

~**DAVID (5440)**

(Da'vid) [probably, Beloved]

- **As A Youth**
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- **As King**
- **Rule At Jerusalem**
- **Sins Bring Calamity**
- **Purchase Of The Site For The Temple**
- **End Of David's Reign**
- **Pictorial**

- In the **New World Translation** the name **David** occurs 1,079 times in the Hebrew Scriptures, including 75 times in superscriptions of 73 psalms, and 59 times in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**. Of all Hebrew Scripture personages, only Moses and Abraham are mentioned more frequently by Christian Bible writers.
- In the 1,138 places where the name **David** occurs, reference is to but one individual, the second king of Israel, or the one of whom David, at times, served as a pictorial type, Jesus Christ, son of David.
- The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of **David**, son of Abraham. (**Matthew 1:1**)
- This shepherd, musician, poet, soldier, statesman, prophet, and king stands out in the Hebrew Scriptures in great prominence. Here was a fierce fighter on the battlefield who showed endurance under hardships, a leader and commander strong and unwavering in courage, yet humble enough to acknowledge his mistakes and repent of his gross sins, a man capable of tender compassion and mercy, a lover of truth and righteousness, and above all, one with implicit trust and confidence in his God Yehowah.
- **David**, a descendant of Boaz and Ruth, had an ancestry running back through Perez to Judah.
- Now these are the generations of Perez. Perez became father to Hezron. (**Ruth 4:18**)
- And Hezron became father to Ram. Ram became father to Amminadab. (**Ruth 4:19**)

- And Amminadab became father to Nahshon. Nahshon became father to Salmon. (**Ruth 4:20**)
- And Salmon became father to Boaz. Boaz became father to Obed. (**Ruth 4:21**)
- And Obed became father to Jesse. Jesse became father to **David**. (**Ruth 4:22**)
- Judah became father to Perez and to Zerah by Tamar. Perez became father to Hezron. Hezron became father to Ram. (**Matthew 1:3**)
- Ram became father to Amminadab. Amminadab became father to Nahshon. Nahshon became father to Salmon. (**Matthew 1:4**)
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (**Matthew 1:5**)
- Jesse became father to **David** the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (**Matthew 1:6**)
- **This youngest of Jesse's eight sons also had two sisters or half sisters.**
- So Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, still Samuel said to Jesse; Yehowah has not chosen these. (**1 Samuel 16:10**)
- Finally Samuel said to Jesse; Are these all the boys? To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse; Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (**1 Samuel 16:11**)
- Now **David** was the son of this Ephrathite from Bethlehem of Judah whose name was Jesse. And he had eight sons. And in the days of Saul the man was already old among men. (**1 Samuel 17:12**)
- And their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail, and the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (**1 Chronicles 2:16**)

- One of **David's** brothers evidently died without having children and was thus dropped from later genealogical records.
- Jesse, in turn, became father to his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third. (**1 Chronicles 2:13**)
- Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth. (**1 Chronicles 2:14**)
- Ozem the sixth, **David** the seventh. (**1 Chronicles 2:15**)
- And their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail, and the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (**1 Chronicles 2:16**)
- The name of **David's** mother is not given. Some have suggested that Nahash was his mother, but it is more probable that Nahash was the father of **David's** half sisters.
- And Amasa was the one whom Absalom put in the place of Joab over the army, and Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who had relations with Abigail the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. (**2 Samuel 17:25**)

See Also NAHASH 2

- Bethlehem, located about 9 kilometers (5.5 miles) South-Southwest of Jerusalem, was **David's** hometown, the town where his forefathers Jesse, Obed, and Boaz had lived, and which was sometimes called David's city.
- Of course, Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to **David's** city, which is called Bethlehem, because of his being a member of the house and family of **David**. (**Luke 2:4**)
- Because there was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in **David's** city. (**Luke 2:11**)
- Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is coming from the offspring of **David**, and from Bethlehem the village where **David** used to be? (**John 7:42**)

- Not to be confused with the City of **David**, that is, Zion in Jerusalem.
- Just the same, **David** proceeded to capture the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David. (**2 Samuel 5:7**)

·· As A Youth

- We first meet up with **David** as he is tending his father's sheep in a field near Bethlehem, reminding us that it was also in a field near Bethlehem where shepherds more than a millennium later were overawed at being chosen to hear Yehowah's angel announcing the birth of Jesus.
- There were also in that same country shepherds living out of doors and keeping watches in the night over their flocks. (**Luke 2:8**)
- And suddenly Yehowah's angel stood by them, and Yehowah's glory gleamed around them, and they became very fearful. (**Luke 2:9**)
- But the angel said to them; Have no fear, for, look! I am declaring to you Good News of a great joy that all the people will have. (**Luke 2:10**)
- Because there was born to you today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in **David's** city. (**Luke 2:11**)
- And this is a sign for you. You will find an infant bound in cloth bands and lying in a manger. (**Luke 2:12**)
- And suddenly there came to be with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying; (**Luke 2:13**)
- Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth peace among men of goodwill. (**Luke 2:14**)
- Samuel, sent by God to the house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons to be the future king, turns down **David's** seven older brothers, saying; Yehowah has not chosen these.
- Finally **David** is fetched from the field. There is an atmosphere of suspense when he enters, ruddy, a young man with beautiful eyes and

handsome in appearance, for until now no one knows why Samuel has come.

· **Get up, Samuel is commanded by Yehowah, anoint him, for this is he! This is the one of whom Yehowah says;**

· **Eventually Yehowah said to Samuel; For how long will you be mourning for Saul, while I, on the other hand, have rejected him from ruling as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I shall send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, because I have provided among his sons a king for myself. (1 Samuel 16:1)**

· **But Samuel said; How can I go? Once Saul has heard of it he will certainly kill me. And Yehowah went on to say; A young cow of the herd you should take with you, and you must say; To sacrifice to Yehowah is why I have come. (1 Samuel 16:2)**

· **And you must call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I, for my part, shall make known to you what you should do, and you must anoint for me the one whom I designate to you. (1 Samuel 16:3)**

· **And Samuel proceeded to do what Yehowah spoke. When he came to Bethlehem the older men of the city began to tremble at meeting him, and so they said; Does your coming mean peace? (1 Samuel 16:4)**

· **To this he said; It means peace. To sacrifice to Yehowah is why I have come. Sanctify yourselves, and you must come with me to the sacrifice. Then he sanctified Jesse and his sons, after which he called them to the sacrifice. (1 Samuel 16:5)**

· **And it came about that, as they came in and he caught sight of Eliab, he at once said; Surely his anointed one is before Yehowah. (1 Samuel 16:6)**

· **But Yehowah said to Samuel; Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not the way man sees is the way God sees, because mere man sees what appears to the eyes, but as for Yehowah, he sees what the heart is. (1 Samuel 16:7)**

· **Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass before Samuel, but he said, Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:8)**

- Next Jesse had Shammah pass by, but he said; Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:9)
- So Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, still Samuel said to Jesse; Yehowah has not chosen these. (1 Samuel 16:10)
- Finally Samuel said to Jesse; Are these all the boys? To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse; Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (1 Samuel 16:11)
- Accordingly he sent and had him come. Now he was ruddy, a young man with beautiful eyes and handsome in appearance. Then Yehowah said; Get up, anoint him, for this is he! (1 Samuel 16:12)
- Accordingly Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the spirit of Yehowah began to be operative upon David from that day forward. Later Samuel rose and went his way to Ramah. (1 Samuel 16:13)
- And now your kingdom will not last. Yehowah will certainly find for himself a man agreeable to his heart, and Yehowah will commission him as a leader over his people, because you did not keep what Yehowah commanded you. (1 Samuel 13:14)
- And after removing him, he raised up for them David as king, respecting whom he bore witness and said; I have found David the son of Jesse, a man agreeable to my heart, who will do all the things I desire. (Acts of Apostles 13:22)
- David's years spent as a shepherd lad had a profound influence on the rest of his life. Outdoor life prepared him to live as a fugitive when, in later life, he fled the wrath of Saul.
- He also acquired skill in throwing slingstones, and he developed endurance, courage, and a willingness to pursue and rescue sheep separated from the flock, not hesitating to kill a bear or a lion when necessary.
- And David went on to say to Saul; Your servant became a shepherd of his father among the flock, and there came a lion, and also a bear, and each carried off a sheep from the drove. (1

Samuel 17:34)

- And I went out after it and struck it down and made the rescue from its mouth. When it began rising against me, I grabbed hold of its beard and struck it down and put it to death. (1 Samuel 17:35)
- Both the lion and the bear your servant struck down, and this uncircumcised Philistine must become like one of them, for he has taunted the battle lines of the living God. (1 Samuel 17:36)
- But for all of his valor as a warrior, **David** will also be remembered as one skilled on the harp and as a composer of song, abilities he perhaps acquired during the long hours spent tending the sheep. **David** also had a reputation for developing new musical instruments.
- And the priests were standing at their posts of duty, and the Levites with the instruments of song to Yehowah that **David** the king had made to thank Yehowah, for his loving-kindness is to time indefinite, when **David** would render praise by their hand, and the priests were loudly sounding the trumpets in front of them, while all the Israelites were standing. (2 Chronicles 7:6)
- So the Levites kept standing with the instruments of **David**, and also the priests with the trumpets. (2 Chronicles 29:26)
- Then Hezekiah said to offer up the burnt sacrifice on the altar, and at the time that the burnt offering started, the song of Yehowah started and also the trumpets, even under the direction of the instruments of **David** the king of Israel. (2 Chronicles 29:27)
- That are improvising according to the sound of the stringed instrument, that, like **David**, have devised for themselves instruments for song. (Amos 6:5)
- **David's** love for Yehowah raised his lyrics far above the common level of simple entertainment and made them classical masterpieces dedicated to the worship and praise of Yehowah. The superscriptions of no less than 73 psalms indicate that **David** was their composer, but still other psalms are elsewhere attributed to **David**.
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- And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather **David**, your servant; Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (**Acts of Apostles 4:25**)
 - For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasturage and the sheep of his hand. Today if you people listen to his own voice. (**Psalms 95:7**)
 - Do not harden your heart as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness. (**Psalms 95:8**)
 - He again marks off a certain day by saying after so long a time in **David's** psalm: Today. Just as it has been said above: Today if you people listen to his own voice, do not harden your hearts. (**Hebrews 4:7**)
 - Some, for example (**Psalms Chapters 8,19,23,29**), quite likely reflect **David's** experiences as a shepherd.
 - All this training while caring for sheep prepared **David** for the greater role of shepherding Yehowah's people, as it is written:
 - And so he chose **David** his servant and took him from the pens of the flock. (**Psalms 78:70**)
 - From following the females giving suck he brought him in to be a shepherd over Jacob his people and over Israel his inheritance. (**Psalms 78:71**)
 - And now this is what you will say to my servant **David**; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (**2 Samuel 7:8**)
 - However, when **David** first left his father's sheep it was not to take over the kingship. Instead, he served as the court musician upon the recommendation of an adviser of Saul, who described **David** not only as skilled at playing but also as a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him.

- **And one of the attendants proceeded to answer and say; Look! I have seen how a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite is skilled at playing, and he is a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him. (1 Samuel 16:18)**
- **So David became the harpist to troubled Saul, as well as his armor-bearer.**
- **Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said; Do send to me David your son, who is with the flock. (1 Samuel 16:19)**
- **So Jesse took an ass, bread and a skin bottle of wine and a kid of the goats and sent them by the hand of David his son to Saul. (1 Samuel 16:20)**
- **Thus David came to Saul and attended upon him, and he got to loving him very much, and he came to be his armor-bearer. (1 Samuel 16:21)**
- **Consequently Saul sent to Jesse, saying; Let David, please, keep attending upon me, for he has found favor in my eyes. (1 Samuel 16:22)**
- **And it occurred that, when God's spirit came to be upon Saul, David took the harp and played with his hand, and there was relief for Saul and it was well with him, and the bad spirit departed from upon him. (1 Samuel 16:23)**
- **Later, for reasons not disclosed, David returns to his father's house for an indeterminate period. Upon bringing provisions to his brothers in Saul's army, which at the time is in a standoff position with the Philistines, he is incensed at seeing and hearing Goliath reproach Yehowah. Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he has to taunt the battle lines of the living God? David asks;**
- **And David began to say to the men that were standing close by him; What will be done to the man that strikes down that Philistine over there and actually turns away reproach from upon Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he has to taunt the battle lines of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)**

- **Yehowah, he adds, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, he it is who will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**
- **Then David added; Yehowah, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, he it is who will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. At this Saul said to David: Go, and may Yehowah himself prove to be with you. (1 Samuel 17:37)**
- **Granted permission, the killer of the lion and the bear approaches Goliath. Suddenly David hurls the stone in his sling and brings the enemy champion down. Then with Goliaths own sword David decapitates him, and he returns to camp with the trophies of war, the giants head and sword.**
- **In turn David said to the Philistine; You are coming to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I am coming to you with the name of Yehowah of armies, the God of the battle lines of Israel, whom you have taunted. (1 Samuel 17:45)**
- **This day Yehowah will surrender you into my hand, and I shall certainly strike you down and remove your head off you, and I shall certainly give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines this day to the fowls of the heavens and to the wild beasts of the earth, and people of all the earth will know that there exists a God belonging to Israel. (1 Samuel 17:46)**
- **And all this congregation will know that neither with sword nor with spear does Yehowah save, because to Yehowah belongs the battle, and he must give you men into our hand. (1 Samuel 17:47)**
- **And it occurred that the Philistine rose and kept coming and drawing nearer to meet David, and David began hurrying and running toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. (1 Samuel 17:48)**
- **Then David thrust his hand into his bag and took a stone from there and slung it, so that he struck the Philistine in his forehead and the stone sank into his forehead, and he went falling upon his face to the earth. (1 Samuel 17:49)**
- **So David, with a sling and a stone, proved stronger than the**

- Philistine and struck the Philistine down and put him to death, and there was no sword in **David's** hand. (**1 Samuel 17:50**)
- And **David** continued running and got to stand over the Philistine. Then he took his sword and pulled it out of its sheath and definitely put him to death when he cut his head off with it. And the Philistines got to see that their mighty one had died, and they took to flight. (**1 Samuel 17:51**)
 - At that the men of Israel and of Judah rose and broke into shouting and went in pursuit of the Philistines clear to the valley and as far as the gates of Ekron, and the fatally wounded of the Philistines kept falling on the way from Shaaraim, both as far as Gath and as far as Ekron. (**1 Samuel 17:52**)
 - Afterward the sons of Israel returned from hotly pursuing the Philistines and went pillaging their camps. (**1 Samuel 17:53**)
 - Then **David** took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, and his weapons he put in his tent. (**1 Samuel 17:54**)
 - **It is noteworthy that the Septuagint, as it appears in the Fourth-century Greek manuscript Vatican 1209,**
 - Now at the moment that Saul saw **David** going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner the chief of the army; Whose son is the boy, Abner? To this Abner said; By the life of your soul, O king, I do not know at all! (**1 Samuel 17:55**)
 - Through the word **down** in;
 - And it came about that at their coming in, when **David** returned from striking the Philistines **down**, the women began coming out from all the cities of Israel with song and dances to meet Saul the king, with tambourines, with rejoicing and with lutes. (**1 Samuel 18:6**)
 - Hence **Moffatt** marks all except the last of these verses in double brackets, calling them either editorial additions or later interpolations. However, there is evidence favoring the reading of the **Masoretic** text.

See Also SAMUEL, BOOKS OF (Sections Missing in the Greek Septuagint)

•• As A Fugitive

• These fast-moving events catapulted **David** from the obscurity of the wilderness to public notice before the eyes of all Israel. Placed over the men of war, **David** was greeted with dancing and rejoicing when he returned from a victorious expedition against the Philistines, the popular song of the day being, Saul has struck down his thousands, and **David** his tens of thousands.

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• And the women that were celebrating kept responding and saying; Saul has struck down his thousands, and **David** his tens of thousands. (1 Samuel 18:7)

• All Israel and Judah were lovers of **David**, and Saul's own son Jonathan concluded with him a lifelong covenant of mutual love and friendship, the benefits of which extended to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth and grandson Mica.

• And it came about that, as soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, Jonathan's very soul became bound up with the soul of **David**, and Jonathan began to love him as his own soul. (1 Samuel 18:1)

- Then Saul took him on that day, and he did not allow him to return to his father's house. (1 Samuel 18:2)
- And Jonathan and David proceeded to conclude a covenant, because of his loving him as his own soul. (1 Samuel 18:3)
- Further, Jonathan stripped himself of the sleeveless coat that was on him and gave it to David, and also his garments, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. (1 Samuel 18:4)
- And all Israel and Judah were lovers of David, because he was going out and coming in before them. (1 Samuel 18:16)
- And David went running away from Naioth in Ramah. However, he came and said in front of Jonathan; What have I done? What is my error, and what sin have I committed before your father, for he is seeking for my soul? (1 Samuel 20:1)
- At this he said to him; It is unthinkable! You will not die. Look! My father will not do a big thing or a little thing and not disclose it to my ear, and for what reason should my father conceal this matter from me? This does not happen. (1 Samuel 20:2)
- But David swore in addition and said; Your father must surely know that I have found favor in your eyes, and so would say; Do not let Jonathan know this for fear he may feel hurt. But, in fact, as Yehowah is living and as your soul is living, there is just about a step between me and death! (1 Samuel 20:3)
- And Jonathan went on to say to David; Whatever your soul may say I shall do for you. (1 Samuel 20:4)
- At this David said to Jonathan; Look! Tomorrow is new moon, and I myself ought, without fail, to be sitting with the king to eat, and you must send me away, and I must conceal myself in the field until the evening on the third day. (1 Samuel 20:5)
- If your father should miss me at all, then you must say; David earnestly asked leave of absence of me to run to Bethlehem his city, because there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. (1 Samuel 20:6)
- If the way he should say is, It is all right! It means peace to your servant. But if he should at all become angry, know that what is

bad has been determined upon by him. (1 Samuel 20:7)

- **And you must render loving-kindness toward your servant, for it is into a covenant of Yehowah that you have brought your servant with you. But if there is error in me, put me to death yourself, since why should it be to your father that you should bring me? (1 Samuel 20:8)**
- **And this Good News of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)**
- **To this Jonathan said; That is unthinkable respecting you! But if I should at all get to know that evil has been determined upon by my father to come upon you, shall I not tell it to you? (1 Samuel 20:9)**
- **Then David said to Jonathan; Who will tell me whether what your father may answer you is harsh? (1 Samuel 20:10)**
- **In turn Jonathan said to David; Just come, and let us go out into the field. So both of them went out into the field. (1 Samuel 20:11)**
- **And Jonathan went on to say to David; Yehowah the God of Israel be a witness that I shall sound out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, and if he is well-disposed toward David, shall I not then send to you and certainly disclose it to your ear? (1 Samuel 20:12)**
- **So may Yehowah do to Jonathan and so may he add to it, if, in case it should seem good to my father to do evil against you, I do not indeed disclose it to your ear and send you away, and you do not certainly go in peace. And may Yehowah prove to be with you, just as he proved to be with my father.**
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- **And will you not, if I shall be still alive, yes, will you not exercise the loving-kindness of Yehowah toward me, that I may not die?**

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- **And you will not cut off your own loving-kindness from being with my household to time indefinite. Nor, when Yehowah cuts off the enemies of David, every one from the surface of the ground,**
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- **Will the name of Jonathan be cut off from the house of David. And Yehowah must require it at the hand of David's enemies.**
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- **So Jonathan swore again to David because of his love for him, for as he loved his own soul he loved him.**
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- **And Jonathan went on to say to him; Tomorrow is new moon, and you will certainly be missed, because your seat will be vacant. (1 Samuel 20:18)**
- **And certainly on the third day you will be missed very much, and you must come to the place where you concealed yourself on the working day, and you must dwell near this stone here.**
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- **And as for me, I shall shoot three arrows to one side of it, to send them where I will to a target.**
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- **And, look! I shall send the attendant, saying; Go, find the arrows. If I should specifically say to the attendant, Look! The arrows are on this side of you, take them, then you come, for it means peace for you and there is nothing the matter, as Yehowah is living.**
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 - **But if this is the way I should say to the lad, Look! The arrows are farther away from you, go, for Yehowah has sent you away.**
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 - **And as for the word that we have spoken, I and you, why, may Yehowah be between me and you to time indefinite.**
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 - **And the king was sitting in his seat as at other times, in the seat by the wall, and Jonathan was facing him, and Abner was sitting at Saul's side, but David's place was vacant.**
 - **And the king was sitting in his seat as at other times, in the seat by the wall, and Jonathan was facing him, and Abner was sitting at Saul's side, but David's place was vacant. (1 Samuel 20:25)**
 - **And Saul did not say anything at all on that day, for he said to himself: Something has happened so that he is not clean, for he**

has not been cleansed. (1 Samuel 20:26)

- And it came about the day after the new moon, on the second day, that **David's** place continued vacant. At this Saul said to Jonathan his son; Why has not the son of Jesse come to the meal either yesterday or today? (1 Samuel 20:27)
- So Jonathan answered Saul; **David** earnestly asked leave of absence from me to go to Bethlehem. (1 Samuel 20:28)
- And he went on to say; Send me away, please, because we have a family sacrifice in the city, and it was my own brother that commanded me. So now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me slip away, please, that I may see my brothers. That is why he has not come to the king's table.
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- Then Saul's anger grew hot against Jonathan and he said to him; You son of a rebellious maid, do I not well know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the secret parts of your mother? (1 Samuel 20:30)
- For all the days that the son of Jesse is alive on the ground, you and your kingship will not be firmly established. So now send and fetch him to me, for he is destined for death.
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- However, Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, Why should he be put to death? What has he done? (1 Samuel 20:32)
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- And he proceeded to say to his attendant; Run, please, find the arrows that I am shooting. The attendant ran, and he himself shot the arrow to make it pass beyond him. (**1 Samuel 20:36**)
- When the attendant came as far as the place of the arrow that Jonathan had shot, Jonathan began to call from behind the attendant and say; Is not the arrow farther away from you? (**1 Samuel 20:37**)
- And Jonathan went on calling from behind the attendant; In haste! Act quickly! Do not stand still! And the attendant of Jonathan went picking up the arrows and then came to his master. (**1 Samuel 20:38**)
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- After that Jonathan gave his weapons to the attendant that belonged to him and he said to him; Go, take them to the city. (**1**

