go straight ahead quickly, for he came today to the town, because the people are making a sacrifice today at the high place.

13 "As soon as you enter the town, you shall immediately find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice, and afterward those who have been invited to attend will eat. Therefore, go now and you shall find him.

14 And they went to the town, and when they entered it, behold, Samuel came near them, to go up to the high place.

15 Now Yahweh had told Samuel on the previous day,

16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be leader over My people Israel, so that he may save My people out of the hand of the Philistines. For I have looked upon My people and had compassion for them because their cry has come to Me."

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold the man whom I spoke to you of! This man shall reign over My people."

18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

19 And Samuel answered, "I am the seer; go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today. And tomorrow morning when I send you away, I will answer every question in your heart.

20 "And as for the donkeys that were lost three days ago, you can set your mind at ease, for they have been found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and your father and all your family?"

21 And Saul answered, "Am I not of the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And is not my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Therefore, why are you telling me this?"

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the eating hall and made them sit in the chief place among those who had been

<p>which [were] about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and [that] which [was] upon it, and set [it] before Saul. And [Samuel] said, Behold that which is left! set [it] before thee, [and] eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. 25 & And when they were come down from the high place into the city, [Samuel] communed with Saul upon the top of the house. 26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. 27 [And] as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.</p>	<p>invited—about thirty guests. 23 And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion I gave you and told you to set aside.” 24 And the cook took up the leg of meat with much flesh on it and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, “Behold that which has been saved. Set it before you and eat, for it has been set aside for you ever since I invited the people for this special occasion.” So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25 And when they had come down from the high place into the town, Samuel communed with Saul on the roof of the house. 26 And the next morning they arose early, and around daybreak, Samuel called Saul to the roof of the house, saying, “Come up so that I may send you away.” And Saul arose, and both he and Samuel left the house together. 27 And when they reached the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell your servant to go on before us (and the servant went on). But stand still a while so that I may give you a message from Yahweh.”</p>
<p>、 、 10:1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured [it] upon his head, and kissed him, and said, [Is it] not because the LORD hath anointed thee [to be] captain over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: 4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two [loaves] of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. 5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where</p>	<p>After Saul is anointed, the spirit of Yahweh descends on Saul 10:1 Then Samuel took a small jar of olive oil and poured it upon Saul's head, and kissed him, and said, "Is it not because Yahweh has anointed you to be the leader over His inheritance? 2 “When you have departed from me today, you shall find two persons by Rachel's sepulcher at the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. And they will say to you, “The donkeys which you went to seek have been found. And behold, your father has stopped caring about the donkeys and is very worried about you, saying, “What shall I do? My son is lost!” 3 “Then you shall go on from there until you come to the plain of Tabor. And three persons shall meet you who are going up to Yahweh to Bethel, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread and another carrying a bottle of wine. 4 “And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread which you shall accept from their hands. 5 “After that you shall come to the hill of Yahweh where the garrison of the Philistines is. And it shall</p>

[is] the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [that] thou do as occasion serve thee; for God [is] with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, [and] to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

9 & And it was [so], that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What [is] this [that] is come unto the son of Kish? [Is] Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who [is] their father? Therefore it became a proverb, [Is] Saul also among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 & And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that [they were] no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 & And Samuel called the people together unto

come to pass when you have reached the city there, you shall meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a lyre, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp. And they shall prophesy.

6 “And the spirit of Yahweh will come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them and shall be changed into a different person.

7 “And when these signs have appeared to you, do as you are led to do; for Yahweh is with you.

8 “And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. For seven days you shall wait till I come to you and show you what you shall do.”

9 And when Saul turned to leave Samuel, Yahweh changed Saul's heart; and all these signs came to pass that day.

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Saul prophecies

10 And when they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met Saul; and the spirit of Yahweh came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass when all who had known him before saw him prophesying among the prophets, they said to each other, “What has happened to the son of Kish? Has Saul become a prophet?”

12 And one person who came from the same place said, “But who is his father?” Therefore, it became a saying, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

13 And when Saul had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Saul's uncle asked him and his servant, “Where did you go?” And Saul said, “To seek the donkeys; and when we saw that they were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel.”

15 And Saul's uncle said, “Please tell me what Samuel said to you.”

16 And Saul said to his uncle, “He told us plainly that the donkeys were found.” But Saul related nothing to his uncle regarding the kingdom of which Samuel spoke.

17 And Samuel assembled all the people to

the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, [and] of them that oppressed you:

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, [Nay], but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that [there is] none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote [it] in a book, and laid [it] up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 & And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

Yahweh at Mizpah.

18 And Samuel said to the children of Israel these words of Yahweh, the Deity of Israel: "I brought Israel up out of Egypt and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, out of the hand of all kingdoms and out of the hand of those who oppressed you.

Samuel selects Saul to be king

19 "And you have this day rejected your Deity, Yahweh, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'Set a king over us.' Therefore, present yourselves now before Yahweh by your tribes and by your thousands."

20 And when Samuel had summoned all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was selected.

21 When Samuel had summoned the tribe of Benjamin to come forward by their families, the family of Matri was selected, and Saul the son of Kish was selected. And when they sought Saul, he could not be found.

22 Therefore, they inquired of Yahweh further, if the man should still be brought. And Yahweh answered, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage."

23 And they ran and brought him out. And when he stood among the people, he was a head higher than any of the other people.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, "See the one whom Yahweh has chosen. There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Yahweh save the king."

25 Then Samuel told the people the laws of the kingdom, and wrote them in a book, and laid the book up before Yahweh. And Samuel sent all the people away to their own houses.

26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and with him went a group of people whose hearts Yahweh had touched.

27 But the children of Belial (some worthless people) said, "How can this man save us?" And they despised him and did not bring him any presents. But Saul held his peace.

11:1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabeshgilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this [condition] will I make [a covenant] with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it [for] a reproach upon all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if [there be] no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 & Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What [aileth] the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent [them] throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabeshgilead, Tomorrow, by [that time] the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed [it] to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was [so] on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the

The Ammonites threaten Jabesh-gilead

11:1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and besieged Jabesh-gilead. And all the people of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you."

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, "On this condition I will make a covenant with you. I will take out all your right eyes, and thus disgrace Israel."

3 And the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days so that we may send messengers to all of Israel. And then, if there is no one to save us, we will come out to you."

Saul is told of the threat to Jabesh-Gilead and gathers an army, which liberates Jabesh

4 Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news to the people, and they all wept aloud.

5 And, behold, Saul was returning from the field with his oxen and said, "What ails the people so that they weep?" And they told him the news from the people of Jabesh.

6 And the spirit of Yahweh came upon Saul when he heard these tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the land of Israel by the hands of messengers, proclaiming, "Whoever does not come out to follow after Saul and Samuel will have this done to his oxen." And the fear of Yahweh fell on the people, and they all came out.

8 And when Saul numbered them in Bezek, there were three hundred thousand armed Israelite soldiers and thirty thousand armed warriors of Judah.

9 And they said to the messengers who came, "This is what you shall say to the people of Jabesh-gilead: 'Tomorrow by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help.'" And the messengers told this to the people of Jabesh, and they were glad.

10 Therefore, the people of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you."

11 And so the next day Saul divided his army into three groups. And they came into the midst of the

<p>midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.</p> <p>12 & And the people said unto Samuel, Who [is] he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.</p> <p>13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.</p> <p>14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.</p> <p>15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.</p>	<p>Ammonite army in the middle of the morning and killed the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it came to pass that the Ammonites who remained were so scattered that no two of them were left together.</p> <p>12 And the people said to Samuel, "Who are those who mocked, saying, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring these persons so that we may put them to death."</p> <p>13 And Saul said, "Not a person shall be put to death this day, for today God has brought salvation to Israel."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saul is made king</p> <p>14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there."</p> <p>15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and they made Saul king before Yahweh in Gilgal. And they made sacrifices of peace offerings before Yahweh, and Saul and all the people of Israel rejoiced greatly.</p>
<p>12:1 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.</p> <p>2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons [are] with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.</p> <p>3 Behold, here I [am]: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received [any] bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.</p> <p>4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.</p> <p>5 And he said unto them, The LORD [is] witness against you, and his anointed [is] witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, [He is] witness.</p> <p>6 & And Samuel said unto the people, [It is] the LORD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Now that Samuel has made a king over the Israelites, they are to obey both Yahweh and the king</p> <p>12:1 And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to you and have made a king over you.</p> <p>2 "And now behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray-headed; and behold, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.</p> <p>3 "Behold, I am here. Testify against me before Yahweh and before His anointed if you can. Whose ox have I taken, whose donkey have I taken, whom have I defrauded, whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes? Tell me whose animal I have taken, and I will restore it to you."</p> <p>4 And they said, "You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nor have you taken anything out of anyone's hand."</p> <p>5 And Samuel said to them, "Yahweh is a witness, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything unrightfully in my hand." And they answered, "He is a witness."</p> <p>6 And Samuel said to the people, "It was God that</p>

that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God [was] your king.

13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, [and] whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as [it was] against your fathers.

16 & Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 [Is it] not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness [is] great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in

chose Moses and Aaron, and that brought your ancestors up out of the land of Egypt.

7 "Therefore, pay attention now so that I may reason with you before God regarding all the righteous acts of God which He did to your ancestors and to you.

