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1 Samuel 29.

1 . **The Philistines Reject David.** .

Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites encamped by the spring which is in Jezreel.

2 The masters of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish.

3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "What about these Hebrews?" Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Isn't this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell away to this day?"

4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; and the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where you have appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what should this fellow reconcile himself to his master? Should it not be with the heads of these men?"

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands?'"

6 Then Achish called David, and said to him, "As YHWH lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the masters don't favor you.

7 Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you not displease the masters of the Philistines."

8 David said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you found in your servant so long as I have been before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my master the king?"

9 Achish answered David, "I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of ELOHIM! Notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'

10 Therefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of your master who have come with you; and as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart."

11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. The Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel 30.

1 . **David's Conflict with the Amalekites.** .

It happened, when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the South, and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire,

2 and had taken captive the women and all who were therein, both small and great. They didn't kill any, but carried them off, and went their way.

3 When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

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- 6 David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in YHWH his ELOHIM!
- 7 David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me here the ephod." Abiathar brought the ephod to David.
- 8 David inquired of YHWH, saying, "If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue; for you shall surely overtake them, and shall without fail recover all."
- 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed.
- 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they couldn't go over the brook Besor.
- 11 They found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to drink.
- 12 They gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.
- 13 David asked him, "To whom do you belong? Where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.
- 14 We made a raid on the South of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."
- 15 David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this troop?" He said, "Swear to me by ELOHIM that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop."
- 16 When he had brought him down, behold, they were spread around over all the ground, eating, drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.
- 17 David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped from there, except four hundred young men, who rode on camels and fled.
- 18 David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives.
- 19 There was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken to them. David brought back all.
- 20 David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."
- 21 David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to stay at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him. When David came near to the people, he greeted them.
- 22 Then all the wicked men and base fellows, of those who went with David, answered and said, "Because they didn't go with us, we will not give them anything of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart."
- 23 Then David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which YHWH has given to us, who has preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand.
- 24 Who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who carries by the baggage: they shall share alike."
- 25 It was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.
- 26 When David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil to the elders of Judah, even to his

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friends, saying, “Behold, a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of YHWH!”
27 He sent it to those who were in Bethel, and to those who were in Ramoth of the South, and to those who were in Jattir,
28 and to those who were in Aroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in Eshtemoa,
29 and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenites,
30 and to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Borashan, and to those who were in Athach,
31 and to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men used to stay.

1 Samuel 31.

1 . The Tragic End of Saul and His Sons. .

Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa.
2 The Philistines followed hard on Saul and on his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.
3 The battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers.
4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me!” But his armor bearer would not; for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell on it.
5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died with him.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same day together.
7 When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them.
8 It happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
9 They cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to the house of their idols, and to the people.
10 They put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroath; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan.
11 When the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul,
12 all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.
13 They took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

Psalms 71.

1 . ELOHIM the Rock of Salvation. .

In you, YHWH, I take refuge. Never let me be disappointed.
2 Deliver me in your righteousness, and rescue me. Turn your ear to me, and save me.
3 Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may always go. Give the command to save me, for

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you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, my ELOHIM, from the hand of the wicked, from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For you are my hope, ADONAI YHWH ; my confidence from my youth.

6 I have relied on you from the womb. You are he who took me out of my mother's womb. I will always praise you.

7 I am a marvel to many, but you are my strong refuge.

8 My mouth shall be filled with your praise, with your honor all the day.

9 Don't reject me in my old age. Don't forsake me when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies talk about me. Those who watch for my soul conspire together, 11 saying, "ELOHIM has forsaken him. Pursue and take him, for no one will rescue him."

12 ELOHIM, don't be far from me. My ELOHIM, hurry to help me.

13 Let my accusers be disappointed and consumed. Let them be covered with disgrace and scorn who want to harm me.

14 But I will always hope, and will add to all of your praise.

15 My mouth will tell about your righteousness, and of your salvation all day, though I don't know its full measure.

16 I will come with the mighty acts of ADONAI YHWH! I will make mention of your righteousness, even of yours alone.

17 ELOHIM, you have taught me from my youth. Until now, I have declared your wondrous works.

18 Yes, even when I am old and gray-haired, ELOHIM, don't forsake me, until I have declared your strength to the next generation, your might to everyone who is to come.

19 Your righteousness also, ELOHIM, reaches to the heavens; you have done great things. ELOHIM, who is like you?

20 You, who have shown us many and bitter troubles, you will let me live. You will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Increase my honor, and comfort me again.

22 I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my ELOHIM! I sing praises to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall shout for joy! My soul, which you have redeemed, sings praises to you!

24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long, for they are disappointed, and they are confounded, who want to harm me.

Proverbs 28.

1 The wicked flee when no one pursues; but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

2 In rebellion, a land has many rulers, but order is maintained by a man of understanding and knowledge.

3 A needy man who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain which leaves no crops.

4 Those who forsake the Torah praise the wicked; but those who keep the Torah contend with them.

5 Evil men don't understand justice; but those who seek YHWH understand it fully.

6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in his ways, and he is rich.

7 Whoever keeps the Torah is a wise son; but he who is a companion of gluttons shames his father.

8 He who increases his wealth by excessive interest gathers it for one who has pity on the poor.

9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, even his prayer is an abomination.

10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he will fall into his own trap;

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but the blameless will inherit good.

11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor who has understanding sees through him.

12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.

13 He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

14 Blessed is the man who always fears; but one who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

15 As a roaring lion or a charging bear, so is a wicked ruler over helpless people.

16 A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment. One who hates ill-gotten gain will have long days.

17 A man who is tormented by life blood will be a fugitive until death; no one will support him.

18 Whoever walks blamelessly is kept safe; but one with perverse ways will fall suddenly.

19 One who works his land will have an abundance of food; but one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

20 A faithful man is rich with blessings; but one who is eager to be rich will not go unpunished.

21 To show partiality is not good; yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread.

22 A stingy man hurries after riches, and doesn't know that poverty waits for him.

23 One who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than one who flatters with the tongue.

24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says, "It's not wrong." He is a partner with a destroyer.

25 One who is greedy stirs up strife; but one who trusts in YHWH will prosper.

26 One who trusts in himself is a fool; but one who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

27 One who gives to the poor has no lack; but one who closes his eyes will have many curses.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; but when they perish, the righteous thrive.

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