Samuel 20:40)

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- **And Jonathan went on to say to David; Go in peace, since we have sworn, both of us, in the name of Yehowah, saying; May Yehowah himself prove to be between me and you and between my offspring and your offspring to time indefinite. Accordingly David rose up and went his way, and Jonathan himself came into the city. (1 Samuel 20:42)**
- **Then the two of them concluded a covenant before Yehowah. David kept dwelling in Horesh, and Jonathan himself went to his own home. (1 Samuel 23:18)**
- **And David proceeded to say; Is there yet anyone that is left over of the house of Saul, that I may exercise loving-kindness toward him for the sake of Jonathan? (2 Samuel 9:1)**
- **Now the house of Saul had a servant whose name was Ziba. So they called him to David, and the king then said to him; Are you Ziba? To which he said; I am your servant. (2 Samuel 9:2)**
- **And the king went on to say; Is there nobody of the house of Saul anymore, that I may exercise toward him the loving-kindness of God? At this Ziba said to the king; There is yet a son of Jonathan, lame in the feet. (2 Samuel 9:3)**
- **Then the king said to him; Where is he? So Ziba said to the king; Look! He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel at Lo-debar. (2 Samuel 9:4)**
- **Immediately King David sent and took him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel at Lo-debar. (2 Samuel 9:5)**
- **When Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul came in**

- to **David**, he at once fell upon his face and prostrated himself. Then **David** said; Mephibosheth! To which he said; Here is your servant. (2 Samuel 9:6)
- And **David** went on to say to him; Do not be afraid, for without fail I shall exercise loving-kindness toward you for the sake of Jonathan your father, and I must return to you all the field of Saul your grandfather, and you yourself will eat bread at my table constantly. (2 Samuel 9:7)
 - At that he prostrated himself and said; What is your servant, that you have turned your face to the dead dog such as I am? (2 Samuel 9:8)
 - The king now called Ziba, Saul's attendant, and said to him, Everything that had come to belong to Saul and to all his house I do give to the grandson of your master. (2 Samuel 9:9)
 - And you must cultivate the ground for him, you and your sons and your servants, and you must do the gathering in, and it must serve as food for those belonging to the grandson of your master, and they must eat, but Mephibosheth himself, the grandson of your master, will eat bread at my table constantly. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. (2 Samuel 9:10)
 - So Ziba said to the king; In accord with all that my lord the king commands for his servant is the way that your servant will do, but Mephibosheth is eating at my table like one of the sons of the king. (2 Samuel 9:11)
 - Now Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica, and all those dwelling in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth. (2 Samuel 9:12)
 - And Mephibosheth himself was dwelling in Jerusalem, for it was constantly at the table of the king that he was eating, and he was lame in both of his feet. (2 Samuel 9:13)
 - This popularity stirred up envy in Saul, who kept looking suspiciously at **David** from that day forward. Twice when **David** was playing as in former times, Saul hurled a spear with the intent of pinning **David** to the wall, and both times Yehowah delivered him. Saul had promised to give his daughter to whoever killed Goliath, but now he was reluctant to give her to **David**.

- Finally Saul agreed to the marriage of a second daughter, provided **David** brought him a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, an unreasonable demand that Saul calculated would mean **David's** death.
- Courageous **David**, however, doubled the dowry, presented Saul with 200 foreskins, and was married to Michal. So now two of Saul's children had lovingly entered covenants with David, circumstances that made Saul hate him all the more.
- And Saul was continually looking suspiciously at **David** from that day forward. (**1 Samuel 18:9**)
- And it came about the next day that God's bad spirit became operative upon Saul, so that he behaved like a prophet within the house, while **David** was playing music with his hand, as in former days, and the spear was in Saul's hand. (**1 Samuel 18:10**)
- And Saul proceeded to hurl the spear and say; I will pin **David** even to the wall! But **David** turned aside from before him, twice. (**1 Samuel 18:11**)
- And Saul grew afraid of **David** because Yehowah proved to be with him, but from Saul he had departed. (**1 Samuel 18:12**)
- Consequently Saul removed him from his company and appointed him as chief of a thousand for him, and he regularly went out and came in before the people. (**1 Samuel 18:13**)
- And **David** was continually acting prudently in all his ways, and Yehowah was with him. (**1 Samuel 18:14**)
- And Saul kept seeing that he was acting very prudently, so that he was scared of him. (**1 Samuel 18:15**)
- And all Israel and Judah were lovers of **David**, because he was going out and coming in before them. (**1 Samuel 18:16**)
- Finally Saul said to **David**; Here is my oldest daughter Merab. She is the one that I shall give you as a wife. Only prove yourself a valiant person to me and fight the wars of Yehowah. But as for Saul, he said to himself; Do not let my hand come to be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines come to be upon him. (**1 Samuel 18:17**)

- At this **David** said to Saul; Who am I and who are my kinsfolk, my father's family, in Israel, so that I should become son-in-law to the king? (**1 Samuel 18:18**)
- However, it came about that at the time for giving Merab, Saul's daughter, to **David**, she herself had already been given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife. (**1 Samuel 18:19**)
- Now Michal, Saul's daughter, was in love with **David**, and they went reporting it to Saul, and the matter was to his liking. (**1 Samuel 18:20**)
- So Saul said, I shall give her to him that she may serve as a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may come to be upon him. Accordingly Saul said to **David**; By one of the two women you will form a marriage alliance with me today. (**1 Samuel 18:21**)
- Further, Saul commanded his servants; Speak to **David** secretly, saying; Look! The king has found delight in you, and all his servants themselves have fallen in love with you. So now form a marriage alliance with the king. (**1 Samuel 18:22**)
- And the servants of Saul began to speak these words in the ears of **David**, but **David** said, Is it an easy thing in your eyes to form a marriage alliance with the king, when I am a man of little means and lightly esteemed? (**1 Samuel 18:23**)
- Then the servants of Saul reported to him, saying; It was with words like these that **David** spoke. (**1 Samuel 18:24**)
- At that Saul said; This is what you men will say to **David**; The king has delight, not in marriage money, but in a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to avenge himself on the enemies of the king. But as for Saul, he had schemed to have **David** fall by the hand of the Philistines. (**1 Samuel 18:25**)
- So his servants reported these words to **David**, and the matter was to **David's** liking, to form a marriage alliance with the king, and the days had not yet expired. (**1 Samuel 18:26**)
- So **David** rose and he and his men went and struck down among the Philistines two hundred men, and **David** came bringing their

- foreskins and giving them in full number to the king, to form a marriage alliance with the king. In turn Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife. (1 Samuel 18:27)
- And Saul got to see and know that Yehowah was with **David**. As for Michal, Saul's daughter, she loved him. (1 Samuel 18:28)
 - And again Saul felt still more fear because of **David**, and Saul came to be an enemy of **David** always. (1 Samuel 18:29)
 - When **David** was again playing before Saul, the king for the third time sought to pin him to the wall. Under the cover of night **David** fled, to see Saul again only under different and indeed strange circumstances.
 - Consequently Saul sought to pin **David** to the wall with the spear, but he dodged from before Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And **David** himself fled that he might escape during that night. (1 Samuel 19:10)
 - For the next several years **David** lived as a fugitive, constantly in flight from place to place, relentlessly pursued by an obstinate and wicked king bent on killing him. **David** first took refuge with the prophet Samuel in Ramah.
 - As for **David**, he ran away and made his escape and got to come to Samuel at Ramah. And he proceeded to tell him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went away, and they took up dwelling in Naioth. (1 Samuel 19:18)
 - In time the report got to Saul, saying; Look! **David** is in Naioth in Ramah. (1 Samuel 19:19)
 - At once Saul sent messengers to take **David**. When they got to see the elderly ones of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing in his position over them, the spirit of God came to be upon Saul's messengers, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. (1 Samuel 19:20)
 - When they told it to Saul, he immediately sent other messengers, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. So Saul sent messengers again, the third set, and they began behaving like prophets, they also. (1 Samuel 19:21)

- Finally he too went to Ramah. When he got as far as the great cistern that is in Secu, he began to inquire and say; Where are Samuel and **David**? To this they said; There in Naioth in Ramah. (1 Samuel 19:22)
- And he kept on his way from there to Naioth in Ramah, and the spirit of God came to be upon him, yes, him, and he went on walking and continued behaving like a prophet until he came into Naioth in Ramah. (1 Samuel 19:23)
- And he also proceeded to strip off his garments and behave, he also, like a prophet before Samuel, and he lay fallen naked all that day and all that night. That is why they came to say; Is Saul also among the prophets? (1 Samuel 19:24)
- But when this ceased to be a hiding place he headed for the Philistine city of Gath, stopping on the way to see High Priest Ahimelech in Nob, where he obtained Goliaths sword.
- Later **David** came into Nob to Ahimelech the priest, and Ahimelech began to tremble at meeting **David** and then said to him; Why is it you are by yourself, and no one is with you? (1 Samuel 21:1)
- At this **David** said to Ahimelech the priest; The king himself commanded me as to a matter, and he went on to say to me, Let no one know anything at all of the matter concerning which I am sending you and concerning which I have commanded you. And I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. (1 Samuel 21:2)
- And now, if there are five loaves of bread at your disposal, just give them into my hand, or whatever may be found. (1 Samuel 21:3)
- But the priest answered **David** and said; There is no ordinary bread under my hand, but there is holy bread, provided that the young men have at least kept themselves from womankind. (1 Samuel 21:4)
- So **David** answered the priest and said to him; But womankind has been kept away from us the same as formerly when I went out, and the organisms of the young men continue holy, although the mission itself is ordinary. And how much more so today,

when one becomes holy in his organism? (1 Samuel 21:5)

- At that the priest gave him what was holy, because there happened to be no bread there but the showbread that had been removed from before Yehowah so as to place fresh bread there on the day of its being taken away. (1 Samuel 21:6)
- Now one of Saul's servants was there on that day, detained before Yehowah, and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the principal one of the shepherds that belonged to Saul. (1 Samuel 21:7)
- And David went on to say to Ahimelech; And is there nothing here at your disposal, a spear or a sword? For neither my own sword nor my weapons did I take in my hand, because the kings matter proved to be urgent. (1 Samuel 21:8)
- To this the priest said; The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the low plain of Elah, here it is, wrapped up in a mantle, behind the ephod. If it is what you would take for yourself, take it, because there is no other here except it. And David went on to say; There is none like it. Give it to me. (1 Samuel 21:9)
- At this Doeg the Edomite, being stationed as he was over the servants of Saul, answered and said; I saw the son of Jesse come to Nob to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. (1 Samuel 22:9)
- And he proceeded to inquire of Yehowah for him, and provisions he gave him, and the sword of Goliath the Philistine he gave him. (1 Samuel 22:10)
- At once the king sent to call Ahimelech the son of Ahitub the priest and all the house of his father, the priests that were in Nob. So all of them came to the king. (1 Samuel 22:11)
- Saul now said; Listen, please, you son of Ahitub! To which he said; Here I am, my lord. (1 Samuel 22:12)
- And Saul went on to say to him; Why have you men conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving him bread and a sword, and there being an inquiry of God for him, to rise up against me as a liar in ambush the way it is this day? (1 Samuel 22:13)

- **At this Ahimelech answered the king and said; And who among all your servants is like **David**, faithful, and the son-in-law of the king and a chief over your bodyguard and honored in your house? (1 Samuel 22:14)**
- **Is it today that I have started to inquire of God for him? It is unthinkable on my part! Do not let the king lay anything against his servant and against the entire house of my father, for in all this your servant did not know a thing small or great. (1 Samuel 22:15)**
- **But the king said; You will positively die, Ahimelech, you with all the house of your father. (1 Samuel 22:16)**
- **With that the king said to the runners stationed about him; Turn and put to death the priests of Yehowah, because their hand also is with **David** and because they knew that he was a runaway and they did not disclose it to my ear! And the servants of the king did not want to thrust out their hand to assault the priests of Yehowah. (1 Samuel 22:17)**
- **Finally the king said to Doeg; You turn and assault the priests! Immediately Doeg the Edomite turned and himself assaulted the priests and put to death on that day eighty-five men bearing an ephod of linen. (1 Samuel 22:18)**
- **Even Nob the city of the priests he struck with the edge of the sword, man as well as woman, child as well as suckling and bull and ass and sheep with the edge of the sword. (1 Samuel 22:19)**
- **However, one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, whose name was Abiathar, made his escape and went running away to follow **David**. (1 Samuel 22:20)**
- **Then Abiathar told **David**; Saul has killed the priests of Yehowah. (1 Samuel 22:21)**
- **At this **David** said to Abiathar; I well knew on that day, because Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would without fail tell Saul. I personally have wronged every soul of the house of your father. (1 Samuel 22:22)**
- **Just dwell with me. Do not be afraid, for whoever looks for my**

- soul looks for your soul, for you are one needing protection with me. (**1 Samuel 22:23**)
- He said to them; Have you not read what **David** did when he and the men with him got hungry? (**Matthew 12:3**)
 - How he entered into the house of God and they ate the loaves of presentation, something that it was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests only? (**Matthew 12:4**)
 - However, it was only by disguising his sanity, making childish cross marks on the gate and letting saliva run down his beard, that he was able to escape from Gath.
 - Then **David** rose up and continued running away on account of Saul on that day, and at length came to Achish the king of Gath. (**1 Samuel 21:10**)
 - And the servants of Achish began to say to him; Is not this **David** the king of the land? Was it not to this one that they kept responding with dances, saying; (**1 Samuel 21:11**)
 - Saul has struck down his thousands, and **David** his tens of thousands?
 - And **David** began to take these words to his heart, and he became very much afraid on account of Achish the king of Gath. (**1 Samuel 21:12**)
 - So he disguised his sanity under their eyes and began acting insane in their hand and kept making cross marks on the doors of the gate and let his saliva run down upon his beard. (**1 Samuel 21:13**)
 - Finally Achish said to his servants; Here you see a man behaving crazy. Why should you bring him to me? (**1 Samuel 21:14**)
 - Based on this experience, **David** composed (**Psalms Chapters 34 and 56**) He then fled to the cave of Adullam, where his family and about 400 unfortunate and distressed men joined him. (**Psalms Chapter 57 or 142**), or both, may commemorate his stay in this cave. **David** kept on the move from there to Mizpeh in Moab and then back to the forest of Hereth in Judah.

- So **David** proceeded to go from there and escape to the cave of Adullam, and his brothers and the entire house of his father got to hear of it and made their way down there to him. (**1 Samuel 22:1**)
- And all men in distress and all men who had a creditor and all men bitter in soul began to collect together to him, and he came to be a chief over them, and there came to be with him about four hundred men. (**1 Samuel 22:2**)
- Later **David** went from there to Mizpeh in Moab and said to the king of Moab; Let my father and my mother, please, dwell with you people until I know what God will do to me. (**1 Samuel 22:3**)
- Accordingly he settled them before the king of Moab, and they continued dwelling with him all the days that **David** happened to be in the inaccessible place. (**1 Samuel 22:4**)
- In time Gad the prophet said to **David**; You must not keep dwelling in the inaccessible place. Go away, and you must come yourself into the land of Judah. Hence David went away and came into the forest of Hereth. (**1 Samuel 22:5**)
- When living in Keilah, he learned that Saul was preparing to attack, whereupon he and his men, now numbering about 600, departed for the Wilderness of Ziph.
- Saul continued the chase from one place to another, from the Wilderness of Ziph at Horesh to the Wilderness of Maon. When Saul was about to seize his prey, word came of a Philistine raid, so for a period of time Saul abandoned the chase, allowing the fugitive to escape to En-gedi.
- In time they came reporting to **David**, saying; Here the Philistines are warring against Keilah, and they are pillaging the threshing floors. (**1 Samuel 23:1**)
- And **David** proceeded to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I go, and must I strike down these Philistines? In turn Yehowah said to **David**; Go, and you must strike down the Philistines and save Keilah. (**1 Samuel 23:2**)
- At this the men of **David** said to him; Look! We are afraid while here in Judah, and how much more so in case we should go to

Keilah against the battle lines of the Philistines! (1 Samuel 23:3)

- **So David inquired yet again of Yehowah. Yehowah now answered him and said; Rise up, go down to Keilah, because I am giving the Philistines into your hand. (1 Samuel 23:4)**
- **Accordingly David went with his men to Keilah and fought against the Philistines and drove off with their livestock, but struck them down with a great slaughter, and David came to be the savior of the inhabitants of Keilah. (1 Samuel 23:5)**
- **Now it came about that when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ran away to David at Keilah, there was an ephod that went down in his hand. (1 Samuel 23:6)**
- **In time the report was made to Saul; David has come to Keilah. And Saul began to say; God has sold him into my hand, for he has shut himself up by coming into a city with doors and bar. (1 Samuel 23:7)**
- **So Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. (1 Samuel 23:8)**
- **And David got to know that Saul was fabricating mischief against him. Hence he said to Abiathar the priest; Do bring the ephod near. (1 Samuel 23:9)**
- **And David went on to say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, your servant has definitely heard that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah to lay the city in ruin on my account. (1 Samuel 23:10)**
- **Will the landowners of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down just as your servant has heard? O Yehowah the God of Israel, tell your servant, please. To this Yehowah said, He will come down. (1 Samuel 23:11)**
- **And David went on to say; Will the landowners of Keilah surrender me and my men into Saul's hand? In turn Yehowah said, They will do the surrendering. (1 Samuel 23:12)**
- **At once David rose up with his men, about six hundred men, and they went out of Keilah and continued walking about wherever they could walk about. And to Saul it was reported that David had escaped from Keilah, and so he gave up going out. (1 Samuel**

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- And **David** took up dwelling in the wilderness in places difficult to approach, and he kept dwelling in the mountainous region in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul kept looking for him always, and God did not give him into his hand. (**1 Samuel 23:14**)
- And **David** continued in fear because Saul had gone out to look for his soul while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. (**1 Samuel 23:15**)
- Jonathan the son of Saul now rose up and went to **David** at Horesh, that he might strengthen his hand in regard to God. (**1 Samuel 23:16**)
- And he went on to say to him; Do not be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father will not find you, and you yourself will be king over Israel, and I myself shall become second to you, and Saul my father also has knowledge to that effect. (**1 Samuel 23:17**)
- Then the two of them concluded a covenant before Yehowah, and **David** kept dwelling in Horesh, and Jonathan himself went to his own home. (**1 Samuel 23:18**)
- Later the men of Ziph went up to Saul at Gibeah, saying; Is not **David** concealing himself close by us in the places difficult to approach at Horesh, on the hill of Hachilah, which is to the right side of Jeshimon? (**1 Samuel 23:19**)
- And now in harmony with all the craving of your soul, O king, to come down, come down, and our part will be to surrender him into the hand of the king. (**1 Samuel 23:20**)
- At this Saul said; Blessed are you of Yehowah, for you have had compassion on me. (**1 Samuel 23:21**)
- Go, please, persevere some more and ascertain and see his place where his foot comes to be, whoever saw him there, for it has been said to me that he himself is surely cunning. (**1 Samuel 23:22**)
- And see and ascertain about all the hiding places where he hides himself, and you must return to me with the evidence, and I will go with you, and it must occur that, if he is in the land, I will also

- search for him carefully among all the thousands of Judah. (**1 Samuel 23:23**)
- So they rose up and went to Ziph ahead of Saul, while **David** and his men were in the wilderness of Maon in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon. (**1 Samuel 23:24**)
 - Later Saul came with his men to look for him. When they told **David**, he at once went down to the crag and continued dwelling in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul got to hear of it, he went chasing after **David** into the wilderness of Maon. (**1 Samuel 23:25**)
 - Eventually Saul came to this side of the mountain, and **David** and his men were on that side of the mountain. So **David** became hurried to go away because of Saul, all the while Saul and his men were closing in on **David** and his men to grab hold of them. (**1 Samuel 23:26**)
 - But there was a messenger that came to Saul, saying; Do hasten and go, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land! (**1 Samuel 23:27**)
 - At that Saul turned back from chasing after **David** and went to meet the Philistines. That is why they have called that place the Crag of the Divisions. (**1 Samuel 23:28**)
 - Then **David** made his way up from there and took up dwelling in the places difficult to approach at En-gedi. (**1 Samuel 23:29**)
 - Beautiful Psalms praising Yehowah for providing miraculous deliverance (**Psalms Chapters 18,59,63,70**) were born out of similar experiences.
 - At En-gedi, Saul entered a cave to ease nature. **David**, who had been hiding there in the back of the cave, crept up and cut off the skirt of Saul's garment but spared his life, saying that it was unthinkable on his part to harm the king, for he is the anointed of Yehowah.
 - And it came about that, as soon as Saul returned from following the Philistines, they came reporting to him, saying; Look! **David** is in the wilderness of En-gedi. (**1 Samuel 24:1**)
 - And Saul proceeded to take three thousand chosen men out of all