8 "When Jacob came into Egypt, and your ancestors cried out to God, then God sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your ancestors out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place.

9 "And when they forgat Yahweh their Deity, He gave them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And these enemies fought against your ancestors.

10 "And your ancestors cried out to Yahweh and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken Yahweh and have served the Baals and Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.'

11 "And God sent Jerubbaal (Gideon), Barak, Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hands of your enemies on every side. And you dwelt safely.

12 "And when you saw that Nahash, the king of the children of Ammon, came against you, you said to me, 'We want a king to reign over us,' when Yahweh your Deity was your King.

13 "Therefore, behold now the king whom you have chosen and whom you have desired! And behold, Yahweh has set a king over you.

14 "If you fear Yahweh, serve Him, obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandments of Yahweh, then both you and the king who reigns over you shall continue following Yahweh your Deity.

15 "But if you will not obey the voice of Yahweh and rebel against the commandments of Yahweh, then Yahweh will be against you as He was against your ancestors.

16 "Therefore, watch now and see this great thing which Yahweh will do before your eyes.

17 "Is wheat harvest not today? Is this not the dry season? But I will call to Yahweh, and He will send thunder and rain so that you may realize that your wickedness is great which you have done in the

<p>asking you a king. 18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. 19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins [this] evil, to ask us a king. 20 & And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; 21 And turn ye not aside: for [then should ye go] after vain [things], which cannot profit nor deliver; for they [are] vain. 22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great [things] he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.</p>	<p>sight of Yahweh, in asking for a king.” 18 So Samuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh sent thunder and rain that day. And all the people greatly feared Yahweh and Samuel. 19 And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for us to Yahweh your Deity so that we do not die. For we have added to all our sins the evil of asking for a king.” 20 And Samuel said to the people, “Do not be afraid. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following God, but rather serve God with all your heart. 21 “Do not turn aside to pursue worthless things, which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain. 22 “For God will not forsake His people for His great name's sake, because it has pleased God to make you His people. 23 “Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against God in ceasing to pray for you. Instead, I will teach you the good and the right way. 24 “Fear Yahweh and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you. 25 “But if you still live wickedly, both you and your king shall be destroyed.”</p>
<p>、 、 、 13:1 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men] of Israel; [whereof] two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. 3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that [was] in Geba, and the Philistines heard [of it]. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Israel heard say [that] Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and [that] Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. 5 & And the Philistines gathered themselves</p>	<p>In preparation for a battle with the Philistines, Saul offers a burnt offering to Yahweh, which only priests are permitted to do 13:1 When Saul had reigned two years over Israel, 2 he chose three thousand people of Israel. Of these, two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in Mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul sent the rest of the people to their tents. 3 And Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land saying, "Let the Hebrews hear." 4 And all Israel heard that Saul had destroyed a garrison of the Philistines and that Israel was held in contempt by the Philistines. And the people were called to follow Saul to Gilgal. 5 And the Philistines assembled to fight against</p>

together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which [is] on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And [some of] the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he [was] yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 & And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel [had appointed]: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 & And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and [that] thou camest not within the days appointed, and [that] the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him [to be] captain over his people, because thou hast not kept [that] which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal

Israel with thirty thousand chariots, six thousand cavalry and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. And the Philistines came up and camped in Michmash, east of Bethaven.

6 When the people of Israel saw that they were so greatly threatened (for they were distressed), they hid themselves in caves, in thickets, among the rocks, in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews went over the Jordan River to the land of Gad and Gilead. And Saul was still in Gilgal; and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he waited seven days according to the appointed time that Samuel had set, but Samuel still had not come to Gilgal, and the people began to leave Saul.

9 And Saul said, "Bring to me a burnt offering and peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering to Yahweh.

10 And it came to pass as soon as he had offered the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to greet him.

Samuel tells Saul that Yahweh has rejected him because Saul made offerings to Yahweh which only the priests could make

11 And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come at the appointed time, and that the Philistines assembled at Michmash.

12 "Therefore, I said, the Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not yet appealed to Yahweh for help. Therefore, I forced myself to offer a burnt offering."

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of God which He commanded you. If you had, God would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. Yahweh has sought a man after His own *heart* (Spirit), and chosen him to rule over His people, because you have not kept Yahweh's commandments."

15 And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to

<p>unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people [that were] present with him, about six hundred men.</p> <p>16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people [that were] present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.</p> <p>17 & And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way [that leadeth to] Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:</p> <p>18 And another company turned the way [to] Bethhoron: and another company turned [to] the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.</p> <p>19 & Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make [them] swords or spears:</p> <p>20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.</p> <p>21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.</p> <p>22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that [were] with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.</p> <p>23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.</p> <p>,</p>	<p>Gibeah of Benjamin.</p> <p>And Saul counted the people who were present with him— about six hundred.</p> <p>16 And Saul and Jonathan his son and the people who were present with them camped in Gibeah of Benjamin, and the Philistines camped in Michmash.</p> <p>17 And raiders went out of the camp of the Philistines in three groups: one group turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual.</p> <p>18 And another group turned toward Beth-horon, and another group turned toward the border that looks to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.</p> <p>19 Now not a single blacksmith was found throughout the land of Israel. For the Philistines wanted to prevent the Hebrews from making swords or spears.</p> <p>20 So all Israelites had been forced to go to the Philistines for sharpening plows, coulters (an attachment to a plow), axes, and mattocks.</p> <p>21 Yet the Israelites had a file for the mattocks, for the plow attachments, for the pitchforks, for the axes, and for the cow prods.</p> <p>22 So it came to pass on the day of battle that neither sword nor spear was found in the hands of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan. But Saul and Jonathan his son had them.</p> <p>23 And a group of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.</p> <p>,</p> <p>,</p> <p>,</p> <p>,</p>
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<p>,</p> <p>,</p> <p>14:1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that [is] on the other side. But he told not his father.</p> <p>2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which [is] in Migron: and the people that [were] with him [were] about six hundred men;</p> <p>3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest</p>	<p>Jonathan overcomes another garrison of the Philistines</p> <p>14:1 Now it came to pass one day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, "Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side." But Jonathan did not tell his father.</p> <p>2 And Saul stayed in the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron, and about six hundred people were with him,</p> <p>3 including Ahiah who was wearing a priestly vest. He was the son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub, who the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, Yahweh's priest</p>
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in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 & And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, [there was] a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one [was] Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The forefront of the one [was] situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for [there is] no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that [is] in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I [am] with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto [these] men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this [shall be] a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, [which] a yoke [of oxen might plow].

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the

in Shiloh. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 Now the pass which Jonathan sought to cross to reach the Philistines' garrison was flanked by sharp cliffs on both sides. One was named Bozez, and the other Seneh.

5 One was on the north side of the pass in front of Michmash, and the other was on the south side in front of Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised men. It may be that Yahweh will work for us. For whether God saves by many or by few, it is all the same to God."

7 And the armor-bearer said to Jonathan, "Do all that is in your heart; behold, I am with you in all that your heart desires."

8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will pass over to these people and reveal ourselves to them.

9 "If they say to us, 'Stay there until we come to you,' then we will stand in our place and not go up to them.

10 "But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up; for Yahweh has delivered them into our hand; and this shall be a sign to us."

11 And they both showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews are crawling out of the holes where they were hiding."

12 And the people of the garrison said to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come up to us, and we will show you something." And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come with me, for Yahweh has delivered them into the hands of Israel."

13 And Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer behind him. And the Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed more behind him.

14 In that first slaughter by Jonathan and his armor-bearer about twenty persons were struck down within a half-acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow in a day.

15 And there was trembling in the army of the Philistines in the field and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled, and the earth quaked, causing a great panic.

spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down [one another].

17 Then said Saul unto the people that [were] with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer [were] not [there].

18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

19 & And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that [was] in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that [were] with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, [and there was] a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover the Hebrews [that] were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp [from the country] round about, even they also [turned] to be with the Israelites that [were] with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, [when] they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

24 & And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed [be] the man that eateth [any] food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted [any] food.

25 And all [they of] the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the

16 And the sentinels of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and, behold, the Philistine multitude melted away, scattering in confusion.

17 Then Saul said to the people who were with him, "Count now and see who has left us. And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said to Ahiah, "Bring here the ark of Yahweh." For the ark of Yahweh was at that time with the children of Israel.

The Philistines are defeated

19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked to the priest, that the commotion in the Philistine camp kept increasing. And Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20 And Saul and all his troops assembled and went to the battle. And behold, the Philistines were so confused that they were striking each other with their swords.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews who had previously sided with the Philistines had gone up with them into their camp from all around changed sides and joined the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise, when all the people of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they also joined Saul and Jonathan to pursue them.

23 So Yahweh saved Israel that day, and the battle spread to Bethaven.

Jonathan eats forbidden honey

24 And the people of Israel were unhappy that day, for Saul had solemnly told them, "Cursed is the soldier who eats any food before evening. This would prevent me from being avenged on my enemies." So none of the army tasted any food.

25 And all the army came to a forest, and there was a honeycomb on the ground.

26 And when the troops had come into the woods, they saw the honey on the ground. But not one soldier ate any of it for fear of Saul's wrath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard that his father commanded the people with the oath. Therefore, he

end of the rod that [was] in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed [be] the man that eateth [any] food this day. And the people were faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew [them] on the ground: and the people did eat [them] with the blood.

