**2 Samuel 1** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+2/)

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**David Anointed King of Judah**

2 After this

David inquired of the Lord,

“Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?”

And

the Lord said to him,

“Go up.”

David said,

“To which shall I go up?”

And

he said,

“To Hebron.”

2 So David went up there,

and

his two wives also,

Ahinoam of Jezreel

and

Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

3 And

David brought up his men

who were with him,

everyone with his household,

and

they lived in the towns of Hebron.

4 And

the men of Judah came,

and there

they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David,

“It was the men of Jabesh-gilead

who buried Saul,”

5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead

and

said to them,

“May you be blessed by the Lord,

because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord

and

buried him.

6 Now may the Lord show steadfast love

and

faithfulness to you.

And

I will do good to you

because you have done this thing.

7 Now therefore

let your hands be strong,

and

be valiant,

for Saul your lord is dead,

and

the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.”

**Ish-bosheth Made King of Israel**

8 But

Abner the son of Ner,

commander of Saul's army,

took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul

and

brought him over to Mahanaim,

9 and

he made him king over Gilead

and

the Ashurites

and

Jezreel

and

Ephraim

and Benjamin

and

all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old

when he began to reign over Israel,

and

he reigned two years.

But

the house of Judah followed David.

11 And

the time

that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah

was seven years and six months.

**The Battle of Gibeon**

12 Abner the son of Ner, (Abner: My father is Ner)

and

the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And

Joab the son of Zeruiah

and

the servants of David went out

and

met them at the pool of Gibeon.

And

they sat down,

the one on the one side of the pool,

and

the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And

Abner said to Joab,

“Let the young men arise

and

compete before us.”

And

Joab said,

“Let them arise.”

15 Then they arose

and

passed over by number,

twelve for Benjamin

and

Ish-bosheth the son of Saul,

and

twelve of the servants of David.

16 And

each caught his opponent by the head

and

thrust his sword in his opponent's side,

so they fell down together.

Therefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim (the field of sword-edges),

which is at Gibeon.

17 And

the battle was very fierce that day.

And

Abner

and

the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 And

the three sons of Zeruiah were there,

Joab,

Abishai,

and

Asahel.

Now Asahel was as swift of foot

as a wild gazelle.

19 And

Asahel pursued Abner,

and as he went,

he turned neither to the right hand

nor to the left from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him

and

said,

“Is it you, Asahel?”

And

he answered,

“It is I.”

21 Abner said to him,

“Turn aside to your right hand

or

to your left,

and

seize one of the young men

and

take his spoil.”

But

Asahel would not turn aside from following him.

22 And

Abner said again to Asahel,

“Turn aside from following me.

Why should I strike you to the ground?

How then could I lift up my face to your brother Joab?”

23 But

he refused to turn aside.

Therefore Abner struck him in the stomach with the butt of his spear,

so that the spear came out at his back.

And

he fell there

and

died

where he was.

And

all

who came to the place

where Asahel had fallen

and

died,

stood still.

24 But

Joab

and

Abishai pursued Abner.

And as the sun was going down

they came to the hill of Ammah,

which lies before Giah on the way to the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 And

the people of Benjamin gathered themselves together behind Abner

and

became one group

and

took their stand on the top of a hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab,

“Shall the sword devour forever?

Do you not know that

the end will be bitter?

How long will it be

before you tell your people

to turn from the pursuit of their brothers?”

27 And

Joab said,

“ As God lives,

if you had not spoken,

surely the men would not have given up the pursuit of their brothers until the morning.”

(NIV: As surely as God lives, if you had not spoken, the men would have continued pursuing them until morning.

KJV: As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

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Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 我指著上帝的生命起誓，若不是你說(那句話)，今日早晨百姓就各自上去，不追趕他的弟兄了。(https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/2/27))

28 So Joab blew the trumpet,

and

all the men stopped

and

pursued Israel no more,

nor

did they fight anymore.

29 And

Abner

and

his men went all that night through the Arabah.

They crossed the Jordan,

and

marching the whole morning,

they came to Mahanaim.

30 Joab returned from the pursuit of Abner.

And when he had gathered all the people together,

there were missing from David's servants nineteen men

besides

Asahel.

31 But

the servants of David had struck down of Benjamin 360 of Abner's men.

32 And

they took up Asahel

and

buried him in the tomb of his father,

which was at Bethlehem.

And

Joab

and

his men marched all night,

and

the day broke upon them at Hebron.