- Israel and to go looking for **David** and his men upon the bare rocks of the mountain goats. (**1 Samuel 24:2**)
- At length he came to the stone sheepfolds along the road, where a cave was. So Saul came in to ease nature, while **David** and his men were in the parts of the cave farthest back, sitting down. (**1 Samuel 24:3**)
 - And **David's** men began to say to him; Here is the day on which Yehowah does say to you; Look! I am giving your enemy into your hand, and you must do to him just as it may seem good in your eyes. So **David** rose up and quietly cut off the skirt of the sleeveless coat that belonged to Saul. (**1 Samuel 24:4**)
 - But it came about afterward that **David's** heart kept striking him for the reason that he had cut off the skirt of the sleeveless coat that belonged to Saul. (**1 Samuel 24:5**)
 - Hence he said to his men; It is unthinkable, on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, that I should do this thing to my lord, the anointed of Yehowah, by thrusting out my hand against him, for he is the anointed of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 24:6**)
 - Accordingly **David** dispersed his men with these words, and he did not allow them to rise up against Saul. As for Saul, he rose up from the cave and kept going on his way. (**1 Samuel 24:7**)
 - So **David** rose up afterward and went out from the cave and called out after Saul, saying; My lord the king! At this Saul looked behind him, and David proceeded to bow low with his face to the earth and prostrate himself. (**1 Samuel 24:8**)
 - And **David** went on to say to Saul; Why do you listen to the words of man, saying; Look! David is seeking your hurt? (**1 Samuel 24:9**)
 - Here this day your eyes have seen how Yehowah gave you today into my hand in the cave, and someone said to kill you, but I felt sorry for you and said; I shall not thrust out my hand against my lord, for he is the anointed of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 24:10**)
 - And, my father, see, yes, see the skirt of your sleeveless coat in my hand, for when I cut off the skirt of your sleeveless coat I did not kill you. Know and see that there is no badness or revolt in

- my hand, and I have not sinned against you, while you are lying in wait for my soul to take it away. ([1 Samuel 24:11](#))
- **May Yehowah judge between me and you, and Yehowah must take vengeance for me from you, but my own hand will not come to be upon you. ([1 Samuel 24:12](#))**
 - **Just as the proverb of the ancients says; From the wicked ones wickedness will go forth, but my own hand will not come to be upon you. ([1 Samuel 24:13](#))**
 - **After whom has the king of Israel gone out? After whom are you chasing? After a dead dog? After a single flea? ([1 Samuel 24:14](#))**
 - **And Yehowah must become judge, and he must judge between me and you, and he will see and he will conduct the legal case for me and judge me to free me from your hand. ([1 Samuel 24:15](#))**
 - **And it came about that, at the moment that **David** finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul proceeded to say; Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul began to raise his own voice and weep. ([1 Samuel 24:16](#))**
 - **And he went on to say to **David**; You are more righteous than I am, for it is you who have rendered me good, and it is I who have rendered you evil. ([1 Samuel 24:17](#))**
 - **And you, you have told today what good you have done in connection with me in that Yehowah surrendered me into your hand and you did not kill me. ([1 Samuel 24:18](#))**
 - **Now in the case where a man finds his enemy, will he send him away on a good road? So Yehowah himself will reward you with good, due to the fact that this day you have done it to me. ([1 Samuel 24:19](#))**
 - **And now, look! I well know that you will, without fail, rule as king, and that in your hand the kingdom of Israel will certainly endure. ([1 Samuel 24:20](#))**
 - **So now do swear to me by Yehowah that you will not cut off my seed after me and that you will not annihilate my name out of the house of my father. ([1 Samuel 24:21](#))**

- Accordingly **David** swore to Saul, after which Saul went to his home. As for David and his men, they went up to the place difficult to approach. (**1 Samuel 24:22**)

·· **Following Samuel's Death**

- After Samuel's death, **David**, still in a state of exile, took up dwelling in the Wilderness of Paran. He and his men extended kindness to Nabal, a wealthy stock raiser whose work was in Carmel, to the South of Hebron, only to be rebuffed by this ingrate.
- Quick thinking on the part of Nabal's wife Abigail stayed **David's** hand from exterminating the males of the household, but Nabal was stricken by Yehowah and died. Thereupon **David** married the widow, so that now, in addition to Ahinoam from Jezreel, **David** had yet another wife, Abigail of Carmel, during **David's** long absence, Saul had given Michal to another man.
- In time Samuel died, and all Israel proceeded to collect together and bewail him and bury him at his house in Ramah. Then **David** rose up and went down to the wilderness of Paran. (**1 Samuel 25:1**)
- Now there was a man in Maon, and his work was in Carmel. And the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and he came to be engaged in shearing his sheep at Carmel. (**1 Samuel 25:2**)
- And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the wife was good in discretion and beautiful in form, but the husband was harsh and bad in his practices, and he was a Calebite. (**1 Samuel 25:3**)
- And **David** got to hear in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. (**1 Samuel 25:4**)
- So **David** sent ten young men and **David** said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and you must come to Nabal and ask him in my name about his welfare. (**1 Samuel 25:5**)
- And this is what you must say to my brother; May you be well and also your household be well and all that you have be well. (**1 Samuel 25:6**)

- **And now I have heard that you have shearers. Now the shepherds that belong to you happened themselves to be with us. We did not molest them, and nothing at all showed up missing of theirs all the days they happened to be in Carmel. (1 Samuel 25:7)**
- **Ask your own young men, and they will tell you, that my young men may find favor in your eyes, because it was upon a good day that we came. Just give, please, whatever your hand may find to your servants and to your son David. (1 Samuel 25:8)**
- **Accordingly David's young men came and spoke to Nabal in accord with all these words in the name of David and then waited. (1 Samuel 25:9)**
- **At this Nabal answered David's servants and said; Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? Nowadays the servants that are breaking away, each one from before his master, have become many. (1 Samuel 25:10)**
- **And do I have to take my bread and my water and my slaughtered meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men of whom I do not even know from where they are? (1 Samuel 25:11)**
- **Upon that David's young men turned around on their way and went back and came and reported to him in accord with all these words. (1 Samuel 25:12)**
- **Immediately David said to his men; Gird on every one his sword! So they girded on every one his sword and David also girded on his own sword, and they began to go up after David, about four hundred men, while two hundred sat by the baggage. (1 Samuel 25:13)**
- **Meanwhile, to Abigail, Nabal's wife, one of the young men reported, saying; Look! David sent messengers from the wilderness to wish our master well, but he screamed rebukes at them. (1 Samuel 25:14)**
- **And the men were very good to us, and they did not molest us, and we did not miss a single thing all the days of our walking about with them while we happened to be in the field. (1 Samuel 25:15)**

- **A wall was what they proved to be around us both by night and by day, all the days that we happened to be with them, shepherding the flock. (1 Samuel 25:16)**
- **And now know and see what you are going to do, for calamity has been determined against our master and against all his house, as he is too much of a good-for-nothing fellow to speak to him. (1 Samuel 25:17)**
- **At once Abigail hastened and took two hundred loaves of bread and two large jars of wine and five sheep dressed and five seah measures of roasted grain and a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs and put them upon the asses. (1 Samuel 25:18)**
- **Then she said to her young men; Pass on ahead of me. Look! I am coming after you. But to her husband Nabal she told nothing. (1 Samuel 25:19)**
- **And it occurred that while she was riding on the ass and secretly going down the mountain, why, there were **David** and his men coming down to meet her. So she encountered them. (1 Samuel 25:20)**
- **As for **David**, he had said; It was altogether for disappointment that I guarded everything that belongs to this fellow in the wilderness and not a single thing of all that belongs to him showed up missing, and yet he repays me evil in return for good. (1 Samuel 25:21)**
- **So may God do to the enemies of **David** and so may he add to it if I shall let anyone of all who are his that urinates against the wall remain until the morning. (1 Samuel 25:22)**
- **When Abigail caught sight of **David**, she at once hastened and got down off the ass and fell upon her face before David and bowed to the earth. (1 Samuel 25:23)**
- **She then fell at his feet and said; Upon me myself, O my lord, be the error, and, please, let your slave girl speak in your ears, and listen to the words of your slave girl. (1 Samuel 25:24)**
- **Please, do not let my lord set his heart upon this good-for-**

nothing man Nabal, for, as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. As for me your slave girl, I did not see my lords young men that you had sent. (1 Samuel 25:25)

- And now, my lord, as Yehowah is living and as your soul is living, Yehowah has held you back from entering into bloodguilt and having your own hand come to your salvation. And now let your enemies and those seeking injury to my lord become like Nabal. (1 Samuel 25:26)
- And now as regards this gift blessing that your maidservant has brought to my lord, it must be given to the young men that are walking about in the steps of my lord. (1 Samuel 25:27)
- Pardon, please, the transgression of your slave girl, because Yehowah will without fail make for my lord a lasting house, because the wars of Yehowah are what my lord is fighting, and as for badness, it will not be found in you throughout your days. (1 Samuel 25:28)
- When man rises up to pursue you and look for your soul, the soul of my lord will certainly prove to be wrapped up in the bag of life with Yehowah your God, but, as for the soul of your enemies, he will sling it forth as from inside the hollow of the sling. (1 Samuel 25:29)
- And it must occur that, because Yehowah will do to my lord the good toward you according to all that he has spoken, he certainly will commission you as leader over Israel. (1 Samuel 25:30)
- And let this not become to you a cause for staggering or a stumbling block to the heart of my lord, both by the shedding of blood without cause and by having the hand of my lord itself come to his salvation. And Yehowah will certainly do good to my lord, and you must remember your slave girl. (1 Samuel 25:31)
- At this **David** said to Abigail; Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, who has sent you this day to meet me! (1 Samuel 25:32)
- And blessed be your sensibleness, and blessed be you who have restrained me this day from entering into bloodguilt and having my own hand come to my salvation. (1 Samuel 25:33)

- **And, on the other hand, as Yehowah the God of Israel is living, who has held me back from doing injury to you, if you had not hastened that you might come to meet me, there would certainly not have remained to Nabal until the morning light anyone urinating against a wall. (1 Samuel 25:34)**
- **With that David accepted from her hand what she had brought him, and to her he said; Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice that I may have consideration for your person. (1 Samuel 25:35)**
- **Later Abigail came in to Nabal, and there he was having a feast in his house like the feast of the king, and Nabal's heart was feeling good within him, and he was as drunk as could be, and she did not tell him a thing, small or great, until the morning light. (1 Samuel 25:36)**
- **And it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife went telling him these things. And his heart came to be dead inside him, and he himself became as a stone. (1 Samuel 25:37)**
- **After that about ten days elapsed and then Yehowah struck Nabal, so that he died. (1 Samuel 25:38)**
- **And David got to hear that Nabal had died, and so he said, Blessed be Yehowah, who has conducted the legal case of my reproach to free me from Nabal's hand and has kept his servant back from badness, and the badness of Nabal Yehowah has turned back upon his own head! And David proceeded to send and propose to Abigail to take her as his wife. (1 Samuel 25:39)**
- **So David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel and spoke to her, saying; David himself has sent us to you to take you as his wife. (1 Samuel 25:40)**
- **Immediately she rose up and bowed with her face to the earth and said; Here is your slave girl as a maidservant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. (1 Samuel 25:41)**
- **Then Abigail hastened and rose up and went riding on the ass with five maids of hers walking behind her, and she went accompanying the messengers of David and then became his wife. (1 Samuel 25:42)**

- **David** had also taken Ahinoam from Jezreel, and the women came to be, even both of them, his wives. (1 Samuel 25:43)
- As for Saul, he had given Michal his daughter, **David's** wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim. (1 Samuel 25:44)

See Also **PARAN**

- For the second time **David** took refuge in the Wilderness of Ziph, and again the hunt was on. **David** likened Saul and his 3,000 men to those searching for a single flea, just as one chases a partridge upon the mountains.
- One night **David** and Abishai crept into the sleeping camp of Saul and made off with his spear and water jug. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but **David** spared Saul's life the second time, saying that, from Yehowah's viewpoint, it was unthinkable for him to thrust out his hand against God's anointed one.
- In time the men of Ziph came to Saul at Gibeah, saying; Is not **David** concealing himself on the hill of Hachilah, facing Jeshimon? (1 Samuel 26:1)
- And Saul proceeded to rise up and go down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him three thousand men, the chosen ones of Israel, to look for **David** in the wilderness of Ziph. (1 Samuel 26:2)
- And Saul took up camping on the hill of Hachilah, which faces Jeshimon, by the road, while **David** was dwelling in the wilderness. And he got to see that Saul had come after him into the wilderness. (1 Samuel 26:3)
- So **David** sent spies that he might know that Saul had for a fact come. (1 Samuel 26:4)
- Later **David** rose up and went to the place where Saul had encamped, and **David** got to see the place where Saul had lain down, and also Abner the son of Ner the chief of his army, and Saul was lying in the camp enclosure with the people camping all around him. (1 Samuel 26:5)
- Then **David** answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and

- Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab; Who will go down with me to Saul into the camp? To this Abishai said; I myself shall go down with you. (1 Samuel 26:6)
- And **David** made his way with Abishai to the people by night, and, look! Saul was lying asleep in the camp enclosure with his spear stuck into the earth at his head, and Abner and the people were lying all around him. (1 Samuel 26:7)
 - Abishai now said to **David**; God has today surrendered your enemy into your hand. And now let me, please, pin him to the earth with the spear just once, and I shall not do it to him twice. (1 Samuel 26:8)
 - However, **David** said to Abishai; Do not bring him to ruin, for who is it that has thrust his hand out against the anointed of Yehowah and has remained innocent? (1 Samuel 26:9)
 - And **David** went on to say; As Yehowah is living, Yehowah himself will deal him a blow, or his day will come and he will have to die, or down into battle he will go, and he will certainly be swept away. (1 Samuel 26:10)
 - It is unthinkable, on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, to thrust my hand out against the anointed of Yehowah! So now take, please, the spear that is at his head and the water jug, and let us get on our way. (1 Samuel 26:11)
 - Accordingly **David** took the spear and the water jug from the place at Saul's head, and then they got on their way, and there was no one seeing nor anyone taking note nor anyone waking up, for all of them were asleep, because it was a deep sleep from Yehowah that had fallen upon them. (1 Samuel 26:12)
 - Then **David** passed on to the other side and stood upon the top of the mountain at a distance, the space between them being vast. (1 Samuel 26:13)
 - And **David** began to call out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying; Will you not answer, Abner? And Abner began to answer and say; Who are you that have called out to the king? (1 Samuel 26:14)
 - And **David** went on to say to Abner; Are you not a man? And

- who is like you in Israel? Why, then, did you not watch over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to bring the king your lord to ruin. (**1 Samuel 26:15**)
- This thing that you have done is not good. As Yehowah is living, you men deserve to die, because you have not watched over your lord, over the anointed of Yehowah. And now see where the kings spear and the water jug are that were at his head. (**1 Samuel 26:16**)
 - And Saul began to recognize the voice of **David** and to say; Is this your voice, my son **David**? To this **David** said; It is my voice, my lord the king. (**1 Samuel 26:17**)
 - And he added; Why is this that my lord is chasing after his servant, for what have I done, and what badness is there in my hand? (**1 Samuel 26:18**)
 - And now let my lord the king, please, listen to the words of his servant; If it is Yehowah that has incited you against me, let him smell a grain offering. But if it is the sons of man, they are cursed before Yehowah, because they have driven me out today from feeling myself attached to the inheritance of Yehowah, saying; Go, serve other gods! (**1 Samuel 26:19**)
 - And now do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of Yehowah, for the king of Israel has gone out to look for a single flea, just as one chases a partridge upon the mountains. (**1 Samuel 26:20**)
 - In turn Saul said; I have sinned. Come back, my son **David**, for I shall no more do you injury, in view of the fact that my soul has been precious in your eyes this day. Look! I have acted foolishly and am very much mistaken. (**1 Samuel 26:21**)
 - Then **David** answered and said; Here is the spear of the king, and let one of the young men come on over and fetch it. (**1 Samuel 26:22**)
 - And Yehowah it is who will repay to each one his own righteousness and his own faithfulness, in that Yehowah today gave you into my hand, and I was unwilling to thrust my hand out against the anointed of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 26:23**)

- And, look! Just as your soul was great this day in my eyes, so may my soul be great in the eyes of Yehowah, that he may deliver me out of all distress. (1 Samuel 26:24)
- At this Saul said to David; Blessed may you be, my son David. Not only will you without fail work but you will also without fail come off the winner. And David proceeded to go on his way, and as for Saul, he returned to his place. (1 Samuel 26:25)
- This occasion was the last time David saw his adversary.
- David settled at Ziklag in Philistine territory, out of Saul's reach for a period of 16 months. A number of mighty men deserted Saul's forces and joined the exiles at Ziklag, enabling David to raid towns of Israel's enemies on the South, thus securing Judah's boundaries and strengthening his future position as king.
- However, David said in his heart; Now I shall be swept away one day by Saul's hand. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape without fail to the land of the Philistines, and Saul must despair of me in looking for me any longer in all the territory of Israel, and I shall certainly escape from his hand. (1 Samuel 27:1)
- So David rose up and he and six hundred men that were with him passed over to Achish the son of Maach, the king of Gath. (1 Samuel 27:2)
- And David continued to dwell with Achish in Gath, he and his men, each one with his household, David and his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, Nabal's wife, the Carmelitess. (1 Samuel 27:3)
- In time report was made to Saul that David had run away to Gath, and so he did not go looking for him still another time. (1 Samuel 27:4)
- Then David said to Achish; If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities of the countryside, that I may dwell there, for why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you? (1 Samuel 27:5)
- Accordingly Achish gave him Ziklag on that day. That is why Ziklag has come to belong to the kings of Judah down to this day.

(1 Samuel 27:6)

- **And the number of the days that David dwelt in the countryside of the Philistines came to be a year and four months. (1 Samuel 27:7)**
- **And David proceeded to go up with his men that they might raid the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalekites, for they were inhabiting the land that extended from Telam as far as Shur and down to the land of Egypt. (1 Samuel 27:8)**
- **And David struck the land, but he preserved neither man nor woman alive, and he took flocks and herds and asses and camels and garments, after which he returned and came to Achish. (1 Samuel 27:9)**
- **Then Achish said; Where did you men make a raid today? To this David said; Upon the south of Judah and upon the south of the Jerahmeelites and upon the south of the Kenites. (1 Samuel 27:10)**
- **As for man and woman, David was not preserving any alive to bring them to Gath, saying; That they may not tell on us, saying; This is the way David did. And this way has been his procedure all the days that he dwelt in the countryside of the Philistines. (1 Samuel 27:11)**
- **Consequently Achish believed David, saying to himself; He has unquestionably become a stench among his people Israel, and he will have to become my servant to time indefinite. (1 Samuel 27:12)**
- **And these are the ones that came to David at Ziklag while he was still under restrictions because of Saul the son of Kish, and they were among the mighty men, the helpers in the warfare. (1 Chronicles 12:1)**
- **Armed with the bow, using the right hand and using the left hand with stones or with arrows in the bow. They were of the brothers of Saul, of Benjamin. (1 Chronicles 12:2)**
- **There was the head Ahiezer and Joash the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah and Jehu the Anathothite. (1 Chronicles 12:3)**

- **And Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty and over the thirty, and Jeremiah and Jahaziel and Johanan and Jozabad the Gederathite. (1 Chronicles 12:4)**
- **Eluzai and Jerimoth and Bealiah and Shemariah and Shephatiah the Hariphite. (1 Chronicles 12:5)**
- **Elkanah and Isshiah and Azarel and Joezer and Jashobeam, the Korahites. (1 Chronicles 12:6)**
- **And Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. (1 Chronicles 12:7)**
- **And there were some of Manasseh that deserted to David when he came with the Philistines against Saul for battle, but he did not help them, for on counsel the axis lords of the Philistines sent him away, saying; At the risk of our own heads he will desert to his lord Saul. (1 Chronicles 12:19)**
- **When he came to Ziklag there deserted to him from Manasseh Adnah and Jozabad and Jediahel and Michael and Jozabad and Elihu and Zillethai, heads of the thousands that belonged to Manasseh. (1 Chronicles 12:20)**
- **And they, for their part, were of help to David against the marauder band, because all of them were mighty men of valor, and they came to be chiefs in the army. (1 Chronicles 12:21)**
- **For day by day people kept coming to David to help him, until it was a great camp, like the camp of God. (1 Chronicles 12:22)**
- **When the Philistines were preparing to assault Saul's forces, King Achish, thinking David was a stench among his people Israel, invited him to go along. However, the other axis lords rejected David as a security risk.**
- **And the Philistines proceeded to collect all their camps together at Aphek, while the Israelites were camping by the spring that was in Jezreel. (1 Samuel 29:1)**
- **And the axis lords of the Philistines were passing along by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were passing along afterward with Achish. (1 Samuel 29:2)**

- And the princes of the Philistines began to say; What do these Hebrews mean? At this Achish said to the princes of the Philistines; Is this not **David** the servant of Saul king of Israel, who happened to be with me here a year or two, and I have not found in him a single thing from the day of his deserting to me until this day? (1 Samuel 29:3)
- And the princes of the Philistines became indignant at him, and the princes of the Philistines went on to say to him; Make the man go back, and let him go back to his place where you assigned him, and do not let him go down with us into the battle, that he may not become a resister of us in the battle. And with what should this person put himself in favor with his lord? Is it not with the heads of those our men? (1 Samuel 29:4)
- Is this not **David** to whom they kept responding in the dances, saying; Saul has struck down his thousands, and **David** his tens of thousands? (1 Samuel 29:5)
- Consequently Achish called **David** and said to him; As Yehowah is living, you are upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the camp has been good in my eyes, for I have not found badness in you from the day of your coming to me until this day. But in the eyes of the axis lords you are not good. (1 Samuel 29:6)
- And now return and go in peace, that you may not do anything bad in the eyes of the axis lords of the Philistines. (1 Samuel 29:7)
- However, **David** said to Achish; Why, what have I done, and what have you found in your servant from the day that I came to be before you until this day, that I should not come and actually fight against the enemies of my lord the king? (1 Samuel 29:8)
- At this Achish answered and said to **David**; I well know that you have been good in my own eyes, like an angel of God. Only it is the princes of the Philistines that have said; Let him not go up with us into the battle. (1 Samuel 29:9)
- And now rise up early in the morning with the servants of your lord that came with you, and you men must rise up early in the morning when it has become light for you. Then go. (1 Samuel

29:10)

- Accordingly **David** rose up early, he and his men, to go in the morning and return to the land of the Philistines, and the Philistines themselves went up to Jezreel. (**1 Samuel 29:11**)
- In the battle that culminated on Mount Gilboa, Saul and three of his sons, including Jonathan, died.
- Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel took to flight from before the Philistines, and they kept falling down slain in Mount Gilboa. (**1 Samuel 31:1**)
- And the Philistines kept in close range of Saul and his sons, and the Philistines at last struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons. (**1 Samuel 31:2**)
- And the fighting became heavy against Saul, and the shooters, the bowmen, finally found him, and he got severely wounded by the shooters. (**1 Samuel 31:3**)
- Then Saul said to his armor-bearer; Draw your sword and run me through with it, that these uncircumcised men may not come and certainly run me through and deal abusively with me. And his armor-bearer was unwilling, because he was very much afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell upon it. (**1 Samuel 31:4**)
- When his armor-bearer saw that Saul had died, then he too fell upon his own sword and died with him. (**1 Samuel 31:5**)
- Thus Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer, even all his men, came to die together on that day. (**1 Samuel 31:6**)
- When the men of Israel that were in the region of the low plain and that were in the region of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died, then they began to leave the cities and flee, after which the Philistines came on in and took up dwelling in them. (**1 Samuel 31:7**)
- Meanwhile, the Amalekites robbed and burned out Ziklag, carrying off all the women and children. Immediately **David's** forces pursued, overtook the marauders, and recovered their wives and children and all the goods.