33 & Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay [them] here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew [them] there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 & And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief

put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, dipped it into the honeycomb, put the honey in his mouth and felt new strength.

28 Then one of the soldiers said, "We were faint with hunger, but your father solemnly threatened the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the soldier who eats any food this day.'"

29 Then Jonathan said, "My father has caused trouble; I am stronger because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 "How much better would things have gone today if the army had eaten freely of the plunder of their enemies which they found? Would there not have been a much greater slaughter of the Philistines?"

31 And they struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon, and the soldiers were faint with hunger.

32 And the soldiers pounced upon the plunder, and slaughtered sheep, oxen, and calves. Then the people ate them including the blood.

33 Then Saul was told, "Behold, the soldiers sin against Yahweh by eating the blood with the meat." And Saul said, "You have transgressed; roll a great stone to me today."

34 And Saul said to his servants, "Each of you bring your ox or sheep to me, slaughter it here and eat it. And do not sin against Yahweh by eating the blood along with the meat." And all soldiers brought their oxen with them that night and slaughtered them where Saul ordered.

35 And Saul built an altar to Yahweh; this was the first altar that he built to Yahweh.

36 And Saul said, "Let us go down and fight with the Philistines at night and plunder them until daybreak, and let us not leave any of them alive." And they said, "Do whatever seems good to you." Then the priest said, "Let us first counsel from Yahweh."

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The Israelite soldiers save Jonathan from being killed by Saul

37 And Saul asked counsel of Yahweh, "Shall I go fight the Philistines? Will You deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But Yahweh did not answer him.

38 And Saul said, "Come here, all you chiefs of the

of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For, [as] the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But [there was] not a man among all the people [that] answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect [lot]. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast [lots] between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that [was] in mine hand, [and], lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: [as] the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 & So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed [them].

48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters [were these]; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

people, and let us find the sin that has arisen today. 39 "For, as Yahweh lives which saves Israel, even if the sin is in Jonathan my son, he must die." But not one person among all the people answered Saul.

40 Then Saul said to all Israel, "Stand on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will stand on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you."

41 Therefore, Saul said to Yahweh, the Deity of Israel, "Please show us who sinned my son Jonathan or me, or Your people Israel." And the lot fell on Saul and Jonathan, so the people were declared innocent.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between me and my son Jonathan." And Jonathan was selected.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, "I just tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So, must I die?"

44 And Saul answered, "Jonathan, may Yahweh deal harshly with me and even more if you are not put to death."

45 And the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has brought about this great salvation in Israel? Yahweh forbid; as Yahweh lives, not one hair of Jonathan's head shall fall to the ground; for he has achieved victory for Israel with the help of Yahweh this day." So the people rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

46 Then Saul ceased from fighting the Philistines, and the Philistines returned to their own land.

Saul takes his place as king

47 So Saul secured his place as king over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side: against Moab, the children of Ammon, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. And wherever he fought, he was victorious.

48 And he gathered an army and struck down the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who robbed them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishui, and Melchishua. And he had two daughters. The name of his first-born daughter was Merab, and the name of his younger daughter was Michal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the

<p>50 And the name of Saul's wife [was] Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host [was] Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.</p> <p>51 And Kish [was] the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner [was] the son of Abiel.</p> <p>52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.</p>	<p>daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.</p> <p>51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner, the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.</p> <p>52 And there was a fierce war against the Philistines all the days of Saul. So when Saul saw any strong person or any valiant person, he took this person into his service.</p>
<p>15:1 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee [to be] king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.</p> <p>2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember [that] which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid [wait] for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.</p> <p>3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.</p> <p>4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.</p> <p>5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.</p> <p>6 & And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.</p> <p>7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah [until] thou comest to Shur, that [is] over against Egypt.</p> <p>8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.</p> <p>9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all [that was] good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing [that was] vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.</p>	<p>Saul disobeys Yahweh's order to kill all the Amalekites, and thus Yahweh regrets having made Saul king</p> <p>15:1 Samuel also said to Saul, "Yahweh sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. Therefore, listen to the words of Yahweh."</p> <p>2 Thus says Yahweh of hosts, "I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he ambushed them in the way when Israel came up from Egypt.</p> <p>3 "Now go and fight Amalek and completely destroy all that they have. Do not spare them, but rather slay both man and woman, infant and nursing baby, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."</p> <p>4 And Saul assembled the people and counted them in Telaim— two-hundred-thousand foot soldiers from Israel and ten thousand from Judah.</p> <p>5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in ambush in the valley.</p> <p>6 And Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart from among the Amalekites so that I do not destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from the Amalekites.</p> <p>7 And Saul struck down the Amalekites from Havilah to Shur, which is east of Egypt.</p> <p>8 And he took Agag, the king of the Amalekites alive and completely destroyed all the common people of the Amalekites with the edge of the sword.</p> <p>9 But Saul and his soldiers spared Agag, the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, unwilling to destroy them. But everything that was low-quality or worthless, they destroyed completely.</p> <p>10 Then the word of Yahweh came to Samuel,</p> <p>11 "I regret that I have set up Saul to be king, for he has turned away from following Me and has not</p>

10 & Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
 11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul [to be] king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.
 12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.
 13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed [be] thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.
 14 And Samuel said, What [meaneth] then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
 15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.
 16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.
 17 And Samuel said, When thou [wast] little in thine own sight, [wast] thou not [made] the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?
 18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.
 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?
 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.
 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams.
 23 For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and

performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he prayed to Yahweh all night.
 12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, he was told, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold he set up a monument for himself, and then turned and went down to Gilgal."
 13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of Yahweh; I have performed the commandment of Yahweh."
 14 And Samuel asked, "Then what does the bleating of the sheep, and the mooing of the oxen which I'm hearing, mean?"
 15 And Saul said, "My soldiers brought them from the Amalekites, for the soldiers spared the best of the sheep and the oxen to sacrifice to Yahweh your Deity. And the rest we have completely destroyed."
 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop, and I will tell you what Yahweh said to me last night." And Saul said to him, "Tell me."
 17 And Samuel said, "When you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and Yahweh anointed you king over Israel?"
 18 "And Yahweh sent you on a journey, and said, 'Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'
 19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of Yahweh, but rather rushed to take plunder and commit evil in the sight of Yahweh?"
 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of Yahweh, and have done what Yahweh sent me to do, and have captured Agag, the king of Amalek, and have completely destroyed the Amalekites.
 21 "But the people took some sheep and oxen— the best of the plunder was to be completely destroyed— to sacrifice to Yahweh your Deity in Gilgal."
 22 And Samuel said, "Has God as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as when His will is obeyed? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to do what you are ordered to do is better than the fat of rams.
 23 "For rebellion is as evil as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as wrong as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the words of God, He has rejected you from being king."

<p>stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from [being] king.</p> <p>24 & And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.</p> <p>25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.</p> <p>26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.</p> <p>27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.</p> <p>28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, [that is] better than thou.</p> <p>29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he [is] not a man, that he should repent.</p> <p>30 Then he said, I have sinned: [yet] honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.</p> <p>31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.</p> <p>32 & Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.</p> <p>33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.</p> <p>34 & Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.</p> <p>35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.</p>	<p>24 And Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of Yahweh and your words. Because I feared the people, I obeyed their voice.</p> <p>25 "Therefore, I beg you; pardon my sin and go back with me so that I may worship Yahweh."</p> <p>26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not go with you; for you have rejected the word of Yahweh, and Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Israel."</p> <p>27 And as Samuel turned to leave, Saul grasped the edge of Samuel's robe, and it tore.</p> <p>28 And Samuel said to him, "Yahweh has rent (torn) the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you.</p> <p>29 "God, the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent, for He is not human, that He should repent."</p> <p>30 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Yet honor me now, I beg you, before the elders of my people and before Israel. And go back with me so that I may worship Yahweh your Deity."</p> <p>31 So Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshiped Yahweh.</p> <p>32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag, the king of the Amalekites here to me." And Agag was brought to him trembling. And Agag thought, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."</p> <p>33 And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before Yahweh in Gilgal.</p> <p>34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went to his house, to Gibeah of Saul.</p> <p>35 And Samuel did not visit Saul anymore; nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul, and Yahweh regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.</p> <p>、 、 、</p>
<p>、</p> <p>16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil,</p>	<p>Samuel anoints David as king over Israel</p> <p>16:1 And Yahweh said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with olive oil for</p>

and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear [it], he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me [him] whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 & And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed [is] before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for [the LORD seeth] not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all [thy] children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he [was] ruddy, [and] withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this [is] he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

anointing and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

2 And Samuel said, "How can I do that? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And Yahweh said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.'

3 "And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint as king the one whom I name to you."

4 And Samuel did what Yahweh commanded, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, asking, "Have you come peacefully?"

5 And he said, "Peacefully. I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh, so sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And Samuel sanctified Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they had come, that Samuel looked on Eliab, and said, "Surely this is Yahweh's anointed."

7 But God said to Samuel, "Do not look at his face or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For God does not see as people see; for people look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And Samuel said, "Yahweh has not chosen this one."

9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And Samuel said, "Yahweh has not chosen this one."

10 In all, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel asked Jesse, "Are all your children here?" And Jesse said, "There is one more, the youngest, and behold, he is watching the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."

