**2 Samuel 10** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+10/)

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**David Defeats Ammon and Syria**

10 After this

 the king of the Ammonites died,

 and

 Hanun his son reigned in his place.

2 And

 David said,

 “I will deal loyally with Hanun

 the son of Nahash,

 as his father dealt loyally with me.”

 So David sent by his servants

 to console him

 concerning his father.

 And

 David's servants came into the land of the Ammonites.

3 But

 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord,

 “Do you think,

 because David has sent comforters to you,

 that he is honoring your father?

 Has not David sent his servants to you

 to search the city

 and

 to spy it out

 and

 to overthrow it?”

4 So Hanun took David's servants

 and

 shaved off half the beard of each

 and

 cut off their garments in the middle,

 at their hips,

 and

 sent them away.

5 When it was told David,

 he sent to meet them,

 for the men were greatly ashamed.

 And

 the king said,

 “Remain at Jericho

 until your beards have grown

 and then

 return.”

6 When the Ammonites saw that

 they had become a stench to David,

 the Ammonites sent

 and

 hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob,

 and

 the Syrians of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers,

 and

 the king of Maacah with 1,000 men,

 and

 the men of Tob, 12,000 men.

7 And

 when David heard of it,

 he sent Joab

 and

 all the host of the mighty men.

8 And

 the Ammonites came out

 and

 drew up in battle array at the entrance of the gate,

 and

 the Syrians of Zobah

 and

 of Rehob

 and

 the men of Tob

 and

 Maacah

 were by themselves in the open country.

9 When Joab saw

 that the battle was set against him both in front

 and

 in the rear,

 he chose some of the best men of Israel

 and

 arrayed them against the Syrians.

10 The rest of his men

 he put in the charge of Abishai his brother,

 and

 he arrayed them against the Ammonites.

11 And

 he said,

 “If the Syrians are too strong for me,

 then you shall help me,

 but

 if the Ammonites are too strong for you,

 then I will come

 and

 help you.

12 Be of good courage,

 and

 let us be courageous for our people,

 and

 for the cities of our God,

 and

 may the Lord do

 what seems good to him.”

13 So Joab

 and

 the people

 who were with him

 drew near to battle against the Syrians,

 and

 they fled before him.

14 And

 when the Ammonites saw

 that the Syrians fled,

 they likewise fled before Abishai

 and

 entered the city.

 Then Joab returned from fighting against the Ammonites

 and

 came to Jerusalem.

15 But

 when the Syrians saw that

 they had been defeated by Israel,

 they gathered themselves together.

16 And

 Hadadezer sent

 and

 brought out the Syrians

 who were beyond the Euphrates.

 They came to Helam,

 with Shobach the commander of the army of Hadadezer at their head.

17 And

 when it was told David,

 he gathered all Israel together

 and

 crossed the Jordan

 and

 came to Helam.

 The Syrians arrayed themselves against David

 and

 fought with him.

18 And

 the Syrians fled before Israel,

 and

 David killed of the Syrians the men of 700 chariots,

 and

 40,000 horsemen,

 and

 wounded Shobach the commander of their army,

 so that he died there.

19 And when all the kings

 who were servants of Hadadezer

 saw that

 they had been defeated by Israel,

 they made peace with Israel

 and

 became subject to them.

 So the Syrians were afraid

 to save the Ammonites anymore.