- And it came about while **David** and his men were coming to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites made a raid on the south and on Ziklag, and they proceeded to strike Ziklag and burn it with fire. (1 Samuel 30:1)
- And to carry off captive the women and all that were in it, from the smallest to the greatest. They did not put anyone to death, but they drove them along and went on their way. (1 Samuel 30:2)
- When **David** came with his men to the city, why, there it was burned with fire, and, as for their wives and their sons and their daughters, they had been carried off captive. (1 Samuel 30:3)
- And **David** and the people that were with him began to raise their voice and weep, until there was in them no power to weep anymore. (1 Samuel 30:4)
- And **David's** two wives had been carried off captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. (1 Samuel 30:5)
- And it became very distressing to **David**, because the people said to stone him, for the soul of all the people had become bitter, each one because of his sons and his daughters. So David took to strengthening himself by Yehowah his God. (1 Samuel 30:6)
- Hence **David** said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech; Do, please, bring the ephod near to me. And Abiathar came bringing the ephod near to **David**. (1 Samuel 30:7)
- And **David** began to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I chase after this marauder band? Shall I overtake them? At this he said to him, Go in chase, for you will without fail overtake them, and you will without fail make a deliverance. (1 Samuel 30:8)
- Promptly **David** got on his way, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and they went on as far as the torrent valley of Besor, and the men that were to be left behind stood still. (1 Samuel 30:9)
- And **David** kept up the chase, he and four hundred men, but two hundred men that were too tired to pass over the torrent valley of Besor stood still. (1 Samuel 30:10)

- **And they got to find a man, an Egyptian, in the field. So they took him to David and gave him bread that he might eat and gave him water to drink. (1 Samuel 30:11)**
- **Further, they gave him a slice of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. Then he ate and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. (1 Samuel 30:12)**
- **David now said to him; To whom do you belong, and where are you from? To which he said; I am an Egyptian attendant, a slave of an Amalekite man, but my master left me because I took sick three days ago. (1 Samuel 30:13)**
- **We were the ones that made a raid on the south of the Cherethites and upon that which belongs to Judah and upon the south of Caleb, and Ziklag we burned with fire. (1 Samuel 30:14)**
- **At this David said to him; Will you lead me down to this marauder band? To this he said; Do swear to me by God that you will not put me to death, and that you will not surrender me into the hand of my master, and I shall lead you down to this marauder band. (1 Samuel 30:15)**
- **Accordingly he led him down, and there they were spread disorderly over the surface of all the land eating and drinking and having a feast on account of all the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and the land of Judah. (1 Samuel 30:16)**
- **And David went striking them down from the morning darkness until the evening, that he might devote them to destruction, and not a man of them escaped except four hundred young men that rode upon camels and took to flight. (1 Samuel 30:17)**
- **And David got to deliver all that the Amalekites had taken, and his two wives David delivered. (1 Samuel 30:18)**
- **And there was nothing of theirs lacking, from the smallest to the greatest and to sons and daughters and from the spoil, even to anything that they had taken for themselves. Everything David recovered. (1 Samuel 30:19)**

- So **David** took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before that other livestock. Then they said; This is **David's** spoil. (1 Samuel 30:20)
- At length **David** came to the two hundred men who had been too tired to go along with **David**, and whom they had kept sitting by the torrent valley of Besor, and they came out to meet **David** and to meet the people that were with him. When **David** came near to the people he began to ask them how they were. (1 Samuel 30:21)
- However, every bad and good-for-nothing man out of the men that had gone with **David** answered and kept saying; For the reason that they did not go with us, we will give them none of the spoil that we delivered, except to each one his wife and his sons, and let them lead them and go. (1 Samuel 30:22)
- But **David** said; You must not do that way, my brothers, with what Yehowah has given us, in that he safeguarded us and gave the marauder band that came against us into our hand. (1 Samuel 30:23)
- And who will listen to you as to this saying? For as the share of the one that went down into the battle even so will the share of the one that sat by the baggage be. All will have a share together. (1 Samuel 30:24)
- And it came about from that day forward that he kept it set as a regulation and a judicial decision for Israel down to this day. (1 Samuel 30:25)
- When **David** came to Ziklag he proceeded to send some of the spoil to the older men of Judah, his friends, saying; Here is a gift blessing for you from the spoil of Yehowah's enemies. (1 Samuel 30:26)
- To those who were in Bethel, and to those in Ramoth of the south, and to those in Jattir. (1 Samuel 30:27)
- And to those in Aroer, and to those in Siphmoth, and to those in Eshtemoa. (1 Samuel 30:28)
- And to those in Racal, and to those in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those in the cities of the Kenites. (1

Samuel 30:29)

- **And to those in Hormah, and to those in Borashan, and to those in Athach. (1 Samuel 30:30)**
- **And to those in Hebron, and to all the places where David had walked about, he and his men. (1 Samuel 30:31)**
- **Three days later an Amalekite brought the diadem and bracelet of Saul, deceitfully boasting that he had put the wounded king to death and hoping to receive a reward. Even though he lied in the matter, David ordered him killed for claiming to have put the anointed of Yehowah to death.**
- **And it came about after Saul's death, and when David himself had returned from striking down the Amalekites, that David continued to dwell at Ziklag two days. (2 Samuel 1:1)**
- **And it came about on the third day that, look! A man was coming from the camp, from Saul, with his garments ripped apart and dirt upon his head, and it came about that when he came to David, he at once fell down to the earth and prostrated himself. (2 Samuel 1:2)**
- **And David proceeded to say to him; Where do you come from? At which he said to him; From the camp of Israel I have escaped. (2 Samuel 1:3)**
- **And David went on to say to him; How did the matter turn out? Tell me, please. To this he said; The people have fled from the battle and also many of the people have fallen so that they died, and even Saul and Jonathan his son have died. (2 Samuel 1:4)**
- **Then David said to the young man that was telling him; How do you really know that Saul has died and also Jonathan his son? (2 Samuel 1:5)**
- **At this the young man that was telling him said; I unexpectedly chanced to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul supporting himself upon his spear, and, look! The charioteers and the mounted men had caught up with him. (2 Samuel 1:6)**
- **When he turned back and saw me, then he called me, and I said; Here I am! (2 Samuel 1:7)**

- **And he went on to say to me, Who are you? At which I said to him, I am an Amalekite. (2 Samuel 1:8)**
- **Then he said; Stand, please, over me and definitely put me to death, for the cramp has seized me, because all my soul is yet in me. (2 Samuel 1:9)**
- **So I stood over him and definitely put him to death, for I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. Then I took the diadem that was upon his head and the bracelet that was upon his arm, that I might bring them to my lord here. (2 Samuel 1:10)**
- **At this David took hold of his garments and ripped them apart, and so did all the men also that were with him. (2 Samuel 1:11)**
- **And they began to wail and weep and fast until the evening over Saul and over Jonathan his son and over the people of Yehowah and over the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. (2 Samuel 1:12)**
- **David now said to the young man that was telling him; Where are you from? To which he said; I am the son of an alien resident, an Amalekite. (2 Samuel 1:13)**
- **Then David said to him; How was it that you did not fear to thrust your hand out to bring the anointed of Yehowah to ruin? (2 Samuel 1:14)**
- **With that David called one of the young men and said; Go near. Smite him. Accordingly he struck him down so that he died. (2 Samuel 1:15)**
- **David then said to him; The bloodguilt for you be upon your own head, because your own mouth has testified against you, saying; I myself definitely put the anointed of Yehowah to death. (2 Samuel 1:16)**
- **Then Saul said to his armor-bearer; Draw your sword and run me through with it, that these uncircumcised men may not come and certainly run me through and deal abusively with me. And his armor-bearer was unwilling, because he was very much afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell upon it. (1 Samuel 31:4)**

- When his armor-bearer saw that Saul had died, then he too fell upon his own sword and died with him. (1 Samuel 31:5)

· As King

- The tragic news of Saul's death grieved David very much. He was not so concerned that his archenemy was dead as he was that the anointed one of Yehowah had fallen. In lamentation, David composed a dirge entitled, The Bow.

- In it he bewails how his worst enemy and his best friend had fallen together in battle, Saul and Jonathan, the lovable ones and the pleasant ones during their life, and in their death they were not separated.

- And David proceeded to chant this dirge over Saul and Jonathan his son (2 Samuel 1:17)

- And to say that the sons of Judah should be taught The Bow. Look! It is written in the book of Jashar. (2 Samuel 1:18)

- The beauty, O Israel, is slain upon your high places. How have the mighty men fallen! (2 Samuel 1:19)

- Do not, you people, tell it in Gath. Do not announce it in the streets of Ashkelon, for fear that the daughters of the Philistines may rejoice, for fear that the daughters of the uncircumcised men may exult. (2 Samuel 1:20)

- You mountains of Gilboa, let no dew, let no rain be upon you, nor let there be fields of holy contributions, because there the shield of mighty ones was befouled, the shield of Saul, so that there was none anointed with oil. (2 Samuel 1:21)

- From the blood of the slain, from the fat of mighty ones, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul would not return without success. (2 Samuel 1:22)

- Saul and Jonathan, the lovable ones and the pleasant ones during their life, and in their death they were not separated. Swifter than the eagles they were, mightier than the lions they were. (2 Samuel 1:23)

- You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in

- scarlet with finery, who put ornaments of gold upon your clothing. (2 Samuel 1:24)
- How have the mighty ones fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan slain upon your high places! (2 Samuel 1:25)
 - I am distressed over you, my brother Jonathan, very pleasant you were to me. More wonderful was your love to me than the love from women. (2 Samuel 1:26)
 - How have the mighty ones fallen and the weapons of war perished! (2 Samuel 1:27)
 - **David** now moved to Hebron, where the older men of Judah anointed him as king over their tribe in 1077 B.C.E, when he was 30 years old. Saul's son Ish-bosheth was made king of the other tribes. About two years later, however, Ish-bosheth was assassinated, his assailants bringing his head to **David** hoping to receive a reward, but they too were put to death like the pretended killer of Saul.
 - And it came about afterward that **David** proceeded to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah? At this Yehowah said to him; Go up. And **David** went on to say; Where shall I go up? Then he said; To Hebron. (2 Samuel 2:1)
 - Accordingly **David** went up there and also his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. (2 Samuel 2:2)
 - And the men that were with him **David** brought up, each with his household, and they took up dwelling in the cities of Hebron territory. (2 Samuel 2:3)
 - Then the men of Judah came and anointed **David** there as king over the house of Judah. And they came telling **David**, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were the ones that buried Saul. (2 Samuel 2:4)
 - As for Abner the son of Ner the chief of the army that had belonged to Saul, he took Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, and proceeded to bring him across to Mahanaim. (2 Samuel 2:8)
 - And to make him king over Gilead and the Ashurites and Jezreel and over Ephraim and Benjamin and over Israel, all of it. (2

Samuel 2:9)

- **Forty years old Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was when he became king over Israel, and for two years he ruled as king. Only the house of Judah proved themselves followers of David. (2 Samuel 2:10)**
- **And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, proceeded to go and come to the house of Ish-bosheth about when the day had heated up, as he was taking his noonday siesta. (2 Samuel 4:5)**
- **And here they came into the middle of the house as men fetching wheat, and then struck him in the abdomen, and Rechab and Baanah his brother themselves escaped detection. (2 Samuel 4:6)**
- **When they went into the house, he was lying upon his couch in his inner bedroom, and then they struck him so that they put him to death, after which they removed his head and took his head and walked on the road to the Arabah all night long. (2 Samuel 4:7)**
- **Eventually they came bringing the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king; Here is the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul your enemy who looked for your soul, but Yehowah gives to my lord the king revenge this day upon Saul and his offspring. (2 Samuel 4:8)**
- **However, David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them; As Yehowah who redeemed my soul out of all distress is living. (2 Samuel 4:9)**
- **When there was one reporting to me, saying; Here Saul is dead, and he himself in his own eyes became like a bringer of Good News, I, however, took hold of him and killed him in Ziklag when it was due for me to give him the messengers fee. (2 Samuel 4:10)**
- **How much more so when wicked men themselves have killed a righteous man in his own house upon his bed? And now should I not require his blood from your hands, and must I not clear you out of the earth? (2 Samuel 4:11)**

- With that **David** commanded the young men and they killed them and cut off their hands and their feet and hanged them by the pool in Hebron, and the head of Ish-bosheth they took and then buried in the burial place of Abner in Hebron. (**2 Samuel 4:12**)
- This paved the way for the tribes who had till then supported Saul's son to join Judah, and in time, a force numbering 340,822 rallied and made **David** king of all Israel.
- In time all the tribes of Israel came to **David** at Hebron and said, Look! We ourselves are your bone and your flesh. (**2 Samuel 5:1**)
- Both yesterday and previously while Saul happened to be king over us, you yourself became the one leading Israel out and bringing it in. And Yehowah proceeded to say to you; You yourself will shepherd my people Israel, and you yourself will become leader over Israel. (**2 Samuel 5:2**)
- So all the older men of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King **David** concluded a covenant with them in Hebron before Yehowah, after which they anointed **David** as king over Israel. (**2 Samuel 5:3**)
- In time all the Israelites collected themselves together to **David** at Hebron, saying; Look! We are your bone and your flesh. (**1 Chronicles 11:1**)
- Both yesterday and previously, even while Saul happened to be king, you were the one leading Israel out and bringing it in, and Yehowah your God proceeded to say to you; You yourself will shepherd my people Israel, and you yourself will become leader over my people Israel. (**1 Chronicles 11:2**)
- So all the older men of Israel came to the king at Hebron and **David** concluded a covenant with them in Hebron before Yehowah, after which they anointed **David** as king over Israel, according to Yehowah's word by means of Samuel. (**1 Chronicles 11:3**)
- And these were the numbers of the heads of those equipped for the army that came to **David** at Hebron to turn the kingship of Saul over to him according to Yehowah's order. (**1 Chronicles 12:23**)

- The sons of Judah carrying the large shield and the lance were six thousand eight hundred, equipped for the army. (**1 Chronicles 12:24**)
- Of the sons of Simeon the mighty men of valor of the army were seven thousand one hundred. (**1 Chronicles 12:25**)
- Of the sons of the Levites four thousand six hundred. (**1 Chronicles 12:26**)
- And Jehoiada was the leader of the sons of Aaron, and with him there were three thousand seven hundred. (**1 Chronicles 12:27**)
- Also Zadok a young man, mighty in valor, and the house of his forefathers, twenty-two chiefs. (**1 Chronicles 12:28**)
- And of the sons of Benjamin, the brothers of Saul, there were three thousand, and up till then the greater number of them were keeping strict watch of the house of Saul. (**1 Chronicles 12:29**)
- And of the sons of Ephraim there were twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, men of fame, by the house of their forefathers. (**1 Chronicles 12:30**)
- And of the half tribe of Manasseh there were eighteen thousand that had been designated by name to come to make **David** king. (**1 Chronicles 12:31**)
- And of the sons of Issachar having a knowledge of how to discern the times to know what Israel ought to do, there were two hundred head ones of theirs, and all their brothers were at their orders. (**1 Chronicles 12:32**)
- Of Zebulun those going out to the army, drawing up in battle formation with all the weapons of war, there were fifty thousand, and for flocking together to **David** they were not of a double heart. (**1 Chronicles 12:33**)
- And of Naphtali there were a thousand chiefs, and with them with the large shield and the spear there were thirty-seven thousand. (**1 Chronicles 12:34**)
- And of the Danites those drawing up in battle formation were

- twenty-eight thousand six hundred. ([1 Chronicles 12:35](#))
- And of Asher those going out to the army for drawing up in battle formation were forty thousand. ([1 Chronicles 12:36](#))
 - And from across the Jordan of the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh with all the weapons of the military army there were a hundred and twenty thousand. ([1 Chronicles 12:37](#))
 - All these were men of war, flocking together in battle line, with a complete heart they came to Hebron to make **David** king over all Israel, and also all the remainder of Israel were of one heart for making **David** king. ([1 Chronicles 12:38](#))
 - And they continued there with **David** three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers had made preparation for them. ([1 Chronicles 12:39](#))
 - And also those near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food upon asses and upon camels and upon mules and upon cattle, eatables of flour, cakes of pressed figs and cakes of raisins and wine and oil and cattle and sheep in great quantity, for there was rejoicing in Israel. ([1 Chronicles 12:40](#))

•• Rule At Jerusalem

- **David** ruled at Hebron seven and a half years before moving his capital, at Yehowah's direction, to the captured Jebusite stronghold, Jerusalem. There he built the City of **David** on Zion and continued to rule another 33 years.
- Thirty years old was **David** when he became king. For forty years he ruled as king. ([2 Samuel 5:4](#))
- In Hebron he ruled as king over Judah for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he ruled as king for thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah. ([2 Samuel 5:5](#))
- Consequently the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites inhabiting the land, and they began to say to **David**: You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame ones will certainly turn you away, they thinking; **David** will not come in

here. (2 Samuel 5:6)

- Just the same, **David** proceeded to capture the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of **David**. (2 Samuel 5:7)
- So **David** said on that day; Anyone striking the Jebusites, let him, by means of the water tunnel, make contact with both the lame and the blind, hateful to the soul of **David**! That is why they say; The blind one and the lame one will not come into the house. (2 Samuel 5:8)
- And **David** took up dwelling in the stronghold, and it came to be called the City of **David**, and **David** began to build all around from the Mound and inward. (2 Samuel 5:9)
- Thus **David** went on getting greater and greater, and Yehowah the God of armies was with him. (2 Samuel 5:10)
- Later **David** and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that is to say; Jebus, where the Jebusites were the inhabitants of the land. (1 Chronicles 11:4)
- And the inhabitants of Jebus began to say to **David**; You will not come in here. Just the same, **David** proceeded to capture the stronghold of Zion, that is to say; the City of **David**. (1 Chronicles 11:5)
- So **David** said; Anyone striking the Jebusites first, he will become head and prince. And Joab the son of Zeruiah got to go up first, and he came to be head. (1 Chronicles 11:6)
- And **David** took up dwelling in the place difficult to approach. That is why they called it the **City of David**. (1 Chronicles 11:7)
- And he began to build the city all around, from the Mound even to the parts round about, but Joab himself brought to life the rest of the city. (1 Chronicles 11:8)
- And **David** went on getting greater and greater, for Yehowah of armies was with him. (1 Chronicles 11:9)
- But I shall choose Jerusalem for my name to prove to be there, and I shall choose **David** to come to be over my people Israel. (2 Chronicles 6:6)

- While living at Hebron, King **David** took more wives, had Michal returned, and fathered a number of sons and daughters.
- Meantime, sons were born to **David** in Hebron, and his firstborn came to be Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. (**2 Samuel 3:2**)
- And his second was Chileab by Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite, and the third was Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur. (**2 Samuel 3:3**)
- And the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith, and the fifth was Shephatiah the son of Abital. (**2 Samuel 3:4**)
- And the sixth was Ithream by Eglah, **David's** wife. These were the ones born to **David** in Hebron. (**2 Samuel 3:5**)
- To this he said; Good! I myself shall conclude a covenant with you. Only one thing there is that I am asking of you, saying; You may not see my face except first you bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face. (**2 Samuel 3:13**)
- Further, **David** sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, Do give over my wife Michal, whom I engaged to myself for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. (**2 Samuel 3:14**)
- So Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband, Paltiel the son of Laish. (**2 Samuel 3:15**)
- But her husband kept walking with her, weeping as he walked after her as far as Bahurim. Then Abner said to him; Go, return! At that he returned. (**2 Samuel 3:16**)
- And these became the sons of **David** that were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelites. (**1 Chronicles 3:1**)
- The third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur, the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith. (**1 Chronicles 3:2**)
- The fifth, Shephatiah, of Abital, the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah his wife. (**1 Chronicles 3:3**)

- There were six born to him in Hebron, and he continued to reign there seven years and six months, and for thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. (**1 Chronicles 3:4**)
- After moving to Jerusalem, **David** acquired still more wives and concubines who, in turn, bore him more children.
- Meantime, **David** went on taking more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters continued to be born to **David**. (**2 Samuel 5:13**)
- And these are the names of those born to him in Jerusalem, Shammua and Shobab and Nathan and Solomon. (**2 Samuel 5:14**)
- And Ibhaz and Elishua and Nepheg and Japhia. (**2 Samuel 5:15**)
- And Elishama and Eliada and Eliphelet. (**2 Samuel 5:16**)
- And there were these born to him in Jerusalem. Shimea and Shobab and Nathan and Solomon, four of Bath-sheba the daughter of Ammiel. (**1 Chronicles 3:5**)
- And Ibhaz and Elishama and Eliphelet. (**1 Chronicles 3:6**)
- And Nogah and Nepheg and Japhia. (**1 Chronicles 3:7**)
- And Elishama and Eliada and Eliphelet, nine. (**1 Chronicles 3:8**)
- All the sons of **David** besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister. (**1 Chronicles 3:9**)
- And **David** went on to take more wives in Jerusalem, and **David** came to be father to more sons and daughters. (**1 Chronicles 14:3**)
- And these are the names of the children that became his in Jerusalem, Shammua and Shobab, Nathan and Solomon. (**1 Chronicles 14:4**)
- And Ibhaz and Elishua and Elpelet. (**1 Chronicles 14:5**)
- And Nogah and Nepheg and Japhia. (**1 Chronicles 14:6**)
- And Elishama and Beeliada and Eliphelet. (**1 Chronicles 14:7**)