12 And Jesse sent for him, and David was brought in. Now David's face was shining with a healthy glow, and he was a good-looking young man. And Yahweh said, "Arise and anoint him. For this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of olive oil, and anointed David, surrounded by his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh came upon David from that day

<p>So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. \ \ \ \</p> <p>14 & But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, [which are] before thee, to seek out a man, [who is] a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring [him] to me. \</p> <p>18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, [that is] cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD [is] with him. 19 & Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which [is] with the sheep. 20 And Jesse took an ass [laden] with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent [them] by David his son unto Saul. \</p> <p>21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.</p>	<p>forward. Then Samuel rose and went to Ramah. \</p> <p>An evil spirit troubles Saul; David is asked to play on the harp to drive away the evil spirit from Saul</p> <p>14 But the spirit of Yahweh departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yahweh troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from Yahweh troubles you. 16 "Let our lord now command your servants before you to seek out a person who is a skillful player on the harp. And when an evil spirit from Yahweh comes upon you, this person shall play the harp, and you shall be well." 17 And Saul said to his servants, "Provide me someone who can play well and bring the person to me." 18 Then one of the servants said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who plays skillfully and is a mighty, valiant man, a warrior, intelligent, and a good-looking person. And Yahweh is with him." 19 Therefore, Saul sent messengers to tell Jesse: "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread, a skin full of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by David his son to Saul. \</p> <p>David becomes Saul's armor-bearer</p> <p>21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and Saul loved him greatly, and David became his armor-bearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please allow David to stay with me; for he has found favor in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from Yahweh came upon Saul, that David took his harp, and played, so Saul was refreshed and felt peaceful, and the evil spirit departed from him.</p>
<p>\</p> <p>17:1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which [belongeth] to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered</p>	<p>David kills the giant called Goliath</p> <p>17:1 Now the Philistines assembled their armies for battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongs to Judah, and camped between Shochoh and Azekah in Ephes-dammim. 2 And Saul and the soldiers of Israel assembled and</p>

together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and [there was] a valley between them.

4 & And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height [was] six cubits and a span.

5 And [he had] an helmet of brass upon his head, and he [was] armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat [was] five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And [he had] greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear [was] like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head [weighed] six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set [your] battle in array? [am] not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 & Now David [was] the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name [was] Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men [for] an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went [and] followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle [were] Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And David [was] the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and

pitched their tents by the valley of Elah and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on one mountain and Israel on another mountain with a valley between them.

4 And a champion went out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath of Gath, who was about nine² feet tall.

5 And he had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he wore protective armor which weighed about one hundred thirty pounds.

6 And he had molded bronze armor on his legs, and a plate of armor between his shoulders.

7 And the shaft of his spear was as big as a weaver's beam, and his spear's head was of iron, weighing fifteen pounds, and his shield-bearer went before him.

8 And Goliath stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to set your battle in formation? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants of Saul? Choose someone to represent you and let him come out to me.

9 "If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I overcome him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; send me someone so that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was the son of a man named Jesse, an Ephrathite of Bethlehem of Judah, and Jesse had eight sons. And he was an old man in those days.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And their names were Eliab the first-born, followed by Abinadab, and then Shammah.

14 And David was Jesse's youngest son. And Jesse's three eldest sons followed Saul.

15 But David returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near and shouted his challenge every morning and evening for forty days.

17 And Jesse said to David his son, "Now take this bushel of roasted grain and these ten loaves,

evening, and presented himself forty days.
 17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched [corn], and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;
 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of [their] thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.
 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, [were] in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
 20 & And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.
 21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.
 22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.
 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard [them].
 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.
 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, [that] the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.
 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who [is] this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?
 27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.
 28 & And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few

and run to the camp to give them to your brothers.
 18 "And carry these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand, and find out how your brothers are faring, and bring some word back from them to me."

19 Now Saul and David's brothers, and all the other soldiers of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, preparing to fight with the Philistines.
 20 And David rose up early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the food and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was going forth to the fight, shouting for battle.
 21 For Israel and the Philistines had set up battle positions, army against army.
 22 And David left his cart with the officer in charge of supplies, ran to the army and greeted his brothers.
 23 And as he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came out of the armies of the Philistines, and spoke the same words he had spoken before. And David heard them.
 24 And all the soldiers of Israel, when they saw Goliath, fled from him and were very afraid.
 25 And the soldiers of Israel said, "Have you seen this person who has come forth to defy Israel? And it is true that whoever kills him, the king will reward with great riches, and will give the victorious man his daughter to be his wife and make his father's house free from taxes in Israel."
 26 And David said to the soldiers who stood by him, "What will be the reward for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the shame from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"
 27 And the people answered him as they had before, telling him what reward would be given to the man who killed the champion of the Philistines.
 28 And Eliab, David's eldest brother, heard what he said to the soldiers; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. And he asked, "Why have you come here? And who is watching those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride, and your self-willed heart; you have come so that you might see the battle."

sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? [Is there] not a cause?

30 & And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed [them] before Saul: and he sent for him.

32 & And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou [art but] a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered [it] out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught [him] by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 & And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved [it]. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved [them]. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling [was] in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

29 And David asked, "What wrong have I done? Do I not have a good reason for being here?"

30 And he turned from his brother to another soldier and asked the same question he had asked previously. And the soldiers gave him the same answer as before.

31 And when some soldiers overheard what David spoke, they told Saul, who then sent for David.

32 And David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of Goliath; your servant will go and fight this Philistine."

33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 And David said to Saul, "Your servant kept his father's sheep, and a lion and a bear came and took a lamb from the flock.

35 "And I went after the lion, and struck him, and saved the lamb from his mouth. And when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him with my knife and killed him.

36 "Your servant killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God."

37 David also said, "God that delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hands of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and God be with you."

38 And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of bronze on his head and gave him chest armor of bronze.

39 And David girded Saul's sword on his armor, but he had no experience wearing all that armor and could not walk in it. And David said to Saul, "I cannot fight with these, for I have not trained with them." And David took them off.

40 And he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had. And with his sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came close to David and his shield-bearer went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked around and saw David, he despised him: for David was only a youth with rosy cheeks and youthful good looks.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield [went] before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was [but] a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, [Am] I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle [is] the LORD's and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang [it], and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but [there was] no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And

43 And he said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come against me with a stick?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come here, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear and a shield. But I come to you in the name of the God of hosts, the Yahweh of the armies of Israel whom you have defied.

46 "This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hands. I will strike you and cut off your head. And this day I will give the corpses of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, so that all the earth may know that Yahweh is in Israel.

47 "And everyone here shall know that God does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is God's, and Yahweh will give you into our hands."

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose and approached closer to David, that David ran forward to meet him.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone³ and slung it, striking the Philistine on his forehead so hard that the stone sunk into his forehead. And Goliath fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine and killed him, but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Then David ran and stood upon the Philistine, took Goliath's sword and drew it out of its sheath, killed him, and cut off his head. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the soldiers of Israel and Judah arose and shouted. They pursued the Philistines all the way to the valley and the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the way to Shaaraim, to Gath and to Ekron, two towns of the Philistines.

53 When the Israelites returned from their pursuit of the Philistines, the Israelites plundered their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put Goliath's armor

<p>the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.</p> <p>53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.</p> <p>54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.</p> <p>55 & And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.</p> <p>56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.</p> <p>57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.</p> <p>58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.</p>	<p>in his own tent.</p> <p>55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the Israelite army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your <i>soul</i> (spirit) lives, O king, I do not know."</p> <p>56 And the king said, "Inquire as to whose son the young man is."</p> <p>57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner met him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.</p> <p>58 And Saul asked him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."</p>
<p>18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.</p> <p>2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.</p> <p>3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.</p> <p>4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.</p> <p>5 & And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.</p> <p>6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with</p>	<p>David and Jonathan, the son of Saul, become close friends</p> <p>18:1 And it came to pass, when David had finished speaking to Saul, that the <i>soul</i> (spirit) of Jonathan was bound together with the <i>soul</i> (spirit) of David. And Jonathan loved David as himself.</p> <p>2 From that day on, Saul kept David and would not let him go home to his father's home anymore.</p> <p>3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because Jonathan loved David as much as himself.</p> <p>4 And Jonathan took off his own robe and gave it to David, along with his garments: even his sword, and his bow, and his leather belt.</p> <p>Saul sets David over Saul's warriors</p> <p>5 And David went wherever Saul sent him and behaved himself wisely. And Saul set him over the warriors. And David was accepted in the sight of all the people, and in the sight of Saul's servants.</p> <p>6 And it came to pass as the soldiers were coming home and David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistines, that the women came from every town of Israel, singing and dancing to meet King Saul, with joy, tambourines and other musical</p>

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7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

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8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom.

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 & And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

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12 & And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

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13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

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17 & And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should

instruments.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, singing, "Saul has slain his thousand, and David his ten thousand."

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Saul becomes jealous of David

8 And Saul was very angry, for the saying displeased him. And he said, "They have given credit to David for killing ten thousand, but for me only a thousand. And what more can he have except the kingdom?"

9 And Saul watched David jealously from that day forward.

10 And it came to pass the next day, that the evil spirit from Yahweh came upon Saul, and he spoke and appeared mentally disturbed. And David played the harp with his hand, as at other times. And Saul was holding a spear.

