**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.