- When the Philistines heard that **David** was king of all Israel, they came up to overthrow him. As in the past,
- And **David** proceeded to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I go, and must I strike down these Philistines? In turn Yehowah said to David; Go, and you must strike down the Philistines and save Keilah. (**1 Samuel 23:2**)
- At this the men of **David** said to him; Look! We are afraid while here in Judah, and how much more so in case we should go to Keilah against the battle lines of the Philistines! (**1 Samuel 23:3**)
- So **David** inquired yet again of Yehowah. Yehowah now answered him and said; Rise up, go down to Keilah, because I am giving the Philistines into your hand. (**1 Samuel 23:4**)
- And **David** went on to say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, your servant has definitely heard that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah to lay the city in ruin on my account. (**1 Samuel 23:10**)
- Will the landowners of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down just as your servant has heard? O Yehowah the God of Israel, tell your servant, please. To this Yehowah said, He will come down. (**1 Samuel 23:11**)
- And **David** went on to say; Will the landowners of Keilah surrender me and my men into Saul's hand? In turn Yehowah said; They will do the surrendering. (**1 Samuel 23:12**)
- And **David** began to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I chase after this marauder band? Shall I overtake them? At this he said to him; Go in chase, for you will without fail overtake them, and you will without fail make a deliverance. (**1 Samuel 30:8**)
- **David** inquired of Yehowah whether he should go against them. Go up, was the answer, and Yehowah burst upon the enemy with such overpowering destruction that **David** called the place Baal-perazim, meaning, **Owner of Breakings Through**.
- In a return encounter Yehowah's strategy shifted, and he ordered **David** to circle around and strike the Philistines from the rear.
- And the Philistines got to hear that they had anointed **David** as

king over Israel. At that all the Philistines came up to look for **David**. When **David** heard of it, then he went down to the place hard to approach. (2 Samuel 5:17)

- And the Philistines, for their part, came in and kept tramping about in the low plain of Rephaim. (2 Samuel 5:18)
- And **David** began to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand? At this Yehowah said to **David**; Go up, for I shall without fail give the Philistines into your hands. (2 Samuel 5:19)
- So **David** came to Baal-perazim, and David got to strike them down there. At that he said; Yehowah has broken through my enemies ahead of me, like a gap made by waters. That is why he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. (2 Samuel 5:20)
- Consequently they left their idols there, and so **David** and his men took them away. (2 Samuel 5:21)
- Later the Philistines came up once again and tramped about in the low plain of Rephaim. (2 Samuel 5:22)
- At that **David** inquired of Yehowah, but he said; You must not go up. Go around to the rear of them, and you must come against them in front of the baca bushes. (2 Samuel 5:23)
- And let it occur that, when you hear the sound of a marching in the tops of the baca bushes, at that time you act with decision, because at that time Yehowah will have gone out ahead of you to strike down the camp of the Philistines. (2 Samuel 5:24)
- Accordingly **David** did that way, just as Yehowah had commanded him, and he went striking down the Philistines from Geba to as far as Gezer. (2 Samuel 5:25)
- And the Philistines got to hear that **David** had been anointed as king over all Israel. At that all the Philistines came up to look for David. When David heard of it, then he went out against them. (1 Chronicles 14:8)
- And the Philistines, for their part, came in and kept making raids in the low plain of Rephaim. (1 Chronicles 14:9)

- And **David** began to inquire of God, saying; Shall I go up against the Philistines, and will you certainly give them into my hand? At this Yehowah said to him; Go up, and I shall certainly give them into your hand. (**1 Chronicles 14:10**)
- So **David** went up to Baal-perazim and there got to strike them down. At that David said; The true God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a gap made by waters. That is why they called the name of that place Baal-perazim. (**1 Chronicles 14:11**)
- Consequently they left their gods there. Then **David** said the word, and so they were burned in the fire. (**1 Chronicles 14:12**)
- Later the Philistines once again made a raid in the low plain. (**1 Chronicles 14:13**)
- At that **David** inquired again of God, and the true God now said to him; You must not go up after them. Go around from directly against them, and you must come at them in front of the baca bushes. (**1 Chronicles 14:14**)
- And let it occur that, when you hear the sound of the marching in the tops of the baca bushes, then you go out into the fight, because the true God will have gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines down. (**1 Chronicles 14:15**)
- So **David** did just as the true God had commanded him, and they went striking down the camp of the Philistines from Gibeon to Gezer. (**1 Chronicles 14:16**)
- And **David's** fame began to go out into all the lands, and Yehowah himself put the dread of him upon all the nations. (**1 Chronicles 14:17**)
- **David** attempted to bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, but this failed when Uzzah touched it and was struck down.
- Then **David** and all the people that were with him rose up and went to Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of the true God, where a name is called on, the name of Yehowah of armies, sitting on the cherubs. (**2 Samuel 6:2**)
- However, they had the ark of the true God ride upon a new wagon, that they might carry it from the house of Abinadab,

- which was on the hill, and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new wagon. (2 Samuel 6:3)
- So they carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill, with the ark of the true God, and Ahio was walking ahead of the Ark. (2 Samuel 6:4)
 - And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before Yehowah with all sorts of instruments of juniper wood and with harps and with stringed instruments and with tambourines and with sistrums and with cymbals. (2 Samuel 6:5)
 - And they came gradually as far as the threshing floor of Nacon, and Uzzah now thrust his hand out to the ark of the true God and grabbed hold of it, for the cattle nearly caused an upset. (2 Samuel 6:6)
 - At that Yehowah's anger blazed against Uzzah and the true God struck him down there for the irreverent act, so that he died there close by the ark of the true God. (2 Samuel 6:7)
 - And David became angry over the fact that Yehowah had broken through in a rupture against Uzzah, and that place came to be called Perez-uzzah down to this day. (2 Samuel 6:8)
 - And David became afraid of Yehowah on that day and began to say; How will the ark of Yehowah come to me? (2 Samuel 6:9)
 - And David was not willing to remove the ark of Yehowah to him at the City of David. So David had it carried aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. (2 Samuel 6:10)
 - And David proceeded to consult with the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds and with every leader. (1 Chronicles 13:1)
 - And David went on to say to all the congregation of Israel. If it seems good to you and it is acceptable with Yehowah our God, let us send to our brothers that are left over in all the lands of Israel and with them to the priests and the Levites in their cities with pasture grounds, that they may collect themselves together to us. (1 Chronicles 13:2)
 - And let us bring the ark of our God around to ourselves. For they had not cared for it in the days of Saul. (1 Chronicles 13:3)

- So all the congregation said to do that way, for the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people. (**1 Chronicles 13:4**)
- Accordingly **David** congregated all Israel from the river of Egypt as far as the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of the true God from Kiriath-jearim. (**1 Chronicles 13:5**)
- And **David** and all Israel proceeded to go up to Baalah, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of the true God, Yehowah, sitting on the cherubs, where his name is called on. (**1 Chronicles 13:6**)
- However, they had the ark of the true God ride upon a new wagon from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were leading the wagon. (**1 Chronicles 13:7**)
- And **David** and all Israel were celebrating before the true God with full power and with songs and with harps and with stringed instruments and with tambourines and with cymbals and with trumpets. (**1 Chronicles 13:8**)
- And they came gradually as far as the threshing floor of Chidon, and Uzzah now thrust his hand out to grab hold of the Ark, for the bulls nearly caused an upset. (**1 Chronicles 13:9**)
- At that Yehowah's anger blazed against Uzzah, so that he struck him down because he had thrust his hand out upon the Ark, and he died there before God. (**1 Chronicles 13:10**)
- And **David** became angry because Yehowah had broken through in a rupture against Uzzah, and that place came to be called Perez-uzzah down to this day. (**1 Chronicles 13:11**)
- And **David** became afraid of the true God on that day, saying; How shall I bring the ark of the true God to me? (**1 Chronicles 13:12**)
- And **David** did not remove the Ark to himself at the City of **David**, but he carried it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. (**1 Chronicles 13:13**)
- And the ark of the true God kept dwelling with the household of Obed-edom, at his house three months, and Yehowah kept

blessing the household of Obed-edom and all that was his. (**1 Chronicles 13:14**)

- **Some three months later, with careful preparations, including sanctifying the priests and Levites and making sure the Ark was carried on their shoulders instead of being placed on a wagon as at first, it was brought to Jerusalem.**
- **David, simply clad, showed his joy and enthusiasm on this great occasion by leaping and dancing around before Yehowah. But his wife Michal chided David, saying he acted just as one of the empty-headed men. For this unjustified complaint Michal came to have no child down to the day of her death.**
- **And the ark of Yehowah kept dwelling at the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and Yehowah kept blessing Obed-edom and all his household. (**2 Samuel 6:11**)**
- **Finally the report was made to King David, saying; Yehowah has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that is his on account of the ark of the true God. At that David proceeded to go and bring the ark of the true God out of the house of Obed-edom up to the City of David with rejoicing. (**2 Samuel 6:12**)**
- **And it came about that when the carriers of the ark of Yehowah had marched six steps, he immediately sacrificed a bull and a fatling. (**2 Samuel 6:13**)**
- **And David was dancing around before Yehowah with all his power, all the while David being girded with an ephod of linen. (**2 Samuel 6:14**)**
- **And David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of Yehowah with joyful shouting and sound of horn. (**2 Samuel 6:15**)**
- **And it occurred that when the ark of Yehowah came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, herself looked down through the window and got to see King David leaping and dancing around before Yehowah, and she began to despise him in her heart. (**2 Samuel 6:16**)**
- **So they brought the ark of Yehowah in and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, after which David**

- offered up burnt sacrifices and communion sacrifices before Yehowah. (2 Samuel 6:17)
- When **David** was finished with offering up the burnt sacrifices and the communion sacrifices, he then blessed the people in the name of Yehowah of armies. (2 Samuel 6:18)
 - Further, he apportioned to all the people, to the whole crowd of Israel, man as well as woman, to each one a ring-shaped cake of bread and a date cake and a raisin cake, after which all the people went each to his own house. (2 Samuel 6:19)
 - **David** now returned to bless his own household, and Michal, Saul's daughter, came on out to meet **David** and then said; How glorious the king of Israel made himself today when he uncovered himself today to the eyes of the slave girls of his servants, just as one of the empty-headed men uncovers himself outright! (2 Samuel 6:20)
 - At this **David** said to Michal; It was before Yehowah, who chose me rather than your father and all his household to put me in command as leader over Yehowah's people Israel, and I will celebrate before Yehowah. (2 Samuel 6:21)
 - And I will make myself even more lightly esteemed than this, and I will become low in my eyes, and with the slave girls whom you mentioned, with them I am determined to glorify myself. (2 Samuel 6:22)
 - So, as regards Michal, Saul's daughter, she came to have no child down to the day of her death. (2 Samuel 6:23)
 - And he continued building houses for himself in the City of **David**, and he went on to prepare a place for the ark of the true God and pitch a tent for it. (1 Chronicles 15:1)
 - It was then that **David** said; No one is to carry the ark of the true God but the Levites, for they are the ones whom Yehowah has chosen to carry the ark of Yehowah and to minister to him to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 15:2)
 - Then **David** congregated all Israel at Jerusalem to bring the ark of Yehowah up to its place that he had prepared for it. (1 Chronicles 15:3)

- And **David** proceeded to gather the sons of Aaron and the Levites. (1 Chronicles 15:4)
- Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief and his brothers, a hundred and twenty. (1 Chronicles 15:5)
- Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief and his brothers, two hundred and twenty. (1 Chronicles 15:6)
- Of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief and his brothers, a hundred and thirty. (1 Chronicles 15:7)
- Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief and his brothers, two hundred. (1 Chronicles 15:8)
- Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief and his brothers, eighty. (1 Chronicles 15:9)
- Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief and his brothers, a hundred and twelve. (1 Chronicles 15:10)
- Furthermore, **David** called Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah and Joel, Shemaiah and Eliel and Amminadab. (1 Chronicles 15:11)
- And he went on to say to them; You are the heads of the fathers of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, and you must bring the ark of Yehowah the God of Israel up to the place that I have prepared for it. (1 Chronicles 15:12)
- Because at the first time you did not, Yehowah our God broke through against us, for we did not search after him according to the custom. (1 Chronicles 15:13)
- So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yehowah the God of Israel. (1 Chronicles 15:14)
- Then the sons of the Levites began to carry the ark of the true God, just as Moses had commanded by Yehowah's word, upon their shoulders with the rods upon them. (1 Chronicles 15:15)
- **David** now said to the chiefs of the Levites to station their brothers the singers with the instruments of song, stringed

- instruments and harps and cymbals, playing aloud to cause a sound of rejoicing to arise. (**1 Chronicles 15:16**)
- Accordingly the Levites stationed Heman the son of Joel and, of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah, and, of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah. (**1 Chronicles 15:17**)
 - And with them their brothers of the second division, Zechariah, Ben and Jaaziel and Shemiramoth and Jehiel and Unni, Eliab and Benaiah and Maaseiah and Mattithiah and Eliphelehu and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom and Jeiel the gatekeepers. (**1 Chronicles 15:18**)
 - And the singers Heman, Asaph and Ethan, with the copper cymbals to play aloud. (**1 Chronicles 15:19**)
 - And Zechariah and Aziel and Shemiramoth and Jehiel and Unni and Eliab and Maaseiah and Benaiah with stringed instruments tuned to Alamoth. (**1 Chronicles 15:20**)
 - And Mattithiah and Eliphelehu and Mikneiah and Obed-edom and Jeiel and Azariah with harps tuned to Sheminith, to act as directors. (**1 Chronicles 15:21**)
 - And Chenaniah the chief of the Levites in carrying, he giving instruction in carrying, for he was expert. (**1 Chronicles 15:22**)
 - And Berechiah and Elkanah the gatekeepers for the Ark. (**1 Chronicles 15:23**)
 - And Shebaniah and Joshaphat and Nethanel and Amasai and Zechariah and Benaiah and Eliezer the priests loudly sounding the trumpets before the ark of the true God, and Obed-edom and Jehiah the gatekeepers for the Ark. (**1 Chronicles 15:24**)
 - And **David** and the older men of Israel and the chiefs of the thousands came to be the ones walking along to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. (**1 Chronicles 15:25**)
 - And it came about when the true God helped the Levites while carrying the ark of the covenant of Yehowah that they proceeded to sacrifice seven young bulls and seven rams. (**1 Chronicles**

15:26)

- **And David was dressed in a sleeveless coat of fine fabric, and also all the Levites carrying the Ark and the singers and Chenaniah the chief of the carrying by the singers, but upon David there was an ephod of linen. (1 Chronicles 15:27)**
- **And all the Israelites were bringing up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah with joyful shouting and with the sounding of the horn and with trumpets and with cymbals, playing aloud on stringed instruments and harps. (1 Chronicles 15:28)**
- **And it came about that, when the ark of the covenant of Yehowah came as far as the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, herself looked down through the window and got to see King David skipping about and celebrating, and she began to despise him in her heart. (1 Chronicles 15:29)**
- **David also arranged for expanded worship of Yehowah at the Ark's new location by assigning gatekeepers and musicians and seeing that there were burnt offerings, constantly morning and evening.**
- **Thus they brought the ark of the true God in and placed it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they began to present burnt offerings and communion sacrifices before the true God. (1 Chronicles 16:1)**
- **When David finished offering up the burnt offering and the communion sacrifices, he went on to bless the people in the name of Yehowah. (1 Chronicles 16:2)**
- **Further, he apportioned to all the Israelites, man as well as woman, to each one a round loaf of bread and a date cake and a raisin cake. (1 Chronicles 16:3)**
- **Then he put before the ark of Yehowah some of the Levites as ministers, both to call to remembrance and to thank and praise Yehowah the God of Israel. (1 Chronicles 16:4)**
- **Asaph the head, and second to him Zechariah, and Jeiel and Shemiramoth and Jehiel and Mattithiah and Eliab and Benaiah and Obed-edom and Jeiel, with instruments of the string type and with harps, and Asaph with the cymbals playing aloud. (1 Chronicles 16:5)**

- **And Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with the trumpets constantly before the ark of the covenant of the true God. (1 Chronicles 16:6)**
- **Then he left there before the ark of the covenant of Yehowah Asaph and his brothers to minister before the Ark constantly, according to the requirement of each day. (1 Chronicles 16:37)**
- **And Obed-edom and his brothers, sixty-eight, and Obed-edom the son of Jeduthun and Hosah as gatekeepers. (1 Chronicles 16:38)**
- **And Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of Yehowah on the high place that was at Gibeon. (1 Chronicles 16:39)**
- **To offer up burnt offerings to Yehowah on the altar of burnt offering constantly morning and evening and for all that is written in the Law of Yehowah that he laid in command upon Israel. (1 Chronicles 16:40)**
- **And with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of the select men that were designated by names to thank Yehowah, because to time indefinite is his loving-kindness. (1 Chronicles 16:41)**
- **And with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound forth the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of the song of the true God, and the sons of Jeduthun at the gate. (1 Chronicles 16:42)**
- **And all the people proceeded to go each one to his own house. Accordingly David went around to bless his own house. (1 Chronicles 16:43)**
- **In addition, David thought of building a temple-palace of cedar to house the Ark, to replace its tent. But David was not permitted to build the house, for God said;**
- **But Yehowah's word came against me, saying; Blood in great quantity you have spilled, and great wars you have waged. You will not build a house to my name, for a great deal of blood you have spilled on the earth before me. (1 Chronicles 22:8)**
- **And the true God himself said to me; You will not build a house**

to my name, for a man of wars you are, and blood you have spilled. (1 Chronicles 28:3)

• However, Yehowah made a covenant with him promising that the kingship would everlastingly remain in his family, and in connection with this covenant God assured him that his son Solomon, whose name is from a root meaning peace, would build the temple.

• And it came about that, when the king dwelt in his own house and Yehowah himself had given him rest from all his enemies round about. (2 Samuel 7:1)

• Then the king said to Nathan the prophet; See, now, I am dwelling in a house of cedars while the ark of the true God is dwelling in the middle of tent cloths. (2 Samuel 7:2)

• Upon that Nathan said to the king; Everything that is in your heart, go, do, because Yehowah is with you. (2 Samuel 7:3)

• And it came about on that night that the word of Yehowah came to Nathan, saying; (2 Samuel 7:4)

• Go, and you must say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah has said; Should you yourself build me a house for me to dwell in? (2 Samuel 7:5)

• For I have not dwelt in a house from the day of my bringing the sons of Israel up out of Egypt to this day, but I was continually walking about in a tent and in a tabernacle. (2 Samuel 7:6)

• During all the time that I have walked about among all the sons of Israel, was there a word that I spoke with one of the tribes of Israel that I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying; Why did you people not build me a house of cedars? (2 Samuel 7:7)

• And now this is what you will say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (2 Samuel 7:8)

• And I shall prove to be with you wherever you do go, and I will cut off all your enemies from before you, and I shall certainly make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones that

- are in the earth. (2 Samuel 7:9)
- **And I shall certainly appoint a place for my people Israel and plant them, and they will indeed reside where they are, and no more will they be disturbed, and the sons of unrighteousness will not afflict them again as they did at the first. (2 Samuel 7:10)**
 - **Even from the day that I put judges in command over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. And Yehowah has told you that a house is what Yehowah will make for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)**
 - **When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:12)**
 - **He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:13)**
 - **I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (2 Samuel 7:14)**
 - **As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (2 Samuel 7:15)**
 - **And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)**
 - **And now, Yehowah God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house carry out to time indefinite and do just as you have spoken. (2 Samuel 7:25)**
 - **And let your own name become great to time indefinite, saying; Yehowah of armies is God over Israel, and let the very house of your servant **David** become firmly established before you. (2 Samuel 7:26)**
 - **For you, Yehowah of armies the God of Israel, have made a revelation to your servants ear, saying; A house I shall build for**

- you. That is why your servant has taken heart to pray to you with this prayer. (2 Samuel 7:27)
- And now, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, you are the true God, and as for your words, let them prove to be truth, since you promise to your servant this goodness. (2 Samuel 7:28)
 - And now take it upon yourself and bless the house of your servant for it to continue to time indefinite before you, for you yourself, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, have promised, and due to your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:29)
 - And it came about that as soon as David had begun dwelling in his own house, David proceeded to say to Nathan the prophet; Here I am dwelling in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of Yehowah is under tent cloths. (1 Chronicles 17:1)
 - Upon that Nathan said to David; Everything that is in your heart do, for the true God is with you. (1 Chronicles 17:2)
 - And it came about on that night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying; (1 Chronicles 17:3)
 - Go, and you must say to David my servant; This is what Yehowah has said; It will not be you that will build me the house in which to dwell. (1 Chronicles 17:4)
 - For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought Israel up until this day, but I continued from tent to tent and from one tabernacle to another. (1 Chronicles 17:5)
 - During all the time that I walked about in all Israel, did I speak a single word with one of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying; Why have you men not built me a house of cedars? (1 Chronicles 17:6)
 - And now this is what you will say to my servant David; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I myself took you from the pasture ground from following the flock to become a leader over my people Israel. (1 Chronicles 17:7)
 - And I shall prove to be with you wherever you do walk, and I shall cut off all your enemies from before you, and I shall

certainly make for you a name like the name of the great ones that are upon the earth. (**1 Chronicles 17:8**)