11 And Saul flung the spear, thinking, "I will pin David to the wall with it." And David avoided the spear twice.

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Saul demotes David

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because Yahweh was with David and had departed from Saul.

13 Therefore, Saul removed him from his presence, and made David commander over a thousand. And David led the troops into battle and back.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways, and God was with him.

15 Therefore, when Saul saw that David behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of David.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he went out to battle and came back before them, leading them to victory.

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Saul offers his daughter to David to be his wife, asking of David one hundred foreskins of the Philistines as a dowry

17 And Saul said to David, "Behold my elder daughter Merab. I will give her to you to be your wife; only be valiant for me and fight Yahweh's battles." For Saul thought, "Let not my hands kill him, but let the hands of the Philistines kill him."

18 And David said to Saul, "Who am I? And what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should

be son in law to the king?

19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

22 & And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 & And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

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19 But when the time came for Saul's daughter Merab to be given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite to be his wife.

20 And Saul's daughter Michal loved David. When Saul was told, it pleased him.

21 And Saul said, "I will give Michal to David so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore, Saul said to David a second time, "You shall this day be my son-in-law."

22 And Saul commanded his servants, "Talk with David privately and say, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you. Therefore, be the king's son-in-law.'"

23 And Saul's servants spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, "Does it seem easy to you to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man and of humble origin?"

24 And the servants of Saul told him what David said.

25 And Saul said, "You shall say this to David, 'The king does not desire any dowry (the sum of money required to wed his daughter), except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines as revenge on the king's enemies.'" But Saul intended to cause David's death by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David very much to become the king's son-in-law whenever it was right.

27 Therefore, David arose and went with his soldiers, and killed two hundred soldiers of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and presented all of them to the king so that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to be David's wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that God was with David, and that Michal his daughter, loved David.

29 And Saul was even more afraid of David, and became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the leaders of the Philistines mounted raids against the Israelites, and each time they attacked, David was more successful against them than all of Saul's officers. So the fame of David spread widely.

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<p>19:1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. 2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. 4 & And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: 5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past. 8 & And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. 9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saul tries to kill David but Jonathan protects David</p> <p>19:1 And Saul ordered all his servants and Jonathan his son to kill David. 2 But Jonathan delighted greatly in David and told him, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore, I urge you, be on your guard until the morning and hide in a secret place. 3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with him about you. And what I learn, I will tell you." 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, saying, "Let the king not sin against his servant David, because David has not sinned against you, and because his works toward you have been very good. 5 "For David put his life in his hand and killed the giant Philistine, and God wrought a great salvation for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Therefore, will you sin against innocent blood by slaying David without a cause?" 6 And Saul responded to the voice of Jonathan, and vowed, "As God lives, David shall not be slain." 7 And Jonathan called David and told him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and David was in Saul's presence as in times past. 8 And there was war again, and David went out and fought with the Philistines. He killed them with a great slaughter, and they fled from him. 9 And an evil spirit from Yahweh came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand, while David played the harp for him. 10 And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear; but David eluded the spear as it stuck in the wall. And he fled from Saul's presence that night. 11 Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and slay him in the morning. And Michal, David's wife, told him, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be dead."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David's wife saves David from Saul's attempt to murder him</p>

12 & So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 & So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night.

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12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took a statue, laid it in the bed, put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with a blanket.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "David is sick."

15 And Saul sent the messengers again to David, saying, "Carry him to me on his bed so that I may kill him."

16 And when the messengers came in, behold, there was a household image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair at its head.

17 And Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me in this way and allowed my enemy to escape?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go, so that I do not have to kill you to avoid being murdered by Saul.'"

David escapes and joins Samuel

18 So David fled and escaped to Ramah, to Samuel, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And Saul was told, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying and Samuel standing as their leader, the spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul. And they also prophesied.

21 And when this was told to Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers a third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then Saul also went to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu; and he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 And Saul traveled toward Naioth in Ramah, and the spirit of Yahweh came upon him also, and he went on prophesying until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. That is why they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

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<p>`</p> <p>20:1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?</p> <p>2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.</p> <p>3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.</p> <p>4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.</p> <p>5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.</p> <p>6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.</p> <p>7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.</p> <p>8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?</p> <p>9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?</p> <p>10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?</p> <p>11 & And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.</p>	<p>Jonathan signals to David that Saul wants to kill David</p> <p>20:1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and met with Jonathan, saying, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin to cause your father to seek my life?"</p> <p>2 And Jonathan said to him, "God forbid; you shall not die. Behold, my father will do nothing either great or small without telling me. Why should my father hide this from me? It cannot be true."</p> <p>3 And David swore moreover, "Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know that I wish to kill David or he will be grieved.' But truly, as God lives, and as your <i>soul</i> (spirit) lives, there is only a step between me and death."</p> <p>4 Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you want, I will do for you."</p> <p>5 And David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I am expected to sit and eat with the king. But let me go hide in the field until the evening of the third day from now."</p> <p>6 "If your father asks for me, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me so that he might go to Bethlehem, his city. For there is a yearly sacrifice there for all his family.'"</p> <p>7 "If he says, 'It is well,' I shall have peace; but if he is very angry, then you will know that he has evil intentions."</p> <p>8 "Therefore, Jonathan, I know that you shall deal kindly with me; for you have brought me into a covenant of God with you. However, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?"</p> <p>9 And Jonathan said, "Far be it from me not to tell you; for if I found out that my father had evil intentions toward you, then would I not tell you?"</p> <p>10 Then David asked Jonathan, "Who shall tell me if your father answers you harshly?"</p> <p>11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out to the field." And they both went out into the field.</p> <p>12 And Jonathan said to David, "I will find out my father's intentions tomorrow or the third day. And</p>

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

24 & So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times,

behold, if my father has any good feelings toward you and I neglect to inform you,

13 "may Yahweh punish me. But if it pleases my father to do you harm, then I will tell you and send you away so that you may go in peace. And may Yahweh be with you, as He has been with my father.

14 "And while I live you shall not only show me the kindness of God so that I do not die,

15 but also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, not even when Yahweh has cut off all the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "If you do not keep this covenant, Yahweh will use your enemies to punish you."

17 And Jonathan made David swear again, because he loved David as he loved himself.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, "Tomorrow is the festival of the new moon, and you shall be missed because your seat at the king's table will be empty.

19 "And when you have stayed away from the palace three days, hurry to the place where you hid before and remain by the stone Ezel.

20 "And I will shoot three arrows at the stone, as if I was shooting at a mark.

21 "And behold, I will send a boy, saying, 'Go find the arrows.' If I expressly say to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you; take them.' Then, David, you may come to the palace; for there is peace toward you and no harm intended, as God lives.

22 "But if I say to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are beyond you.' Then, you must flee to safety, for God is sending you away.

23 "And regarding the promises which you and I have made, behold, may God be witness to our agreement forever."

24 So David hid in the field. And when the festival of the new moon had come, King Saul sat down to eat.

25 And the king sat on his seat by the wall as at other times, Jonathan sat across the table from him, Abner sat by Saul's side and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul did not say anything that day;

even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 & And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after

for he thought, "Something has happened to David; he is not ritually clean; surely he is not clean."

27 And it came to pass the next day, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why did the son of Jesse not come to eat either yesterday or today?"

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem.

29 "He said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice to make in the city; and my brother has commanded me to be there. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go and see my relatives.' That is why, David has not come to the king's table."

30 Then Saul angrily said to Jonathan, "You son of a perverse rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother who bore you?"

31 "For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon this earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore, send for him now and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, "Why should David be killed? What has he done?"

33 And Saul cast a spear at Jonathan to kill him. Therefore, Jonathan knew that his father was determined to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger and did not eat anything on the second day of the month. For he was grieved for David because his father had treated him shamefully.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went with a boy to the field at the appointed time with David.

36 And he said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows which I shoot." And as the boy ran, Jonathan shot an arrow beyond time him.

37 And when the boy came to the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan shouted to the boy, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

38 And Jonathan cried after the boy, "Be quick." And the boy gathered up the arrows and returned to his master.

39 But the boy did not know anything; only

<p>6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.</p> <p>7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.</p> <p>8 & And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.</p> <p>9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.</p> <p>10 & And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.</p> <p>11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?</p> <p>12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.</p> <p>13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.</p> <p>14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?</p> <p>15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?</p>	<p>day when it was taken away.</p> <p>7 Now one of Saul's servants was there that day, detained before Yahweh; and his name was Doeg. He was an Edomite, the chief of the herders who belonged to Saul.</p> <p>8 And David said to Ahimelech, "Is there a spear or sword here? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."</p> <p>9 And the priest said, "Behold the sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here, wrapped in a cloth behind the priestly vest. If you want it, take it; for there is no other sword except that one here." And David said, "There is no other like it; give it to me."</p> <p>David flees to Achish, the king of Gath, who eventually throws him out</p> <p>10 And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul and went to Achish, the king of Gath, a Philistine city.</p> <p>11 And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David, the king of the land? Did they not sing to each other about him in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousand, and David his ten thousand?'"</p> <p>12 And David took these words to heart and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath.</p> <p>13 And he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be mentally disturbed when he was with them. He scribbled on the doors of the gate and let his saliva run down his beard.</p> <p>14 Then Achish said to his servants, "The person is mentally disturbed; why have you brought him to me?"</p> <p>15 "Do I have such a need for mentally disturbed people that you have brought this fellow to play the mentally disturbed person in my presence? Get him out of my house."</p>
<p>22:1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither</p>	<p>David escapes to the wilderness where followers gather to him</p> <p>22:1 Therefore, David departed from there, and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his relatives and all his father's house heard it, they</p>

to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 & And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 & And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 & When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;)

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 & Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, indebted, or discontented assembled before them. And David became a commander over them. And with him were about four hundred people.

