

~HANUN 1 (71)

(Ha'nun) [He Has Shown Favor, He Has Been Gracious]

- Son of and successor to the throne of Nahash the king of Ammon. Because of the loving-kindness Nahash had exercised toward him, David sent messengers to comfort **Hanun** over the loss of his father.
- But **Hanun**, convinced by his princes that this was merely a subterfuge on David's part to spy out the city, dishonored David's servants by shaving off half their beards and cutting their garments in half to their buttocks and then sent them away.
- When the sons of Ammon saw that they had become foul smelling to David because of the humiliation meted out to his messengers, **Hanun** took the initiative to prepare for war and hired the Syrians to fight against Israel.
- In the ensuing conflicts the Ammonites and the Syrians were completely defeated by Israel. David subjected the surviving Ammonites of Rabbah to forced labor.
- And it came about afterward that the king of the sons of Ammon came to die, and **Hanun** his son began to reign instead of him. (2 Samuel 10:1)
- And it came about at the return of the year, at the time that kings sally forth, that David proceeded to send Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, that they might bring the sons of Ammon to ruin and lay siege to Rabbah, while David was dwelling in Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 11:1)
- And Joab continued to fight against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon and got to capture the city of the kingdom. (2 Samuel 12:26)
- So Joab sent messengers to David and said; I have fought against Rabbah. I have also captured the city of waters. (2 Samuel 12:27)
- And now gather the rest of the people and encamp against the city, and capture it, that I myself may not be the one to capture the city, and my name should not have to be called upon it. (2

Samuel 12:28)

- **Accordingly David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah and fought against it and captured it. (2 Samuel 12:29)**
- **And he got to take the crown of Malcam off its head, the weight of which was a talent of gold, along with precious stones, and it came to be upon David's head. And the spoil of the city that he brought out was very much. (2 Samuel 12:30)**
- **And the people that were in it, he brought out that he might put them at sawing stones and at sharp instruments of iron and at axes of iron, and he made them serve at brickmaking. And that was the way he proceeded to do to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Finally David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 12:31)**
- **And it came about afterward that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came to die, and his son began to reign in place of him. (1 Chronicles 19:1)**
- **And the people that were in it he brought out, and he kept them employed at sawing stones and at sharp instruments of iron and at axes, and that was the way David proceeded to do to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Finally David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 20:3)**