- **And I shall certainly appoint a place for my people Israel and plant them, and they will indeed reside where they are and no more will they be disturbed, and the sons of unrighteousness will not wear them out again, just as they did at the first. (1 Chronicles 17:9)**
- **Even since the days that I put judges in command over my people Israel. And I shall certainly humble all your enemies. And I tell you, Also a house Yehowah will build for you. (1 Chronicles 17:10)**
- **And it must occur that when your days have come to the full for you to go to be with your forefathers, I shall certainly raise up your seed after you that will come to be one of your sons, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingship. (1 Chronicles 17:11)**
- **He is the one that will build me a house, and I shall certainly establish his throne firmly to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 17:12)**
- **I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son, and my loving-kindness I shall not remove from him the way I removed it from the one that happened to be prior to you. (1 Chronicles 17:13)**
- **And I will cause him to stand in my house and in my kingship to time indefinite, and his throne will itself become one lasting to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 17:14)**
- **According to all these words and according to all this vision was the way that Nathan spoke to David. (1 Chronicles 17:15)**
- **After that King David came in and sat down before Yehowah and said; Who am I, O Yehowah God, and what is my house that you have brought me thus far? (1 Chronicles 17:16)**
- **As though this should be something little in your eyes, O God, yet you speak concerning the house of your servant down to a distant future time, and you have looked on me according to the opportunity of the man in the ascendancy, O Yehowah God. (1 Chronicles 17:17)**

- What more could **David** say to you as to honoring your servant, when you yourself know your servant well? (**1 Chronicles 17:18**)
- O Yehowah, for the sake of your servant and in agreement with your own heart you have done all these great things by making all the great achievements known. (**1 Chronicles 17:19**)
- O Yehowah, there is none like you, and there is no God except you in connection with all that we have heard with our ears. (**1 Chronicles 17:20**)
- And what other nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom the true God went to redeem to himself as a people, to assign to yourself a name of great achievements and fear-inspiring things by driving out nations from before your people whom you have redeemed from Egypt? (**1 Chronicles 17:21**)
- And you proceeded to constitute your people Israel as your people to time indefinite, and you yourself, O Yehowah, became their God. (**1 Chronicles 17:22**)
- And now, O Yehowah, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house prove faithful to time indefinite, and do just as you have spoken. (**1 Chronicles 17:23**)
- And let your name prove faithful and become great to time indefinite, saying; Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, is God to Israel, and let the house of **David** your servant be one lasting before you. (**1 Chronicles 17:24**)
- For you yourself, my God, have revealed to your servant the purpose to build him a house. That is why your servant has found occasion to pray before you. (**1 Chronicles 17:25**)
- And now, O Yehowah, you are the true God, and you promise this goodness concerning your servant. (**1 Chronicles 17:26**)
- And now you must take it upon yourself and bless the house of your servant for it to continue to time indefinite before you, for you yourself, O Yehowah, have blessed, and it is blessed to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 17:27**)
- And it came to be close to the heart of **David** my father to build a

house to the name of Yehowah the God of Israel. (2 Chronicles 6:7)

- But Yehowah said to **David** my father, For the reason that it proved to be close to your heart to build a house to my name, you did well because it proved to be close to your heart. (2 Chronicles 6:8)
- Only you yourself will not build the house, but your son who is coming forth from your loins is the one that will build the house to my name. (2 Chronicles 6:9)
- I have concluded a covenant toward my chosen one, I have sworn to **David** my servant. (Psalms 89:3)
- Even to time indefinite I shall firmly establish your seed, and I will build your throne to generation after generation. (Psalms 89:4)
- Once I have sworn in my holiness, to **David** I will not tell lies. (Psalms 89:35)
- His seed itself will prove to be even to time indefinite, and his throne as the sun in front of me. (Psalms 89:36)
- It was therefore in line with this kingdom covenant that Yehowah permitted **David** to expand his territorial rule from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates, securing his borders, maintaining peace with the king of Tyre, battling and conquering opponents on all sides Philistines, Syrians, Moabites, Edomites, Amalekites, and Ammonites.
- And it came about afterward that **David** proceeded to strike the Philistines down and subdue them, and **David** got to take Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines. (2 Samuel 8:1)
- And he went on to strike down the Moabites and measure them with a line, making them lie down on the earth, that he might measure two lines to put them to death, and a full line to preserve them alive, and the Moabites came to be **David's** servants to carry tribute. (2 Samuel 8:2)
- And **David** went on to strike down Hadadezer the son of Rehob the king of Zobah as he was going his way to put his control back again at the river Euphrates. (2 Samuel 8:3)

- And **David** got to capture from him one thousand seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand men on foot, and **David** proceeded to hamstring all the chariot horses, but he let a hundred chariot horses of them remain. (2 Samuel 8:4)
- When Syria of Damascus came to help Hadadezer the king of Zobah, **David** then struck down among the Syrians twenty-two thousand men. (2 Samuel 8:5)
- Further, **David** put garrisons in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians came to be **David's** servants to carry tribute. And Yehowah continued to save **David** wherever he went. (2 Samuel 8:6)
- Moreover, **David** took the circular shields of gold that happened to be on the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 8:7)
- And from Betah and Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King **David** took copper in very great quantity. (2 Samuel 8:8)
- Now Toi the king of Hamath got to hear that **David** had struck down all the military force of Hadadezer. (2 Samuel 8:9)
- So he sent Joram his son to King **David** to ask him about his welfare and congratulate him over the fact that he had fought against Hadadezer so that he struck him down, for Hadadezer had become trained in warfare against Toi, and in his hand there proved to be articles of silver and articles of gold and articles of copper. (2 Samuel 8:10)
- These also King **David** sanctified to Yehowah, together with the silver and the gold that he had sanctified from all the nations that he had subdued. (2 Samuel 8:11)
- From Syria and from Moab and from the sons of Ammon and from the Philistines and from Amalek and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob the king of Zobah. (2 Samuel 8:12)
- And **David** proceeded to make a name when he came back from striking down the Edomites in the Valley of Salt, eighteen thousand. (2 Samuel 8:13)

- **And he kept garrisons placed in Edom. In all Edom he placed garrisons, and all the Edomites came to be servants of **David**, and Yehowah kept saving **David** wherever he went. (2 Samuel 8:14)**
- **In time the sons of Ammon saw that they had become foul-smelling to **David**, and the sons of Ammon proceeded to send and hire Syrians of Beth-rehob and Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand men on foot, and the king of Maacah, a thousand men, and Ishtob, twelve thousand men. (2 Samuel 10:6)**
- **When **David** heard of it, then he sent Joab and all the army and the mighty men. (2 Samuel 10:7)**
- **And the sons of Ammon began to go out and draw up in battle formation at the entrance of the gate, also the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and Ishtob and Maacah by themselves in the open field. (2 Samuel 10:8)**
- **When Joab saw that the battle charges had come to be against him from the front and from the rear, he at once chose some of all the choice men in Israel and drew them up in formation to meet the Syrians. (2 Samuel 10:9)**
- **And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might draw them up in formation to meet the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 10:10)**
- **And he went on to say; If the Syrians become too strong for me, then you must serve as a salvation for me, but if the sons of Ammon themselves become too strong for you, I must also come to save you. (2 Samuel 10:11)**
- **Be strong, that we may show ourselves courageous in behalf of our people and in behalf of the cities of our God, and as for Yehowah, he will do what is good in his own eyes. (2 Samuel 10:12)**
- **Then Joab and the people that were with him advanced to the battle against the Syrians, and they went fleeing from before him. (2 Samuel 10:13)**
- **As for the sons of Ammon, they saw that the Syrians had fled, and they took to flight from before Abishai and hence came into the city. After that Joab returned from the sons of Ammon and**

came to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 10:14)

- When the Syrians saw that they had been defeated before Israel, they proceeded to gather themselves together. (2 Samuel 10:15)
- So Hadadezer sent and brought out the Syrians that were in the region of the River, and then they came to Helam, with Shobach the chief of the army of Hadadezer before them. (2 Samuel 10:16)
- When the report was made to David, he immediately gathered all Israel and crossed the Jordan and came to Helam. The Syrians now drew up in formation to meet David and began to fight against him. (2 Samuel 10:17)
- And the Syrians took to flight from before Israel, and David got to kill of the Syrians seven hundred charioteers and forty thousand horsemen, and Shobach the chief of their army he struck down so that he died there. (2 Samuel 10:18)
- When all the kings, the servants of Hadadezer, saw that they had been defeated before Israel, they promptly made peace with Israel and began to serve them, and the Syrians were afraid to try saving the sons of Ammon anymore. (2 Samuel 10:19)
- You yourself well know that David my father was not able to build a house to the name of Yehowah his God because of the warfare with which they surrounded him, until Yehowah put them under the soles of his feet. (1 Kings 5:3)
- Accordingly David congregated all Israel from the river of Egypt as far as the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of the true God from Kiriath-jearim. (1 Chronicles 13:5)
- And Hiram the king of Tyre proceeded to send messengers to David and cedar timbers and builders of walls and workers in wood to build him a house. (1 Chronicles 14:1)
- And David came to know that Yehowah had firmly established him as king over Israel, for his kingship was highly exalted on account of his people Israel. (1 Chronicles 14:2)
- These God-given victories made David a most powerful ruler.

- And **David's** fame began to go out into all the lands, and Yehowah himself put the dread of him upon all the nations. (**1 Chronicles 14:17**)
- However, **David** was always conscious that this position was not his by conquest or inheritance but that it was from Yehowah, who had placed him on the throne of this typical theocracy.
- And he did not inquire of Yehowah. Consequently he put him to death and turned the kingship over to **David** the son of Jesse. (**1 Chronicles 10:14**)
- Consequently **David** blessed Yehowah before the eyes of all the congregation and **David** said; Blessed may you be, O Yehowah the God of Israel our father, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 29:10**)
- Yours, O Yehowah, are the greatness and the mightiness and the beauty and the excellency and the dignity, for everything in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Yehowah, the One also lifting yourself up as head over all. (**1 Chronicles 29:11**)
- The riches and the glory are on account of you, and you are dominating everything, and in your hand there are power and mightiness, and in your hand is ability to make great and to give strength to all. (**1 Chronicles 29:12**)
- And now, O our God, we are thanking you and praising your beauteous name. (**1 Chronicles 29:13**)

•• Sins Bring Calamity

- During the continued campaign against the Ammonites, one of the saddest episodes of **David's** life occurred. It all began when the king, upon observing from his rooftop beautiful Bath-sheba bathing herself, entertained wrong desires.
- But each one is tried by being drawn out and enticed by his own desire. (**James 1:14**)
- Then the desire, when it has become fertile, gives birth to sin, in turn, sin, when it has been accomplished, brings forth death. (**James 1:15**)

- After learning that her husband Uriah was off to war, **David** had the woman brought to his palace, where he had relations with her. In time the king was notified that she was pregnant. No doubt fearing that Bath-sheba would be publicly exposed and put to death for immoral conduct, David quickly sent word to the army that Uriah should report to him in Jerusalem, with the hope that Uriah would spend the night with his wife.
- But even though David got him drunk, Uriah refused to sleep with Bath-sheba. In desperation, David sent him back to the army with secret instructions to the commander Joab to have Uriah put in the front lines, where he would surely be killed.
- The scheme worked. Uriah died in battle, his widow observed the customary period of mourning, and then David married the widow before the townspeople were aware of her pregnancy.
- 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 it came about at the time of evening that **David** proceeded to rise from his bed and walk about on the rooftop of the king's house, and from the rooftop he caught sight of a woman bathing herself, and the woman was very good in appearance. (2 Samuel 11:2)
- Then **David** sent and inquired about the woman and someone said; Is this not Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam the wife of Uriah the Hittite? (2 Samuel 11:3)
- After that **David** sent messengers that he might take her. So she came in to him and he lay down with her, while she was sanctifying herself from her uncleanness. Later she returned to her house. (2 Samuel 11:4)
- And the woman became pregnant. Consequently she sent and told **David** and said; I am pregnant. (2 Samuel 11:5)
- At this **David** sent to Joab, saying; Send to me Uriah the Hittite. So Joab sent Uriah to David. (2 Samuel 11:6)

- When Uriah came to him, **David** began to ask how Joab was getting along and how the people were getting along and how the war was getting along. (2 Samuel 11:7)
- Finally **David** said to Uriah; Go down to your house and bathe your feet. Accordingly Uriah went out from the king's house, and the king's courtesy gift went out following him. (2 Samuel 11:8)
- However, Uriah lay down at the entrance of the king's house with all the other servants of his lord, and he did not go down to his own house. (2 Samuel 11:9)
- So they told **David**, saying; Uriah did not go down to his own house. Upon that David said to Uriah; It is from a journey that you have come in, is it not? Why have you not gone down to your own house? (2 Samuel 11:10)
- At this Uriah said to **David**; The Ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping on the face of the field, and I, shall I go into my own house to eat and drink and to lie down with my wife? As you are living and as your soul is living, I shall not do this thing! (2 Samuel 11:11)
- Then **David** said to Uriah; Dwell here also today, and tomorrow I shall send you away. Therefore Uriah kept dwelling in Jerusalem on that day and the day following. (2 Samuel 11:12)
- Further, **David** called him that he might eat before him and drink. So he got him drunk. Nevertheless, he went out in the evening to lie down on his bed with the servants of his lord, and to his own house he did not go down. (2 Samuel 11:13)
- And it came about in the morning that **David** proceeded to write a letter to Joab and send it by the hand of Uriah. (2 Samuel 11:14)
- So he wrote in the letter, saying; Put Uriah in front of the heaviest battle charges, and you men must retreat from behind him, and he must be struck down and die. (2 Samuel 11:15)
- And it came about that while Joab was keeping guard over the city he kept Uriah put in the place where he knew that there

- were valiant men. (2 Samuel 11:16)
- When the men of the city came on out and went fighting against Joab, then some of the people, the servants of **David**, fell and Uriah the Hittite also died. (2 Samuel 11:17)
 - Joab now sent that he might report to **David** all the matters of the war. (2 Samuel 11:18)
 - And he went on to command the messenger, saying; As soon as you finish speaking to the king about all the matters of the war. (2 Samuel 11:19)
 - Then it must occur that if the rage of the king comes up and he does say to you; Why did you have to go so near to the city to fight? Did you men not know that they would shoot from on top of the wall? (2 Samuel 11:20)
 - Who was it that struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman that pitched an upper millstone upon him from on top of the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you men have to go so close to the wall? You must also say; Your servant Uriah the Hittite died too. (2 Samuel 11:21)
 - So the messenger went and came and told **David** all about which Joab had sent him. (2 Samuel 11:22)
 - And the messenger went on to say to **David**; The men proved superior to us, so that they came out against us into the field, but we kept pressing them right up to the entrance of the gate. (2 Samuel 11:23)
 - And the shooters kept shooting at your servants from on top of the wall, so that some of the servants of the king died, and your servant Uriah the Hittite also died. (2 Samuel 11:24)
 - At that **David** said to the messenger; This is what you will say to Joab; Do not let this matter appear bad in your eyes, for the sword eats up one as well as another. Intensify your battle against the city and throw it down. And encourage him. (2 Samuel 11:25)
 - And the wife of Uriah got to hear that Uriah her husband had died, and she began to wail over her owner. (2 Samuel 11:26)

- When the mourning period was past, **David** immediately sent and took her home to his house, and she came to be his wife. In time she bore to him a son, but the thing that **David** had done appeared bad in the eyes of Yehowah. (**2 Samuel 11:27**)
- Yehowah was watching, however, and uncovered the whole reprehensible matter. If Yehowah had permitted the case involving **David** and Bath-sheba to be handled by human judges under the Mosaic Law, both of the wrongdoers would have been put to death, and of course, the unborn offspring of their adultery would have died with the mother.
- Neither must you commit adultery. (**Deuteronomy 5:18**)
- In case a man is found lying down with a woman owned by an owner, both of them must then die together, the man lying down with the woman and the woman. So you must clear away what is bad out of Israel. (**Deuteronomy 22:22**)
- However, Yehowah dealt with the case himself and showed mercy to **David** because of the Kingdom covenant.
- Even from the day that I put judges in command over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. And Yehowah has told you that a house is what Yehowah will make for you. (**2 Samuel 7:11**)
- When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (**2 Samuel 7:12**)
- He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (**2 Samuel 7:13**)
- I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (**2 Samuel 7:14**)
- As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (**2 Samuel 7:15**)

- **And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)**
- **No doubt because David himself had shown mercy.**
- **And David's men began to say to him; Here is the day on which Yehowah does say to you, Look! I am giving your enemy into your hand, and you must do to him just as it may seem good in your eyes. So David rose up and quietly cut off the skirt of the sleeveless coat that belonged to Saul. (1 Samuel 24:4)**
- **But it came about afterward that David's heart kept striking him for the reason that he had cut off the skirt of the sleeveless coat that belonged to Saul. (1 Samuel 24:5)**
- **Hence he said to his men; It is unthinkable, on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, that I should do this thing to my lord, the anointed of Yehowah, by thrusting out my hand against him, for he is the anointed of Yehowah. (1 Samuel 24:6)**
- **Accordingly David dispersed his men with these words, and he did not allow them to rise up against Saul. As for Saul, he rose up from the cave and kept going on his way. (1 Samuel 24:7)**
- **For the one that does not practice mercy will have his judgment without mercy. Mercy exults triumphantly over judgment. (James 2:13)**
- **And because of repentance that God observed on the part of the wrongdoers.**
- **Show me favor, O God, according to your loving-kindness. According to the abundance of your mercies wipe out my transgressions. (Psalms 51:1)**
- **Thoroughly wash me from my error, and cleanse me even from my sin. (Psalms 51:2)**
- **For my transgressions I myself know, and my sin is in front of me constantly. (Psalms 51:3)**
- **Against you, you alone, I have sinned, and what is bad in your**

eyes I have done, in order, that you may prove to be righteous when you speak, that you may be in the clear when you judge. (Psalms 51:4)

- **But they did not escape all punishment. By the mouth of the prophet Nathan, Yehowah pronounced; Here I am raising up against you calamity out of your own house.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to send Nathan to David. So he came in to him and said to him; There were two men that happened to be in one city, the one rich and the other of little means. (2 Samuel 12:1)**
- **The rich man happened to have very many sheep and cattle. (2 Samuel 12:2)**
- **But the man of little means had nothing but one female lamb, a small one, that he had bought. And he was preserving it alive, and it was growing up with him and with his sons, all together. From his morsel it would eat, and from his cup it would drink, and in his bosom it would lie, and it came to be as a daughter to him. (2 Samuel 12:3)**
- **After a while a visitor came to the rich man, but he spared taking some from his own sheep and his own cattle to get such ready for the traveler that had come in to him. So he took the female lamb of the man of little means and got it ready for the man that had come in to him. (2 Samuel 12:4)**
- **At this David's anger grew very hot against the man, so that he said to Nathan; As Yehowah is living, the man doing this deserves to die! (2 Samuel 12:5)**
- **And for the female lamb he should make compensation with four, as a consequence of the fact that he has done this thing and because he did not have compassion. (2 Samuel 12:6)**
- **Then Nathan said to David; You yourself are the man! This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I myself anointed you as king over Israel, and I myself delivered you out of the hand of Saul. (2 Samuel 12:7)**
- **And I was willing to give you the house of your lord and the wives of your lord into your bosom, and to give you the house of**

- Israel and of Judah. And if it were not enough, I was willing to add to you things like these as well as other things. (**2 Samuel 12:8**)
- Why did you despise the word of Yehowah by doing what is bad in his eyes? Uriah the Hittite you struck down with the sword, and his wife you took as your wife, and him you killed by the sword of the sons of Ammon. (**2 Samuel 12:9**)
 - And now a sword will not depart from your own house to time indefinite, as a consequence of the fact that you despised me so that you took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to become your wife. (**2 Samuel 12:10**)
 - This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am raising up against you calamity out of your own house, and I will take your wives under your own eyes and give them to your fellowman, and he will certainly lie down with your wives under the eyes of this sun. (**2 Samuel 12:11**)
 - Whereas you yourself acted in secret, I, for my part, shall do this thing in front of all Israel and in front of the sun. (**2 Samuel 12:12**)
 - And so it proved to be. The adulterine child born to Bath-sheba soon died, even though **David** fasted and mourned over the sick child for seven days.
 - Then Nathan went to his own house. And Yehowah proceeded to deal a blow to the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to **David** so that it took sick. (**2 Samuel 12:15**)
 - And **David** began to seek the true God in behalf of the boy, and **David** went on a strict fast and came in and spent the night and lay down on the earth. (**2 Samuel 12:16**)
 - So the older men of his house stood up over him to raise him up from the earth, but he did not consent and did not take bread in company with them. (**2 Samuel 12:17**)
 - And it came about on the seventh day that the child gradually died. And the servants of **David** were afraid to tell him that the child had died, for they said; Look! While the child continued alive we did speak to him, and he did not listen to our voice, so

how can we say to him; The child has died? Then he will certainly do something bad. (2 Samuel 12:18)

- When **David** got to see that his servants were whispering together, **David** began to discern that the child had died. So **David** said to his servants; Has the child died? To this they said, He has died. (2 Samuel 12:19)
- Then **David** got up from the earth and washed and rubbed himself with oil and changed his mantles and came to the house of Yehowah and prostrated himself, after which he came into his own house and asked, and they promptly set bread before him and he began to eat. (2 Samuel 12:20)
- Consequently his servants said to him; What does this thing mean that you have done? For the sake of the child while alive you fasted and kept weeping, and just as soon as the child had died you got up and began to eat bread. (2 Samuel 12:21)
- To this he said; While the child was yet alive I did fast and I kept weeping, because I said to myself; Who is there knowing whether Yehowah may show me favor, and the child will certainly live? (2 Samuel 12:22)
- Now that he has died, why is it I am fasting? Am I able to bring him back again? I am going to him, but, as for him, he will not return to me. (2 Samuel 12:23)
- Then **David's** firstborn son Amnon raped his own half sister Tamar, and he was subsequently murdered by her brother, to the grief of his father.
- And it came about after such things that Absalom the son of **David** had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar, and Amnon the son of **David** fell in love with her. (2 Samuel 13:1)
- And it was so distressing to Amnon that he felt sick on account of Tamar his sister, because she was a virgin, and it was difficult in the eyes of Amnon to do anything at all to her. (2 Samuel 13:2)
- Now Amnon had a companion whose name was Jehonadab, the son of Shimeah, **David's** brother, and Jehonadab was a very wise man. (2 Samuel 13:3)