3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come here and be with you until I know what Yahweh will do for me."

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with the king the whole while that David was hiding in a stronghold.

5 And the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart and go into the land of Judah." Then David departed and went into the forest of Hareth.

6 Saul was told the location of David and the people who were with him (now Saul dwelt in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand. And all his servants were around him).

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Hear now, you Benjamites: will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?"

8 "All of you have conspired against me, and none of you has told me that my son has made a treaty with the son of Jesse. And none of you is sorry for me or has told me that my son has stirred up my servant David against me to lie in ambush, as he is doing now!"

9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, answered, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 "And Ahimelech prayed to Yahweh for David and gave him food and the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

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Saul kills Ahimelech the priest and his household

11 Then the king sent for Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, along with his father's household, and the priests who were in Nob. And all of them came to the king.

<p>12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.</p> <p>13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?</p> <p>14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?</p> <p>15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.</p> <p>16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.</p> <p>17 & And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.</p> <p>18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.</p> <p>19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.</p> <p>20 & And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.</p> <p>21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD'S priests.</p> <p>22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.</p> <p>23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.</p>	<p>12 And Saul said, "Hear now, you son of Ahitub." And Ahimelech answered, "Here I am, my lord."</p> <p>13 And Saul said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me? You have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of Yahweh for him so that now he is against me, lying in ambush to kill me this very day?"</p> <p>14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, "And who is so faithful among all your servants as David, the king's son-in-law, who goes at your bidding and is honorable in your household?"</p> <p>15 "Did I then pray for his success against you? Be it far from me. You cannot accuse me of anything, nor the household of my father, for your servant knew nothing of all this."</p> <p>16 And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech— you and all your father's household."</p> <p>17 And the king said to the guards who stood around him, "Turn and slay these priests of Yahweh, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell me." But the servants of the king refused to harm the priests of Yahweh.</p> <p>18 And the king said to Doeg, "Turn and slay these priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned, and struck down the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore a linen priestly vest.</p> <p>19 And Saul struck Nob, the city of priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing babies, and oxen, and donkeys and sheep.</p> <p>20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub named Abiathar, escaped and fled to David.</p> <p>21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain Yahweh's priests.</p> <p>22 And David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the death of all of your father's relatives.</p> <p>23 "Stay with me and do not be afraid, for he who seeks my life seeks your life. But with me you shall be safe."</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
`	David saves the inhabitants of Keilah

23:1 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 & And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 & And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O Lord God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

13 & Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he

23:1 Then they told David, "Behold, the Philistines are attacking Keilah, and robbing the threshing floors."

2 Therefore, David asked Yahweh, "Shall I go and fight these Philistines?" And Yahweh said to David, "Go and fight the Philistines and save Keilah."

3 And David's followers said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of Yahweh again. And Yahweh answered him, "Arise and go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hands."

5 So David and his soldiers went to Keilah, fought against the Philistines, brought away their cattle and slaughtered them. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

David flees Keilah before Saul can attack him there

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, that Abiathar had brought a priestly vest in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, "Yahweh has delivered David into my hand, for he has trapped himself by entering a town with gates and bars."

8 And Saul summoned his troops, to go down to Keilah to fight against David and his people.

9 And David knew that Saul secretly planned to harm him, so he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the priestly vest here."

10 Then David said, "O Yahweh, Deity of Israel, I have surely heard that Saul intends to come to Keilah to destroy it and thereby kill me.

11 "Will the people of Keilah deliver me into his hands? Will Saul come down as your servant has heard? Yahweh, please tell your servant." And Yahweh said, "He will come down."

12 Then David said, "Will the people of Keilah betray my soldiers and me into the hands of Saul?" And Yahweh said, "They will betray you."

13 Then David and his followers, who numbered about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah and went into the wilderness. And Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah so he did not go

forbare to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 & And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 & Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock,

there.

David dwells in the wilderness

14 And David dwelt in the wilderness in strongholds, and camped at a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul searched for him every day, but Yahweh did not deliver David into his hand.

15 While David was hiding in a forest in the wilderness of Ziph, he saw that Saul had come out to take his life.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the forest, and assured him that he was in Yahweh's favor.

17 And Jonathan said to him, "Do not be afraid, for Saul will not find you. And you will be king over Israel, and I will be next to you. And Saul my father knows it."

18 And these two made a covenant before God. And David stayed in the forest, and Jonathan went to his house.

The Ziphites betray David, but Saul is not able to catch him

19 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "David is hiding in our country in strongholds in the forest, by the hill of Hachilah, south of Jeshimon.

20 "Therefore, O king, if you come down now in accord with *the desire of your soul* (your desire), we will deliver David into your hand."

21 And Saul said, "May you be blessed by Yahweh, for you have compassion on me.

22 "Go and investigate the place where he hides, and who has seen him there; for I have been told that he is very cunning.

23 "Therefore, find out all the places where he could hide. Then report this information to me and I will go with you. And it shall come to pass, if he is in the land, that I will search him out through the whole land."

24 And the Ziphite people arose, and went to Ziph ahead of Saul, but David and his followers were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul and his soldiers went to seek him. And David was told this and went to a certain rock, to

<p>and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.</p> <p>26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.</p> <p>27 & But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.</p> <p>28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Selah-hammahlekoth.</p> <p>29 & And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.</p>	<p>dwelt in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued David there in the wilderness.</p> <p>26 And Saul went on one side of a mountain, and David and his soldiers were on the other side of the mountain. And David hurried to get away for fear of Saul, for Saul and his soldiers were trying to surround David and his soldiers, to capture them.</p> <p>27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have invaded the land."</p> <p>28 So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore, they called that place Selah-hammahlekoth.</p> <p>29 And David left Maon and dwelt in strongholds at Engedi.</p>
<p>24:1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.</p> <p>2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.</p> <p>3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.</p> <p>4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.</p> <p>5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.</p> <p>6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.</p> <p>7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.</p> <p>8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king.</p>	<p>With Saul in his power, David refuses to harm Saul</p> <p>24:1 And it came to pass, when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, that he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."</p> <p>2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen soldiers out of all Israel and went to seek David and his followers on the rocks of the wild goats.</p> <p>3 And he came to the sheep pens on the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. And David and his followers were hiding within the sides of the cave.</p> <p>4 And David's followers said to him, "Behold this is the day about which Yahweh said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand so that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David arose and quietly cut off a piece of Saul's robe.</p> <p>5 Then David regretted cutting off a piece of Saul's robe,</p> <p>6 and he said to his followers, "God forbid that I should do this thing to my master, Yahweh's anointed, to reach out my hands against him, since he is the anointed of Yahweh."</p> <p>7 So David restrained his followers with these words and did not allow them to attack Saul. So Saul left the cave and went on his way.</p> <p>8 David arose afterward, left the cave and cried out after Saul, saying, "My lord the king." And when</p>

And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 & And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD'S anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? After whom dost thou pursue? After a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

16 & And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? Wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

Saul looked behind him, David bowed in homage with his face toward the earth.

9 And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to people who say, 'Behold, David intends to harm you?'"

10 "Behold, this day your eyes will see that Yahweh delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and some urged me to kill you. But I spared you and said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is Yahweh's anointed.'

11 "Moreover, my father, see the piece of your robe in my hand. I cut off a piece of your robe and did not kill you. And this proves that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt me to take my life.

12 "May Yahweh judge between you and me, and Yahweh avenge me on you, but my hands shall not be upon you.

13 "As a proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked, but my hands will not be upon you.'

14 "After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?

15 "Therefore, let Yahweh be the judge and decide between you and me. May He see and plead my cause and deliver me out of your hands."

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Saul weeps with remorse and returns home

16 And it came to pass, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul raised his voice and wept.

17 And he said to David, "You are more righteous than I: for you have rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded you evil.

18 "And you have shown this day that you have dealt well with me: for when Yahweh delivered me into your hands, you did not kill me.

19 "For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away? Therefore, God reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.

