**2 Samuel 21** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+21/)

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**David Avenges the Gibeonites**

21 Now

 there was a famine in the days of David for three years,

 year after year.

 And

 David sought the face of the Lord.

 And

 the Lord said,

 “There is bloodguilt on Saul

 and

 on his house,

 because he put the Gibeonites to death.” (Not recorded elsewhere in the Bible)

2 So the king called the Gibeonites

 and

 spoke to them.

 Now

 the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel

 but

 of the remnant of the Amorites.

 Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them (Joshua 9),

 Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel

 and

 Judah.
3 And

 David said to the Gibeonites,

 “What shall I do for you?

 And

 how shall I make atonement,

 that you may bless the heritage of the Lord?”

4 The Gibeonites said to him,

 “It is not a matter of silver

 or

 gold between us

 and

 Saul

 or

 his house;

 neither

 is it for us to put any man to death in Israel.”

 And

 he said,

 “What do you say

 that I shall do for you?”

5 They said to the king,

 “ The man

 who consumed us

 and

 planned to destroy us,

 so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel,

6 let seven of his sons be given to us,

 so that we may hang them before the Lord at Gibeah of Saul,

 the chosen of the Lord.”

 And

 the king said,

 “I will give them.”

7 But

 the king spared Mephibosheth,

 the son of Saul's son Jonathan,

 because of the oath of the Lord

 that was between them,

 between David

 and

 Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 The king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah,

 whom she bore to Saul,

 Armoni

 and

 Mephibosheth;

 and

 the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul,

 whom she bore to Adriel

 the son of Barzillai

 the Meholathite;

9 and

 he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites,

 and

 they hanged them on the mountain before the Lord,

 and

 the seven of them perished together.

 They were put to death in the first days of harvest,

 at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 Then Rizpah

 the daughter of Aiah

 took sackcloth

 and

 spread it for herself on the rock,

 from the beginning of harvest

 until rain fell upon them from the heavens.

 And

 she did not allow the birds of the air

 to come upon them by day,

 or

 the beasts of the field by night.

11 When David was told

 what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah,

 the concubine of Saul,

 had done,

12 David went

 and

 took the bones of Saul

 and

 the bones of his son Jonathan from the men of Jabesh-gilead,

 who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan,

 where the Philistines had hanged them,

 on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa.

13 And

 he brought up from there the bones of Saul

 and

 the bones of his son Jonathan;

 and

 they gathered the bones of those

 who were hanged.

14 And

 they buried the bones of Saul

 and

 his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela,

 in the tomb of Kish his father.

 And

 they did all

 that the king commanded.

 And after that

 God responded to the plea for the land.

**War with the Philistines**

15 There was war again between the Philistines

 and

 Israel,

 and

 David went down together with his servants,

 and

 they fought against the Philistines.

 And

 David grew weary.

16 And

 Ishbi-benob,

 one of the descendants of the giants,

 whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of bronze,

 and

 who was armed with a new sword,

 thought to kill David.

17 But

 Abishai the son of Zeruiah

 came to his aid

 and

 attacked the Philistine

 and

 killed him.

 Then David's men swore to him,

 “You shall no longer go out with us to battle,

 lest you quench the lamp of Israel.”

18 After this

 there was again war with the Philistines at Gob.

 Then Sibbecait the Hushathite struck down Saph,

 who was one of the descendants of the giants.

19 And

 there was again war with the Philistines at Gob,

 and

 Elhanan

 the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite,

 struck down Goliath the Gittite,

 the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And

 there was again war at Gath,

 where there was a man of great stature,

 who had six fingers on each hand,

 and

 six toes on each foot,

 twenty-four in number,

 and

 he also was descended from the giants.

21 And

 when he taunted Israel,

 Jonathan the son of Shimei,

 David's brother,

 struck him down.

22 These four were descended from the giants in Gath,

 and

 they fell by the hand of David

 and

 by the hand of his servants.