**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.

中文和合本: 我指著永生的神起誓：你若不說戲耍的那句話，今日早晨百姓就回去，不追趕弟兄了。

和合本修订版:我指着永生的神起誓：你若不说戏耍的那句话，今日早晨百姓就回去，不追赶弟兄了。

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.