20 "And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 "Therefore, swear now to me by God, that you

<p>21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.</p> <p>22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.</p>	<p>will not cut off my descendants after me and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house.”</p> <p>22 And David swore this to Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his followers went back to a stronghold in the wilderness.</p>
<p>25:1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.</p> <p>2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.</p> <p>3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.</p> <p>4 & And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.</p> <p>5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:</p> <p>6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.</p> <p>7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.</p> <p>8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.</p> <p>9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.</p> <p>10 & And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.</p>	<p>Nabal rejects David's request for food for his followers</p> <p>25:1 And Samuel died, and all the Israelites assembled to mourn him and bury him in his house at Ramah. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.</p> <p>2 And there was a man in Maon whose possessions were in Carmel. And he was very rich with three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.</p> <p>3 Now the man's name was Nabal (foolish, churlish), and his wife's name was Abigail, and she was a woman of intelligence, and beauty. But the man was ill-tempered and mean in his dealings, and he was of the house of Caleb.</p> <p>4 In the wilderness David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep.</p> <p>5 And David sent out ten young soldiers, and told them, “Go to Carmel, to Nabal, and greet him in my name.</p> <p>6 “And you shall say this to him, ‘Peace to you and peace to your house and peace to all that you have.</p> <p>7 ‘And now I have heard that you have shearers. Now we did not harm your shepherds who were with us, nor did anything of theirs go missing the whole time they were in Carmel.</p> <p>8 ‘Ask your young shepherds, and they will tell you. Therefore, let us find favor in your eyes, for we have come on a good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.”</p> <p>9 And when David's young followers came, they spoke to Nabal as instructed by David and waited for a reply.</p> <p>10 And Nabal answered David's servants, “Who is David and who is this son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who break away from their masters.</p> <p>11 “Shall I take my bread, my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to</p>

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,
 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.
 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.
 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.
 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.
 29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.
 30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;
 31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.
 32 & And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:
 33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.
 34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth,

24 And she lay at his feet and said, "Let this guilt be upon me, my lord; and let your servant, I beg you, speak to you. Please hear the words of your servant.

25 "My lord, I beg you, do not pay any attention to this man of Belial, Nabal (foolish, churlish), for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him, but I your servant did not see the young soldiers of my lord whom you sent.

26 "Therefore, my lord, as God lives and as your *soul* [spirit] lives, seeing God has withheld you from coming to shed blood and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord be as Nabal.

27 "And now let this food which I have brought to you be given to the young soldiers who follow you.

28 "I beg you, forgive me for being so bold. For Yahweh will certainly preserve your descendants forever, because my lord fights the battles of Yahweh, and no evil has been found in you during all your days.

29 "Yet a person has risen to pursue you, and to seek your life, but your life shall be carefully preserved by the living God. And the lives of your enemies, Yahweh will cast away as from a sling.

30 "And it shall come to pass, when God has done for my lord all the good that He has promised you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel,

31 "that you will not be burdened by the grief and remorse that you would bring upon yourself by shedding blood needlessly to avenge yourself. But when God has dealt well with you, then remember your servant."

32 And David said to Abigail, "Praised be the God of Israel which sent you to meet me today.

33 "And blessed be your advice, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from coming to shed blood and from avenging myself with my own hand.

34 "As the God of Israel lives which has kept me from harming you, if you had not hastened and come to meet me, surely none of Nabal's men would have been left alive by the morning light."

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go in peace to your home. See, I have listened to you and granted your petition."

which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 & And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 & And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.

And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

44 & But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

Nabal passes on

36 And Abigail returned to Nabal. And behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king, and Nabal's heart was merry, for he was very drunk. Therefore, she told him nothing until daybreak.

37 And it came to pass in the morning, when Nabal was no longer drunk, his wife told him these things. Then his heart failed within him, and he soon became paralyzed.

38 And it came to pass about ten days afterward that Yahweh struck down Nabal and he died.

39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, David said, "Praised be Yahweh, that has avenged me upon Nabal and has kept me from committing evil. For Yahweh has returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head."

Abigail and Ahinoam become David's wives

David sent a message to Abigail that he wished to take her for his wife.

40 And when David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David sent us to you to take you to him as his wife."

41 And she arose, and bowed toward the earth, and said, "Behold, let me be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord."

42 And Abigail arose quickly and rode on a donkey with five female servants of hers who went with her. And she followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

43 David also married Ahinoam of Jezreel, so both these women became his wives.

44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti, the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

The Ziphites betray David to Saul

26:1 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?
2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.
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3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.
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4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.
5 & And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.
6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.
7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.
8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.
9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?
10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.
11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.
12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they

26:1 And the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "David is hiding in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon."
2 Then Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen soldiers of Israel with him, to search for David there.
3 And Saul camped by the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon. But David was dwelling in the wilderness and saw that Saul was coming after him.
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David spares Saul's life a second time

4 Therefore, David sent out spies, and found that Saul had truly come.
5 And David arose, and went to the place where Saul was camping. David saw where Saul and Abner, son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army were laying. And Saul was surrounded by his soldiers.
6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down with me to Saul at his camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."
7 So David and Abishai came to the camp by night; and behold, Saul lay sleeping surrounded by soldiers, and his spear was stuck in the ground by his head. Abner and the soldiers lay around him.
8 Then Abishai said to David, "Yahweh has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please let me pin him with the spear to the earth, with no need for a second blow."
9 And David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can raise his hand against Yahweh's anointed and be guiltless?"
10 David added, "As Yahweh lives, Yahweh shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he will go into battle and perish.
11 "God forbid that I should raise my hand against Yahweh's anointed. But take the spear by his head and his water jar and let us go."
12 So David took the spear and the water jar by Saul's head, and they escaped undetected. None of them woke up because a deep sleep from Yahweh had fallen on them.
13 Then David went over to the other side and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great space being

were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 & Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them:

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? And who is like to thee in Israel? Wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? For there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 & Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! And let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine

between them.

14 And David cried out to the army and to Abner the son of Ner, "Answer, Abner!" Then Abner answered, "Who are you who cries out to the king?"

15 And David said to Abner, "Are you not a valiant soldier? And who is like you in Israel? Therefore, why have you not protected your lord the king? For someone came in to destroy him.

16 "Your neglect of duty is not good. As Yahweh lives, you deserve to die, because you have not protected your master, Yahweh's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the water jar that was beside his head."

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king."

18 And David asked, "Why is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?"

19 "Therefore, I now request, let my lord the king hear my words. If Yahweh has incited you against me, let Him accept an offering. But if there are people who have done so, let them be cursed before Yahweh. For today they have driven me out from abiding in the inheritance of God, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

20 "Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth before God. For the king of Israel has come out to search for a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned! Return, my son David. For I will not do you any more harm, because my *soul* (life) was precious in your eyes today. Behold, I have played the fool and made a great mistake."

22 And David answered, "Behold the king's spear, which I have taken! Let one of the young soldiers come and retrieve it.

23 "May God reward all people according to their own righteousness and their faithfulness. For Yahweh delivered you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against Yahweh's anointed.

24 "And, behold, as I so greatly valued your life today, so let my life be valued greatly in the *eyes* [sight] of Yahweh, and let Him deliver me out of all

<p>hand against the LORD's anointed. 24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. 25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.</p>	<p>tribulation.” 25 Then Saul said to David, “Blessed are you, my son David; you will do great things and will prevail.” So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place. ` ` ` `</p>
<p>` ` 27:1 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. 2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. ` 4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him. 5 & And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? ` 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. 7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8 & And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. 9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel,</p>	<p>David escapes into the land of the Philistines, where he fights against the enemies of Israel 27:1 And David said in his heart, “I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me to do than to speedily escape into the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of finding me anymore in the land of Israel, and I will escape out of his hands.” 2 And David arose, and along with his six hundred soldiers passed over to Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath, a Philistine city. 3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath with his people: all the soldiers with their household, including David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's former wife. 4 And Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, so he stopped searching for him. 5 And David said to Achish, “If I have now found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in your country, so that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?” 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day. Therefore, Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah to this day. 7 And the time that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8 And David and his soldiers went and invaded the Geshurites, the Gezrites and the Amalekites. For since ancient times, these people had inhabited the land extending to Shur, toward the land of Egypt. 9 And David attacked the land, and did not leave a man or woman alive, and took away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels and the clothing of the people. And he returned, and came to Achish. 10 And Achish said, “Where did you raid today?”</p>

<p>and returned, and came to Achish. 10 And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines. 12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.</p>	<p>And David said, "Against the south country of Judah, the south country of the Jerahmeelites and the south country of the Kenites." 11 But David did not save a man or woman alive, to bring news to Gath, thinking, "They might tell on us, saying, "This is what David did, and was his practice the whole time he lived in the country of the Philistines." 12 And Achish believed David, saying, "He has made himself so repulsive to his people Israel that he shall be my servant forever." ` `</p>
<p>` 28:1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever. 3 & Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. ` 7 & Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and</p>	<p>David seems to serve the Philistine king of Gath 28:1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines assembled their armies to do battle with Israel. And Achish said to David, "Surely you and your soldiers will go out with me to battle." 2 And David said to Achish, "Surely you know what I can do." And Achish said to David, "Therefore, I will make you my bodyguard forever." 3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah in his own city. And Saul had banished the witches and wizards out of the land. 4 And the Philistines assembled, and set up their camp in Shunem, and Saul assembled all Israel, and they camped in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the army of the Philistines, his heart trembled greatly with fear. 6 And when Saul inquired of Yahweh, Yahweh did not answer him, either by dreams, by Urim or by prophets. ` ` Saul seeks help from a medium 7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a spiritualist who is a medium, I can go to that I may consult for advice." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at Endor." 8 And Saul disguised himself different clothing. And he went with two persons, and they came to the woman by night. And Saul said, "Conjure up for me the spirit of the person that I shall name to you." 9 And the woman said to him, "Behold, you know</p>

bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.
 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?
 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.
 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Saul.
 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.
 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.
 15 & And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.
 16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?
 17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:
 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.
 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

what Saul has done—how he has driven all the mediums and the wizards, out of the land. Therefore, why do you set a trap for my life, to cause me to die?”
 10 And Saul swore to her by Yahweh, “As Yahweh lives, no punishment shall happen to you for this thing.”
 11 Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up to you?” And he said, “Bring Samuel up to me.”
 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and she said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul.”
 13 And the king said to her, “Do not be afraid. What did you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I saw a ghost ascending out of the earth.”
 14 And Saul said to her, “What form does he have?” And she said, “An old man comes up, and he is covered with a cloak.” And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground.