- So he said to him; Why are you, the son of the king, so downcast as this, morning by morning? Will you not tell me? At this Amnon said to him; With Tamar the sister of Absalom my brother I am in love. (2 Samuel 13:4)
- Upon that Jehonadab said to him; Lie down on your bed and play sick. And your father will certainly come to see you, and you must say to him; Please, let Tamar my sister come in and give me bread as a patient, and she will have to make the bread of consolation under my eyes in order, that I may see it, and I shall have to eat from her hand. (2 Samuel 13:5)
- Accordingly Amnon lay down and played sick, and so the king came in to see him. Then Amnon said to the king; Please, let Tamar my sister come in and bake two heart-shaped cakes under my eyes, that I may take bread as a patient from her hand. (2 Samuel 13:6)
- At that David sent to Tamar at the house, saying; Go, please, to the house of Amnon your brother and make the bread of consolation for him. (2 Samuel 13:7)
- So Tamar went to the house of Amnon her brother while he was lying down. Then she took the flour dough and kneaded it and made the cakes under his eyes and cooked the heart-shaped cakes. (2 Samuel 13:8)
- Finally she took the deep pan and poured it out before him, but Amnon refused to eat and said; Have everybody go out from me! Then everybody went out from him. (2 Samuel 13:9)
- Amnon now said to Tamar; Bring the bread of consolation to the interior room, that I may take it as a patient from your hand. So Tamar took the heart-shaped cakes that she had made and brought them in to Amnon her brother in the interior room. (2 Samuel 13:10)
- When she came near to him for him to eat, he at once grabbed hold of her and said to her; Come, lie down with me, my sister. (2 Samuel 13:11)
- However, she said to him; No, my brother! Do not humiliate me. For it is not usual to do that way in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful folly. (2 Samuel 13:12)

- **And I, where shall I cause my reproach to go? And you, you will become like one of the senseless men in Israel. And now speak, please, to the king, for he will not withhold me from you. (2 Samuel 13:13)**
- **And he did not consent to listen to her voice, but used strength superior to hers and humiliated her and lay down with her. (2 Samuel 13:14)**
- **And Amnon began hating her with a very great hatred, because the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her, so that Amnon said to her; Get up, go away! (2 Samuel 13:15)**
- **At this she said to him; No, my brother, for this badness in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done with me! And he did not consent to listen to her. (2 Samuel 13:16)**
- **With that he called his attendant who waited upon him and said, Send this person away from me, please, to the outside, and lock the door behind her. (2 Samuel 13:17)**
- **Now upon her there was a striped robe, for that was the way the daughters of the king, the virgins, used to dress with sleeveless coats. So his waiter proceeded to lead her clear outside, and he locked the door behind her. (2 Samuel 13:18)**
- **Then Tamar placed ashes upon her head, and the striped robe that was upon her she ripped apart, and she kept her hands put upon her head and went walking away, crying out as she walked. (2 Samuel 13:19)**
- **At this Absalom her brother said to her; Was it Amnon your brother that happened to be with you? And now, my sister, keep silent. He is your brother. Do not set your heart on this matter. And Tamar began to dwell, while being kept from association with others, at the house of Absalom her brother. (2 Samuel 13:20)**
- **And King David himself heard about all these things, and he became very angry. (2 Samuel 13:21)**

- **And Absalom did not speak with Amnon either bad or good, for Absalom hated Amnon over the fact that he had humiliated Tamar his sister. (2 Samuel 13:22)**
- **And it turned out after two full years that Absalom came to have sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is close by Ephraim, and Absalom proceeded to invite all the sons of the king. (2 Samuel 13:23)**
- **So Absalom came in to the king and said; Here, now, your servant has sheepshearers! Let the king go, please, and also his servants, with your servant. (2 Samuel 13:24)**
- **But the king said to Absalom; No, my son! Do not let all of us go, please, that we may not be a burden upon you. Although he kept urging him, he did not consent to go but blessed him. (2 Samuel 13:25)**
- **Finally Absalom said; If not you, let Amnon my brother go with us, please. At this the king said to him; Why should he go with you? (2 Samuel 13:26)**
- **And Absalom began to urge him, so that he sent Amnon and all the sons of the king with him. (2 Samuel 13:27)**
- **Then Absalom commanded his attendants, saying; See, please, that just as soon as Amnon's heart is in a merry mood with wine, and I shall certainly say to you; Strike down Amnon! You must then put him to death. Do not be afraid. Have not I myself commanded you? Be strong and prove yourselves to be valiant men. (2 Samuel 13:28)**
- **And Absalom's attendants proceeded to do to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded, and all the other sons of the king began to rise up and mount each one his mule and take to flight. (2 Samuel 13:29)**
- **And it came about that, while they were on the way, the report itself came to David, saying; Absalom has struck down all the sons of the king, and not one of them has been left over. (2 Samuel 13:30)**
- **At this the king got up and ripped his clothes apart and lay upon the earth, and all his servants were standing by with their**

- garments ripped apart. (2 Samuel 13:31)
- However, Jehonadab the son of Shimeah, **David's** brother, answered and said; Do not let my lord think that it is all the young men the sons of the king that they have put to death, for it is Amnon alone that has died, because at the order of Absalom it has occurred as something appointed from the day that he humiliated Tamar his sister. (2 Samuel 13:32)
 - And now do not let my lord the king take to his heart the word, saying; All the king's sons themselves have died, but it is Amnon alone that has died. (2 Samuel 13:33)
 - Later, Absalom, the third and beloved son of **David**, not only attempted to usurp the throne but openly despised and publicly disgraced his father by having relations with **David's** concubines.
 - And it came about following such things that Absalom proceeded to have a chariot made for himself, with horses and with fifty men running before him. (2 Samuel 15:1)
 - Accordingly they pitched a tent for Absalom upon the roof, and Absalom began to have relations with the concubines of his father under the eyes of all Israel. (2 Samuel 16:22)
 - Finally, the humiliation reached its peak when civil war plunged the country into a struggle of son against father, ending in Absalom's death, contrary to the wishes of **David** and much to his grief.
 - And Ahithophel proceeded to say to Absalom; Let me choose, please, twelve thousand men and rise up and chase after **David** tonight. (2 Samuel 17:1)
 - Then the king became disturbed and went up to the roof chamber over the gateway and gave way to weeping, and this is what he said as he walked; My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! O that I might have died, I myself, instead of you, Absalom my son, my son! (2 Samuel 18:33)
 - During his flight from Absalom, **David** composed (Psalms Chapter 3), in which he says, Salvation belongs to Yehowah.
 - Salvation belongs to Yehowah. Your blessing is upon your people. (Psalms 3:8)

- But for all his faults and gross sins, **David** always showed the right heart condition by repenting and begging Yehowah's forgiveness. This was demonstrated in the affair involving Bath-sheba, after which David wrote (**Psalms Chapter 51**), stating; With error I was brought forth in sin my mother conceived me.
- Look! With error I was brought forth with birth pains, and in sin my mother conceived me. (**Psalms 51:5**)
- Another instance when **David** humbly confessed his sins was when Satan incited him to take a census of the men qualified for the military forces.
- And again the anger of Yehowah came to be hot against Israel, when one incited **David** against them, saying; Go, take a count of Israel and Judah. (**2 Samuel 24:1**)
- O the king said to Joab the chief of the military forces who was with him: Move about, please, through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and you men register the people, and I shall certainly know the number of the people. (**2 Samuel 24:2**)
- But Joab said to the king; May Yehowah your God even add to the people a hundred times as many as they are while the very eyes of my lord the king are seeing it. But as for my lord the king, why has he found delight in this thing? (**2 Samuel 24:3**)
- Finally the king's word prevailed upon Joab and the chiefs of the military forces. So Joab and the chiefs of the military forces went out from before the king to register the people Israel. (**2 Samuel 24:4**)
- Then they crossed the Jordan and took up camping at Aroer to the right of the city that is in the middle of the torrent valley, toward the Gadites, and to Jazer. (**2 Samuel 24:5**)
- After that they came on to Gilead and the land of Tahtim-hodshi and continued on to Dan-jaan and went around to Sidon. (**2 Samuel 24:6**)
- Then they came to the fortress of Tyre and all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites and came to the terminating point in the Negeb of Judah at Beer-sheba. (**2 Samuel 24:7**)

- Thus they went moving about through all the land and came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. (2 Samuel 24:8)
- Joab now gave the number of the registration of the people to the king, and Israel amounted to eight hundred thousand valiant men drawing sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. (2 Samuel 24:9)
- And **David's** heart began to beat him after he had so numbered the people. Consequently **David** said to Yehowah; I have sinned very much in what I have done. And now, Yehowah, let your servants error pass by, please, for I have acted very foolishly. (2 Samuel 24:10)
- When **David** proceeded to rise up in the morning, Yehowah's word itself came to Gad the prophet, **David's** visionary, saying; (2 Samuel 24:11)
- Go, and you must say to **David**; This is what Yehowah has said, Three things I am laying upon you. Choose for yourself one of them that I may do it to you. (2 Samuel 24:12)
- Accordingly Gad came in to **David** and told him and said to him, Should there come to you seven years of famine in your land, or three months of your fleeing before your adversaries, with them pursuing you, or the occurring of three days of pestilence in your land? Now know and see what I shall reply to the One sending me. (2 Samuel 24:13)
- So **David** said to Gad: It is very distressing to me. Let us fall, please, into the hand of Yehowah, for many are his mercies, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (2 Samuel 24:14)
- Then Yehowah gave a pestilence in Israel from the morning until the time appointed, so that out of the people from Dan to Beer-sheba seventy thousand persons died. (2 Samuel 24:15)
- And the angel kept his hand thrust out toward Jerusalem to bring it to ruin, and Yehowah began to feel regret over the calamity, and so he said to the angel that was bringing ruin among the people; It is enough! Now let your hand drop. And Yehowah's angel himself happened to be close by the threshing floor of

- Araunah the Jebusite. (2 Samuel 24:16)
- And **David** proceeded to say to Yehowah, when he saw the angel that was striking the people down, yes, he proceeded to say; Here it is I that have sinned and it is I that have done wrong, but these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, please, come upon me and upon the house of my father. (2 Samuel 24:17)
 - And Satan proceeded to stand up against Israel and to incite **David** to number Israel. (1 Chronicles 21:1)
 - So **David** said to Joab and the chiefs of the people; Go, count Israel from Beer-sheba to Dan and bring it to me that I may know their number. (1 Chronicles 21:2)
 - But Joab said; May Yehowah add to his people a hundred times as many as they are. Do they not, O my lord the king, all of them belong to my lord as servants? Why does my lord seek this? Why should he become a cause of guilt to Israel? (1 Chronicles 21:3)
 - The king's word, however, prevailed over Joab, so that Joab went out and walked through all Israel, after which he came to Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 21:4)
 - Joab now gave the number of the registration of the people to **David**, and all Israel amounted to a million one hundred thousand men drawing sword, and Judah four hundred and seventy thousand men drawing sword. (1 Chronicles 21:5)
 - And Levi and Benjamin he did not register in among them, because the king's word had been detestable to Joab. (1 Chronicles 21:6)
 - Now this thing was bad in the eyes of the true God, and so he struck down Israel. (1 Chronicles 21:7)
 - Consequently **David** said to the true God; I have sinned very much in that I have done this thing. And now, please, cause your servants error to pass away, for I have acted very foolishly. (1 Chronicles 21:8)
 - And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Gad, **David's** visionary, saying; (1 Chronicles 21:9)

- **Go, and you must speak to David, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; There are three things that I am directing against you. Choose for yourself one of them, that I may do it to you. (1 Chronicles 21:10)**
- **Accordingly Gad went in to David and said to him; This is what Yehowah has said; Take your pick. (1 Chronicles 21:11)**
- **Whether for three years there is to be a famine, or for three months there is to be a sweeping away from before your adversaries and for the sword of your enemies to overtake you, or for three days there is to be the sword of Yehowah, even pestilence, in the land, with Yehowah's angel bringing ruin in all the territory of Israel. And now see what I should reply to the One sending me. (1 Chronicles 21:12)**
- **So David said to Gad; It is very distressing to me. Please, let me fall into the hand of Yehowah, for very many are his mercies, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (1 Chronicles 21:13)**
- **Then Yehowah gave a pestilence in Israel, so that out of Israel seventy thousand persons fell. (1 Chronicles 21:14)**
- **Moreover, the true God sent an angel to Jerusalem to bring ruin to it, and as soon as he began bringing the ruin, Yehowah saw it and began to feel regret over the calamity, and so he said to the angel that was bringing the ruin; It is enough! Now let your hand drop. And Yehowah's angel was standing close by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (1 Chronicles 21:15)**
- **When David raised his eyes, he got to see Yehowah's angel standing between the earth and the heavens with his drawn sword in his hand extended toward Jerusalem, and David and the older men, covered with sackcloth, at once fell down upon their faces. (1 Chronicles 21:16)**
- **And David proceeded to say to the true God; Was it not I that said to make a numbering of the people, and is it not I that have sinned and have unquestionably done bad? As for these sheep, what have they done? O Yehowah my God, let your hand, please, come to be upon me and my father's house, but not upon your people, for a scourge. (1 Chronicles 21:17)**

- Joab the son of Zeruiah had himself started to take the count, but he did not finish, and for this there came to be indignation against Israel, and the number did not come up into the account of the affairs of the days of King **David**. (1 Chronicles 27:24)

See Also REGISTRATION

· Purchase Of The Site For The Temple

- When the pestilence that resulted from the king's error in this last instance was stopped, **David** purchased the threshing floor of Ornan and, as a sacrifice to Yehowah, offered up the cattle with the sledge used for the threshing. It was on this site that Solomon later built the magnificent temple.
- Later Gad came in to **David** on that day and said to him; Go up, set up for Yehowah an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. (2 Samuel 24:18)
- And **David** began to go up in accord with the word of Gad, according to what Yehowah had commanded. (2 Samuel 24:19)
- When Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants passing along toward him, Araunah at once went out and bowed down to the king with his face to the earth. (2 Samuel 24:20)
- Then Araunah said; Why has my lord the king come to his servant? At that **David** said; To buy from you the threshing floor for building an altar to Yehowah, that the scourge may be halted from upon the people. (2 Samuel 24:21)
- But Araunah said to **David**; Let my lord the king take it and offer up what is good in his eyes. See the cattle for the burnt offering and the threshing sledge and the implements of the cattle for the wood. (2 Samuel 24:22)
- Everything Araunah, O king, does give to the king. And Araunah went on to say to the king; May Yehowah your God show pleasure in you. (2 Samuel 24:23)
- However, the king said to Araunah; No, but without fail I shall buy it from you for a price, and I shall not offer up to Yehowah my God burnt sacrifices without cost. Accordingly **David** bought the threshing floor and the cattle for fifty silver shekels. (2

Samuel 24:24)

- And **David** proceeded to build there an altar to Yehowah and offer up burnt sacrifices and communion sacrifices, and Yehowah began letting himself be entreated for the land, so that the scourge was halted from upon Israel. (**2 Samuel 24:25**)
- And Yehowah's angel, for his part, said to Gad to say to **David** that David should go up to erect an altar to Yehowah on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (**1 Chronicles 21:18**)
- Accordingly **David** went up at the word of Gad that he had spoken in the name of Yehowah. (**1 Chronicles 21:19**)
- Meantime, Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons with him were hiding themselves. Now Ornan had been threshing wheat. (**1 Chronicles 21:20**)
- So **David** came as far as Ornan. When Ornan looked and saw David, he immediately went out of the threshing floor and bowed down to **David** with his face to the earth. (**1 Chronicles 21:21**)
- Then **David** said to Ornan; Do give me the place of the threshing floor, that I may build in it an altar to Yehowah. For the money in full give it to me, that the scourge may be halted from upon the people. (**1 Chronicles 21:22**)
- But Ornan said to **David**; Take it as your own, and let my lord the king do what is good in his own eyes. See, I do give the cattle for burnt offerings and the threshing sledge for the wood and the wheat as a grain offering. The whole I do give. (**1 Chronicles 21:23**)
- However, King **David** said to Ornan; No, but without fail I shall make the purchase for the money in full, because I shall not carry what is yours to Yehowah to offer up burnt sacrifices without cost. (**1 Chronicles 21:24**)
- So **David** gave Ornan for the place gold shekels to the weight of six hundred. (**1 Chronicles 21:25**)
- Then **David** built there an altar to Yehowah and offered up burnt sacrifices and communion sacrifices, and he proceeded to call upon Yehowah, who now answered him with fire from the

heavens upon the altar of burnt offering. (1 Chronicles 21:26)

- Moreover, Yehowah said the word to the angel, who accordingly returned his sword to its sheath. (1 Chronicles 21:27)
- At that time, when **David** saw that Yehowah had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he continued to sacrifice there. (1 Chronicles 21:28)
- But the tabernacle of Yehowah that Moses had made in the wilderness and the altar of burnt offering were at that time on the high place at Gibeon. (1 Chronicles 21:29)
- And **David** had not been able to go before it to consult God, for he had been terrified because of the sword of Yehowah's angel. (1 Chronicles 21:30)
- Finally Solomon started to build the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yehowah had appeared to **David** his father, in the place that **David** had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (2 Chronicles 3:1)
- **David** always had it in his heart to build that temple, and though not permitted to do so, he was allowed to set a great task force to hewing stones and gathering materials that included 100,000 talents of gold (\$38,535,000,000) and 1,000,000 talents of silver (\$6,606,000,000), and copper and iron without measure.
- **David** now said to bring together the alien residents that were in the land of Israel, and then he set them as stone hewers to hew squared stones for building the house of the true God. (1 Chronicles 22:2)
- And iron in great quantity for nails for the doors of the gates and for clamps **David** prepared, and also copper in such quantity as to be beyond weighing. (1 Chronicles 22:3)
- And also cedar timbers without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought in cedar timbers in great quantity to **David**. (1 Chronicles 22:4)
- Accordingly **David** said; Solomon my son is young and delicate, and the house to be built to Yehowah is to be surpassingly magnificent for beauteous distinction to all the lands. Let me,

- then, make preparation for him. So **David** made preparation in great quantities before his death. (**1 Chronicles 22:5**)
- **Moreover, he called Solomon his son that he might command him to build a house to Yehowah the God of Israel. (1 Chronicles 22:6)**
 - **And **David** went on to say to Solomon his son; As for myself, it became close to my heart to build a house to the name of Yehowah my God. (1 Chronicles 22:7)**
 - **But Yehowah's word came against me, saying; Blood in great quantity you have spilled, and great wars you have waged. You will not build a house to my name, for a great deal of blood you have spilled on the earth before me. (1 Chronicles 22:8)**
 - **Look! There is a son being born to you. He himself will prove to be a restful man, and I shall certainly give him rest from all his enemies all around, for Solomon is what his name will become, and peace and quietness I shall bestow upon Israel in his days. (1 Chronicles 22:9)**
 - **It is he that will build a house to my name, and he himself will become a son to me, and I a father to him. And I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingship firmly over Israel to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 22:10)**
 - **Now, my son, may Yehowah prove to be with you, and you must prove successful and build the house of Yehowah your God, just as he has spoken concerning you. (1 Chronicles 22:11)**
 - **Only may Yehowah give you discretion and understanding, and may he give you commandment concerning Israel even to keep the Law of Yehowah your God. (1 Chronicles 22:12)**
 - **In that case you will prove successful if you take care to carry out the regulations and the judicial decisions that Yehowah commanded Moses respecting Israel. Be courageous and strong. Do not be afraid nor be terrified. (1 Chronicles 22:13)**
 - **And here during my affliction I have prepared for Yehowah's house a hundred thousand talents of gold and a million talents of silver, and the copper and the iron there is no means of weighing because they have come to be in such quantity, and timbers and**

- stones I have prepared, but to them you will make additions. (**1 Chronicles 22:14**)
- **And with you there are in great number doers of work, stone hewers and workers in stone and wood and every one skillful in every sort of work. (**1 Chronicles 22:15**)**
 - **The gold, the silver and the copper and the iron there is no means of numbering. Rise and act, and may Yehowah prove to be with you. (**1 Chronicles 22:16**)**
 - **Out of his personal fortune **David** contributed gold of Ophir and refined silver valued at more than (\$1,202,000,000) David also provided the architectural plans, received by inspiration, and organized the tens of thousands of Levites into their many divisions of service, including a great chorus of singers and musicians.**
 - **And **David** himself had grown old and satisfied with days, and so he made Solomon his son king over Israel. (**1 Chronicles 23:1**)**
 - **And to Solomon my son give a complete heart to keep your commandments, your testimonies and your regulations, and to do everything, and to build the castle for which I have made preparation. (**1 Chronicles 29:19**)**
 - **Further, he set the divisions of the priests over their services according to the rule of **David** his father, and the Levites at their posts of duty, to praise and to minister in front of the priests as a daily matter of course, and the gatekeepers in their divisions for the different gates, for such was the commandment of David the man of the true God. (**2 Chronicles 8:14**)**
 - **Further, Jehoiada put the offices of the house of Yehowah in the hand of the priests and the Levites, whom **David** had put in divisions over the house of Yehowah to offer up the burnt sacrifices of Yehowah according to what is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with song by the hands of David. (**2 Chronicles 23:18**)**
 - **Meantime, he had the Levites stationed at the house of Yehowah, with cymbals, with stringed instruments and with harps, by the commandment of **David** and of Gad the kings visionary and of Nathan the prophet, for it was by the hand of Yehowah that the commandment was by means of his prophets. (**2 Chronicles****