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Saul is told of his coming defeat and death

15 And Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Saul answered, “I am in great trouble. For the Philistines make war against me, and Yahweh has departed from me, and does not answer me anymore, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore, I have called you so that you may tell me what I should do.”
 16 Then Samuel said, “Why do you ask me, seeing that Yahweh has departed from you and has become your enemy?
 17 “And Yahweh has done to you, exactly as he spoke through me, for Yahweh has torn the kingdom from your hands and has given it to your neighbor, David.
 18 “Because you did not obey the voice of Yahweh, nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, Yahweh has done this to you this day.
 19 “Moreover, Yahweh will also deliver Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be dead, as I am.”
 20 Then Saul fell immediately to the earth, terrified by the words of Samuel. And his strength

<p>20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.</p> <p>21 & And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.</p> <p>22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.</p> <p>23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.</p> <p>24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:</p> <p>25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.</p>	<p>was gone from not eating anything all that day and night.</p> <p>21 And the woman came to Saul, and seeing how terrified he was, said to him, “Behold, I have obeyed your voice. And I have risked my life by doing what you asked me to do.</p> <p>22 “Now therefore, I beg you, listen to the voice of your servant, and let me set some food before you. And eat so that you may have strength when you go on your way.”</p> <p>23 But he refused, saying “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him to eat and he listened to them. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon a bed.</p> <p>24 And the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she hastily killed it. She took flour, kneaded it, and baked it into unleavened bread.</p> <p>25 And she brought it to Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and left that night.</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>`</p>
<p>`</p> <p>`</p> <p>29:1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.</p> <p>2 And the LORDs of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.</p> <p>3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?</p> <p>4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? Should it not be with the heads of these men?</p>	<p>The Philistines reject David as they prepare to battle with the Israelites</p> <p>29:1 Now the Philistines assembled all their armies at Aphek, and the Israelites camped by a fountain which is in Jezreel.</p> <p>2 As the Philistine units of hundreds and thousands marched on, David and his soldiers marched behind them with Achish.</p> <p>3 Then the leaders of the Philistines said, “What are these Hebrews doing here?” And Achish said to them, “This is David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, even years. And to this day I have not found any fault in him since he came over to me.”</p> <p>4 But the leaders of the Philistines were angry with Achish and said to him, “Send this fellow back that he may return to a place you appoint for him. But do not let him go with us to battle lest he become an adversary to us. For what better way for him to reconcile himself to his master than with the heads of Philistines?</p> <p>5 “Is not this David, of whom they sang to each</p>

<p>5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands? 6 & Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the LORDs favour thee not. 7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the LORDs of the Philistines. 8 & And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? And what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? 9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.</p>	<p>other in dances, saying, "Saul killed his thousand, and David his ten thousand?" 6 Then Achish called David, and said to him, "Surely, as Yahweh lives, you have been upright, and all of your actions with me in the army have been good in my sight. For I have not found evil in you since the day you came until now. Nevertheless, the leaders of the Philistines do not favor you. 7 "Therefore, return now; go in peace so that you do not displease the leaders of the Philistines." 8 And David said to Achish, "But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, to this day, that I may not go fight against your enemies?" 9 And Achish answered David, "I know that you are as good in my sight as an angel of Yahweh. However, the leaders of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go with us to the battle.' 10 "Therefore, arise early in the morning, and at daybreak, depart with your servants who have come with you." 11 So David and his soldiers arose early in the morning to depart. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel. ` `</p>
<p>` `</p> <p>30:1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; `</p> <p>2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. `</p> <p>3 & So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captives,</p>	<p>David recovers all that the Amalekites had carried away, and rescues his two wives 30:1 And it came to pass, when David and his soldiers came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south (the Negev), including Ziklag, which they destroyed and burned down. 2 And the Amalekites had taken the women captive who were there. They did not kill any women, whether young or old, but rather carried them off as they went on their way. 3 When David and his soldiers came to the city, they found it burned down and their wives, sons and daughters taken captive. 4 Then David and his soldiers lifted up their voices and wept until they did not have any more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess</p>

Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 & And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? And whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 & And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

and Abigail who had been the wife of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

6 And David was greatly distressed, for the soldiers spoke of stoning him because the *soul* (spirit) of every soldier grieved for his sons and daughters. But David found courage in Yahweh his Deity.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring to me the ephod (priestly vest)." And Abiathar brought the priestly vest to David.

8 And David asked Yahweh, "Shall I pursue after the enemy? Shall I overtake them?" And Yahweh answered, "Pursue, for you shall rescue the captives without fail."

9 So David went with six hundred soldiers and came to the Besor River, where some soldiers were left behind.

10 From there David pursued with four hundred soldiers, for two hundred, who were too exhausted to cross the River Besor, stayed behind.

11 And they found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him food to eat and water to drink.

12 And they gave him a piece of fig cake and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him, for he had not had any food or water for three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite. And my master left me because three days ago I fell sick.

14 "We made an invasion on the Negev of the Cherethites, and on the land which belongs to Judah, and on the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire."

15 And David said to him, "Can you lead me to the Amalekite raiders? And he said, "Swear to me by Yahweh, that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will lead you to the Amalekites."

16 And when the Egyptian had led David, behold, the Amalekites were spread abroad across the land, eating, drinking and dancing because of all the great plunder that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and the land of Judah.

17 And David struck the Amalekites down from

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

21 & And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? But as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 & And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

27 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which

twilight until the evening of the next day. And not a soldier of them escaped, except four hundred young soldiers who fled on camels.

18 And David recovered everything the Amalekites had carried away, and rescued his two wives.

19 And nothing of David's soldiers was missing, whether old or young, son or daughter, or any of the plunder that was taken. David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which his soldiers drove before them, saying, "This is David's plunder."

21 And David came to the two hundred soldiers who were too weak to follow David and had to stay at the Besor River. And they went to meet David and the people with him. When David came near to these soldiers, he greeted them.

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David shares the plunder from overcoming the Amalekites

22 Then the wicked and worthless people who had gone with David said, "Because the two hundred soldiers did not go with us, we will not give them any of the plunder that we have recovered, except their wife and their children so that they may lead them away and depart.

23 Then David said, "You shall not do so, my fellow soldiers, with what Yahweh has given us. He has preserved us and delivered into our hands the Amalekites who came against us.

24 "For who will listen to you in this matter? For whatever the soldier who went to the battle with me receives, so shall the soldier who stayed with our belongings receive: they shall both have the same amount."

25 From that day forward to this day, David made this a statute and an ordinance for Israel.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent plunder to the elders of Judah, and to his friends, saying, "Behold a present for you of the plunder of the enemies of Yahweh."

27 David sent plunder to those who were in Bethel, in south Ramoth, in Jattir.

28 to those in Aroer, in Siphmoth, in Eshtemoa,

<p>were in Jattir, 28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, 29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach, 31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.</p>	<p>29 to those in Rachal, the towns of the Jerahmeelites, the towns of the Kenites, 30 to those in Hormah, in Chorashan, in Athach, 31 and to those in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his soldiers had spent time. ` ` ` ` ` ` `</p>
<p>` 31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together. 7 & And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his</p>	<p>The Philistines kill Saul and his three sons 31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and the soldiers of Israel fled from the Philistines and were killed at Mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons, and Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab and Malchishua, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went against Saul, and the archers hit him, badly wounding him. 4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust it through me, or these uncircumcised Philistines will thrust me through and torture me." But his armor-bearer would not do this, for he was very afraid. Therefore, Saul took a sword and fell upon it, killing himself. 5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his own sword and died with him. 6 So Saul died, his three sons, his armor-bearer and all his soldiers, that same day together. 7 And when the people of Israel on the other side of the valley and those on the other side of the Jordan River saw that the soldiers of Israel fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their towns and fled. And the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found the bodies of Saul and his three sons by Mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off Saul's head, stripped off his armor, and sent them with messengers into the land of the Philistines to tell the good news in the house</p>

<p>armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.</p> <p>10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.</p> <p>11 & And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;</p> <p>12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.</p> <p>13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.</p>	<p>of their idols and among the people.</p> <p>10 And they put Saul's armor in the house of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.</p> <p>11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,</p> <p>12 all the valiant people arose and traveled all night and took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Bethshan, carried them to Jabesh and burned them there.</p> <p>13 And they buried their bones under a tree at Jabesh and fasted seven days.</p> <p>\</p> <p>\</p>
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¹ 3:20 In 1 Samuel 15:33, Samuel cuts King Agag to pieces. This is something which a prophet of Yahweh would do, but not a prophet of the divine Principle Love.

² 17:4 The tallest recorded person who ever lived reached 8' 11" in height. So a person 9' tall is not inconceivable, although the height of Goliath was probably exaggerated. There is much exaggeration in the Old Testament.

³ 17:49 For a period of time, the Israelite army contained a division of slingers. Slings were considered a military weapon.