29:25)

- **When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Yehowah, then the priests in official clothing, with the trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with the cymbals, stood up to praise Yehowah according to the direction of **David** the king of Israel. (**Ezra 3:10**)**

· End Of David's Reign

- **In the closing days of **David's** life, the 70-year-old king, now confined to his bed, continued to reap calamity within his family. His fourth son, Adonijah, without the knowledge or consent of his father and, more seriously, without Yehowah's approval, attempted to set himself up as king.**
- **When this news reached David, he moved quickly to have his son Solomon, Yehowah's choice, officially installed as king and sit upon the throne.**
- **All the while Adonijah the son of Haggith was lifting himself up, saying; I myself am going to rule as king! And he proceeded to have a chariot made for himself with horsemen and fifty men running before him. (**1 Kings 1:5**)**
- **And his father did not hurt his feelings at any time by saying, Why is this the way you have done? And he was also very good-looking in form, and his mother had borne him after Absalom. (**1 Kings 1:6**)**
- **And he came to have dealings with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they began offering help as followers of Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:7**)**
- **As for Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men that belonged to **David**, they did not become involved with Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:8**)**
- **Eventually Adonijah held a sacrifice of sheep and cattle and fatlings close by the stone of Zohelath, which is beside En-rogel, and he proceeded to invite all his brothers the king's sons and all the men of Judah the king's servants. (**1 Kings 1:9**)**

- **And Nathan the prophet and Benaiah and the mighty men and Solomon his brother he did not invite. (1 Kings 1:10)**
- **Nathan now said to Bath-sheba, Solomon's mother; Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and our lord David does not know of it at all? (1 Kings 1:11)**
- **So now come, let me, please, solemnly counsel you. And provide escape for your own soul and for the soul of your son Solomon. (1 Kings 1:12)**
- **Go and enter in to King David, and you must say to him; Was it not you, my lord the king, that swore to your slave girl, saying; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? So why has Adonijah become king? (1 Kings 1:13)**
- **Look! While you are yet speaking there with the king, then I myself shall come in after you, and I shall certainly confirm your words. (1 Kings 1:14)**
- **Accordingly Bath-sheba went in to the king in the interior room, and the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was waiting upon the king. (1 Kings 1:15)**
- **Then Bath-sheba bowed low and prostrated herself to the king, upon which the king said; What do you have to ask? (1 Kings 1:16)**
- **At this she said to him; My lord, it was you that swore by Yehowah your God to your slave girl; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne. (1 Kings 1:17)**
- **And now, look! Adonijah himself has become king, and now my lord the king himself does not know of it at all. (1 Kings 1:18)**
- **So he sacrificed bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the chief of the army, but Solomon your servant he has not invited. (1 Kings 1:19)**
- **And you my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, to tell them who is going to sit upon the throne of my lord the king**

- after him. (**1 Kings 1:20**)
- **And it will certainly occur that as soon as my lord the king lies down with his forefathers, I myself and also my son Solomon shall certainly become offenders. (1 Kings 1:21)**
 - **And, look! While she was yet speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet himself came in. (1 Kings 1:22)**
 - **At once they told the king, saying; Here is Nathan the prophet! After that he came in before the king and prostrated himself to the king with his face to the earth. (1 Kings 1:23)**
 - **Then Nathan said; My lord the king, did you yourself say; Adonijah is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? (1 Kings 1:24)**
 - **For he has today gone down that he might sacrifice bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and might invite all the sons of the king and the chiefs of the army and Abiathar the priest, and there they are eating and drinking before him and they keep saying; Let King Adonijah live! (1 Kings 1:25)**
 - **But as for me your servant, me and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Solomon your servant he has not invited. (1 Kings 1:26)**
 - **If it is from my lord the king that this thing has been brought about, then you have not caused your servant to know who should sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (1 Kings 1:27)**
 - **King David now answered and said; You men, call Bath-sheba for me. At that she came in before the king and stood before the king. (1 Kings 1:28)**
 - **And the king proceeded to swear and say; As Yehowah is living who redeemed my soul out of all distress. (1 Kings 1:29)**
 - **Just as I have sworn to you by Yehowah the God of Israel, saying; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne in place of me! that is the way I shall do this day. (1 Kings 1:30)**

- **Then Bath-sheba bowed low with her face to the earth and prostrated herself to the king and said; Let my lord King David live to time indefinite! (1 Kings 1:31)**
- **Immediately King David said; You men, call for me Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. So they came in before the king. (1 Kings 1:32)**
- **And the king went on to say to them; Take with you the servants of your lord, and you must make Solomon my son ride upon the she-mule that belongs to me and lead him down to Gihon. (1 Kings 1:33)**
- **And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet must anoint him there as king over Israel, and you must blow the horn and say; Let King Solomon live! (1 Kings 1:34)**
- **And you must come up following him, and he must come in and sit upon my throne, and he himself will be king in place of me, and him I shall have to commission to become leader over Israel and over Judah. (1 Kings 1:35)**
- **At once Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! Thus may Yehowah the God of my lord the king say. (1 Kings 1:36)**
- **Just as Yehowah proved to be with my lord the king, so let him prove to be with Solomon, and may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David. (1 Kings 1:37)**
- **And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites proceeded to go down and make Solomon ride upon the she-mule of King David, and then brought him to Gihon. (1 Kings 1:38)**
- **Zadok the priest now took the horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon, and they began to blow the horn, and all the people broke out saying; Let King Solomon live! (1 Kings 1:39)**
- **After that all the people came on up following him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by the noise of them. (1 Kings 1:40)**

- **And Adonijah and all the ones invited that were with him got to hear it, when they themselves had finished eating. When Joab got to hear the sound of the horn, he at once said; What does the noise of the town in an uproar mean? (1 Kings 1:41)**
- **While he was yet speaking, why, here Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. Then Adonijah said; Come on in, for you are a valiant man, and you bring Good News. (1 Kings 1:42)**
- **But Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah; No! Our lord King David himself has made Solomon king. (1 Kings 1:43)**
- **So the king sent with him Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they made him ride upon the she-mule of the king. (1 Kings 1:44)**
- **Then Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed him as king in Gihon, after which they came up from there rejoicing, and the town is in an uproar. That was the noise that you men heard. (1 Kings 1:45)**
- **And, besides, Solomon has sat down upon the throne of the kingship. (1 Kings 1:46)**
- **And, another thing, the servants of the king have come in to wish our lord King David well, saying; May your God make Solomon's name more splendid than your name, and may he make his throne greater than your throne! At that the king bowed down upon the bed. (1 Kings 1:47)**
- **And too this is what the king said; Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, who has today given one to sit upon my throne, with my own eyes seeing it! (1 Kings 1:48)**
- **And out of all my sons, for many are the sons whom Yehowah has given me, he then chose Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingship of Yehowah over Israel. (1 Chronicles 28:5)**
- **And David went on to say to all the congregation; Bless, now, Yehowah your God. And all the congregation proceeded to bless Yehowah the God of their forefathers and bow low and prostrate themselves to Yehowah and to the king. (1 Chronicles 29:20)**

- **And they continued to sacrifice sacrifices to Yehowah and offer up burnt offerings to Yehowah on the day following that day, a thousand young bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand male lambs and their drink offerings, even sacrifices in great number for all Israel. (1 Chronicles 29:21)**
- **And they continued eating and drinking before Yehowah on that day with great rejoicing, and they proceeded a second time to make Solomon the son of David king and to anoint him to Yehowah as leader and also Zadok as priest. (1 Chronicles 29:22)**
- **And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (1 Chronicles 29:23)**
- **As for all the princes and the mighty men and also all the sons of King David, they submitted themselves to Solomon the king. (1 Chronicles 29:24)**
- **And Yehowah continued to make Solomon surpassingly great before the eyes of all Israel and to put upon him such royal dignity as had not come to be upon any king before him over Israel. (1 Chronicles 29:25)**
- **At that Solomon said to God; You are the One that exercised great loving-kindness toward David my father and that have made me king in place of him. (2 Chronicles 1:8)**
- **David then counseled Solomon to walk in Yehowah's ways, keep his statutes and commandments, act prudently in everything, and then he would prosper.**
- **And the days of David gradually drew near for him to die, and he proceeded to command Solomon his son, saying; (1 Kings 2:1)**
- **I am going in the way of all the earth, and you must be strong and prove yourself to be a man. (1 Kings 2:2)**
- **And you must keep the obligation to Yehowah your God by walking in his ways, by keeping his statutes, his commandments and his judicial decisions and his testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, in order, that you may act prudently in everything that you do and everywhere that you**

- turn. (**1 Kings 2:3**)
- **In order, that Yehowah may carry out his word that he spoke respecting me, saying; If your sons will take care of their way by walking before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there will not be cut off a man of yours from sitting upon the throne of Israel. (**1 Kings 2:4**)**
 - **And you yourself also well know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me in what he did to two chiefs of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, when he killed them and placed the blood of war in peacetime and put the blood of war on his belt that was about his hips and in his sandals that were on his feet. (**1 Kings 2:5**)**
 - **And you must act according to your wisdom, and not let his gray hairs go down in peace to Sheol. (**1 Kings 2:6**)**
 - **And toward the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite you should exercise loving-kindness, and they must prove to be among those eating at your table, for that was the way they drew near to me when I ran away from before Absalom your brother. (**1 Kings 2:7**)**
 - **And here there is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjaminite from Bahurim, and he it was that called down evil upon me with a painful malediction on the day that I was going to Mahanaim, and he it was that came down to meet me at the Jordan, so that I swore to him by Yehowah, saying; I shall not put you to death by the sword. (**1 Kings 2:8**)**
 - **And now do not leave him unpunished, for you are a wise man and you well know what you ought to do to him, and you must bring his gray hairs down to Sheol with blood. (**1 Kings 2:9**)**
 - **After a 40-year reign **David** died and was buried in the City of David, having proved worthy of inclusion in Paul's honorable list of witnesses who were outstanding in faith.**
 - **Then **David** lay down with his forefathers and was buried in the City of David. (**1 Kings 2:10**)**
 - **And the days that **David** had reigned over Israel were forty years. In Hebron he had reigned seven years, and in Jerusalem he had reigned thirty-three years. (**1 Kings 2:11**)**

- As for **David** the son of Jesse, he reigned over all Israel. (**1 Chronicles 29:26**)
- And the days that he reigned over Israel were forty years. In Hebron he reigned for seven years, and in Jerusalem he reigned for thirty-three years. (**1 Chronicles 29:27**)
- And gradually he died in a good old age, satisfied with days, riches and glory, and Solomon his son began to reign in place of him. (**1 Chronicles 29:28**)
- As for the affairs of **David** the king, the first ones and the last, there they are written among the words of Samuel the seer and among the words of Nathan the prophet and among the words of Gad the visionary. (**1 Chronicles 29:29**)
- Together with all his kingship and his mightiness and the times that had passed over him and over Israel and over all the kingdoms of the lands. (**1 Chronicles 29:30**)
- For **David**, on the one hand, served the express will of God in his own generation and fell asleep in death and was laid with his forefathers and did see corruption. (**Acts of Apostles 13:36**)
- And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me if I go on to relate about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, **David** as well as Samuel and the other prophets. (**Hebrews 11:32**)
- Quoting (**Psalms Chapter 110**), Jesus said **David** had written it by inspiration.
- He said to them; How, then, is it that **David** by inspiration calls him Lord, saying; (**Matthew 22:43**)
- Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies beneath your feet? (**Matthew 22:44**)
- By the Holy Spirit **David** himself said; Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies beneath your feet. (**Mark 12:36**)
- The apostles and other Bible writers frequently acknowledged **David** as an inspired prophet of God.

- **I have placed Yehowah in front of me constantly. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be made to totter. (Psalms 16:8)**
- **For David says respecting him, I had Yehowah constantly before my eyes, because he is at my right hand that I may never be shaken. (Acts of Apostles 2:25)**
- **Just as David also speaks of the happiness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works. (Romans 4:6)**
- **Happy are those whose lawless deeds have been pardoned and whose sins have been covered. (Romans 4:7)**
- **Happy is the man whose sin Yehowah will by no means take into account. (Romans 4:8)**
- **I am not talking about all of you. I know the ones I have chosen. But it is in order, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He that used to feed on my bread has lifted up his heel against me. (John 13:18)**
- **Let their table before them become a trap, and what is for their welfare a snare. (Psalms 69:22)**
- **Let their eyes become darkened so as not to see, and cause their very hips to wobble constantly. (Psalms 69:23)**
- **Also, David says; Let their table become for them a snare and a trap and a stumbling block and a retribution. (Romans 11:9)**
- **Let their eyes become darkened so as not to see, and always bow down their back. (Romans 11:10)**
- **Let their walled camp become desolate, in their tents may there come to be no dweller. (Psalms 69:25)**
- **Let his days prove to be few, his office of oversight let someone else take. (Psalms 109:8)**
- **For it is written in the book of Psalms: Let his lodging place become desolate, and let there be no dweller in it, and, His office of oversight let someone else take. (Acts of Apostles 1:20)**

· Pictorial

- The prophets often referred to **David** and his royal house, sometimes in connection with the last kings of Israel who sat on the throne of **David**
- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am filling all the inhabitants of this land and the kings that are sitting for **David upon his throne** and the priests and the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with drunkenness. (**Jeremiah 13:13**)
- And you must say; Hear the word of Yehowah, O king of Judah who are sitting on the **throne of David**, you with your servants and your people, those who are coming in through these gates. (**Jeremiah 22:2**)
- For this is what Yehowah has said to the king sitting on the **throne of David** and to all the people dwelling in this city, your brothers that have not gone forth with you into exile. (**Jeremiah 29:16**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said against Jehoiakim the king of Judah, He will come to have no one sitting upon the **throne of David**, and his own dead body will become something thrown out to the heat by day and to the frost by night. (**Jeremiah 36:30**)
- In a prophetic sense;
- There will also certainly enter in by the gates of this city kings with princes, sitting on the **throne of David**, riding in the chariot and upon horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and this city will certainly be inhabited to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 17:25**)
- For if you will by all means perform this word, there will also certainly come in through the gates of this house the kings sitting for **David upon his throne**, riding in chariots and on horses, he with his servants and his people. (**Jeremiah 22:4**)
- In that day I shall raise up the booth of **David** that is fallen, and I shall certainly repair their breaches. And its ruins I shall raise up, and I shall certainly build it up as in the days of long ago.

(Amos 9:11)

- **And Yehowah will certainly save the tents of Judah first, to the end that the beauty of the house of **David** and the beauty of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not become too great over Judah. (Zechariah 12:7)**
- **In that day Yehowah will be a defense around the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one that is stumbling among them must become in that day like **David**, and the house of David like God, like Yehowah's angel before them. (Zechariah 12:8)**
- **And it must occur in that day that I shall seek to annihilate all the nations that are coming against Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:9)**
- **And I will pour out upon the house of **David** and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of favor and entreaties, and they will certainly look to the One whom they pierced through, and they will certainly wail over Him as in the wailing over an only son, and there will be a bitter lamentation over him as when there is bitter lamentation over the firstborn son. (Zechariah 12:10)**
- **In that day the wailing in Jerusalem will be great, like the wailing of Hadadrimmon in the valley plain of Megiddo. (Zechariah 12:11)**
- **And the land will certainly wail, each family by itself, the family of the house of **David** by itself, and their women by themselves, the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their women by themselves. (Zechariah 12:12)**
- **In certain Messianic prophecies attention is focused on Yehowah's kingdom covenant with **David**. For example, Isaiah says that the one called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace will be firmly established on **the throne of David** to time indefinite.**
- **For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us. The princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)**
- **To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be**

- no end, upon the **throne of David** and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (**Isaiah 9:7**)
- And in loving-kindness a throne will certainly be firmly established, and one must sit down upon it in trueness in the **tent of David**, judging and seeking justice and being prompt in righteousness. (**Isaiah 16:5**)
 - **Jeremiah likens Messiah to a righteous sprout whom Yehowah will raise up to David.**
 - Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will **raise up to David a righteous sprout**. And a king will certainly reign and act with discretion and execute justice and righteousness in the land. (**Jeremiah 23:5**)
 - In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel itself will reside in security. And this is his name with which he will be called, **Yehowah Is Our Righteousness**. (**Jeremiah 23:6**)
 - In those days and at that time I shall make sprout for **David** a righteous sprout, and he will certainly execute justice and righteousness in the land. (**Jeremiah 33:15**)
 - In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem itself will reside in security. And this is what she will be called, **Yehowah Is Our Righteousness**. (**Jeremiah 33:16**)
 - For this is what Yehowah has said; There will not be cut off in **David's** case a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel. (**Jeremiah 33:17**)
 - Through Ezekiel, Yehowah speaks of the Messianic Shepherd as my servant **David**.
 - And I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he must feed them, even my servant **David**. He himself will feed them, and he himself will become their shepherd. (**Ezekiel 34:23**)
 - And I myself, Yehowah, will become their God, and my servant **David** a chieftain in the midst of them. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (**Ezekiel 34:24**)

- And my servant **David** will be king over them, and one shepherd is what they will all come to have, and in my judicial decisions they will walk, and my statutes they will keep, and they will certainly carry them out. (**Ezekiel 37:24**)
- And they will actually dwell upon the land that I gave to my servant, to Jacob, in which your forefathers dwelt, and they will actually dwell upon it, they and their sons and their son's sons to time indefinite, and **David** my servant will be their chieftain to time indefinite. (**Ezekiel 37:25**)
- In telling Mary that she would have a son called Jesus, the angel declared that Yehowah God will give him the throne of **David** his father.
- This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of **David** his father. (**Luke 1:32**)
- Jesus Christ, son of **David**, was both the legal and the natural heir to the throne of **David**.
- The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of **David**, son of Abraham. (**Matthew 1:1**)
- All the generations, then, from Abraham until **David** were fourteen generations, and from **David** until the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon until the Christ fourteen generations. (**Matthew 1:17**)
- Furthermore, Jesus himself, when he commenced his work, was about thirty years old, being the son, as the opinion was, of Joseph, son of Heli. (**Luke 3:23**)
- Son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph. (**Luke 3:24**)
- Son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai. (**Luke 3:25**)
- Son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda. (**Luke 3:26**)

- Son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri. ([Luke 3:27](#))
- Son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er. ([Luke 3:28](#))
- Son of Jesus, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi. ([Luke 3:29](#))
- Son of Symeon, son of Judas, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim. ([Luke 3:30](#))
- Son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of **David**. ([Luke 3:31](#))
- Paul said that Jesus was the offspring of **David** according to the flesh.
- Concerning his Son, who sprang from the seed of **David** according to the flesh. ([Romans 1:3](#))
- Remember that Jesus Christ was raised up from the dead and was of **David's** seed, according to the Good News I preach. ([2 Timothy 2:8](#))
- The common people also identified Jesus as the **Son of David**.
- As Jesus was passing along from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying; Have mercy on us, **Son of David**. ([Matthew 9:27](#))
- Well, all the crowds were simply carried away and began to say; May this not perhaps be the **Son of David**? ([Matthew 12:23](#))
- And, look! A Phoenician woman from those regions came out and cried aloud, saying; Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of **David**. My daughter is badly demonized. ([Matthew 15:22](#))
- As for the crowds, those going ahead of him and those following kept crying out; Save, we pray, the Son of **David**! Blessed is he that comes in Yehowah's name! Save him, we pray, in the heights above! ([Matthew 21:9](#))
- When the chief priests and the scribes saw the marvelous things

he did and the boys that were crying out in the temple and saying; Save, we pray, the Son of **David!** They became indignant (**Matthew 21:15**)

- When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he started shouting and saying; **Son of David,** Jesus, have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:47**)
- At this many began sternly telling him to be silent, but he kept shouting that much more; **Son of David,** have mercy on me! (**Mark 10:48**)
- At that he cried out, saying; Jesus, **Son of David,** have mercy on me! (**Luke 18:38**)
- And those going in advance began to tell him sternly to keep quiet, but that much more he kept shouting; **Son of David,** have mercy on me. (**Luke 18:39**)
- It was important to establish this, for, as the Pharisees admitted, Messiah would be **David's son.**
- What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he? They said to him; **David's.** (**Matthew 22:42**)
- The resurrected Jesus himself also bore witness, saying; I, Jesus, am the root and the offspring of **David.**
- I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star.** (**Revelation 22:16**)
- And to the angel of the congregation in Philadelphia write; These are the things he says who is holy, who is true, who has the key of **David,** who opens so that no one will shut, and shuts so that no one opens. (**Revelation 3:7**)
- But one of the elders says to me; Stop weeping. Look! The Lion that is of **the tribe of Judah, the root of David,** has conquered so as to open the scroll and its seven seals. (**Revelation 5:5**)

A GENEALOGY OF DAVID

BOAZ and Ruth (his wife)

OBED

JESSE

FAMILY OF JESSE

NEPHEWS OF DAVID

ELIAB (Elihu)

ABINADAB

SHAMMAH (Shimea[h], Shimei)

JEHONADAB

NETHANEL

RADDAI

OZEM

Zeruiah

ABISHAI

JOAB

ASAHEL

-unnamed-

Abigail

AMASA

DAVID

WIVES OF DAVID

CHILDREN OF DAVID

Michal

Ahinoam

AMNON

Abigail

DANIEL (Chileab)

Maacah

ABSALOM

Tamar

Haggith

ADONIJAH

Abital

SHEPHATIAH

Eglah

ITHREAM

wives, concubines-unnamed-

IBHAR

ELISHUA (Elishama)

NOGAH

ELIPHELET (Elpelet)

NEPHEG

JAPHIA

ELISHAMA

BEELIADA (Eliada)

ELIPHELET

JERIMOTH

Bath-sheba

-unnamed-

SHIMEA (Shammua)

SHOBAB

NATHAN

|

MARY

SOLOMON (Jedidiah)

|

JOSEPH