**2 Samuel 4** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+4/)

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**Ish-bosheth Murdered**

4 When Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that

Abner had died at Hebron,

His courage failed,

and

all Israel was dismayed.

(NIV: all Israel became alarmed.

KJV: all the Israelites were troubled.

中文和合本: 以色列眾人也都驚惶。

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 以色列眾人也都驚惶. 00926; trouble 17, haste 4, afraid 3, vexed 3, amazed 2, hasty 2, affrighted 1, dismayed 1, hastily 1, thrust him out 1, rash 1, speedily 1, speedy 1, vex 1; 39. (https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/4))

2 Now

Saul's son had two men

who were captains of raiding bands;

the name of the one was Baanah,

and

the name of the other Rechab,

sons of Rimmon a man of Benjamin from Beeroth

(for Beeroth also is counted part of Benjamin;

3 the Beerothites fled to Gittaim

and

have been sojourners there to this day).

4 Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son

who was crippled in his feet.

He was five years old

when the news about Saul

and

Jonathan came from Jezreel,

and

his nurse took him up

and

fled,

and as she fled in her haste,

he fell

and

became lame.

And

his name was Mephibosheth.

5 Now

the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab

and

Baanah, set out,

and about the heat of the day

they came to the house of Ish-bosheth

as he was taking his noonday rest.

6 And

they came into the midst of the house

as if to get wheat,

and

they stabbed him in the stomach.

Then Rechab

and

Baanah his brother escaped.

7 When they came into the house,

as he lay on his bed in his bedroom,

they struck him

and

put him to death

and

beheaded him.

They took his head

and

went by the way of the Arabah all night,

8 and

brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron.

And

they said to the king,

“Here is the head of Ish-bosheth,

the son of Saul, your enemy,

who sought your life.

The Lord has avenged my lord the king this day on Saul

and

on his offspring.”

9 But

David answered Rechab

and

Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite,

“ As the Lord lives,

who has redeemed my life out of every adversity,

10 when one told me,

‘Behold,

Saul is dead,’

and

thought he was bringing good news,

I seized him

and

killed him at Ziklag,

which was the reward

I gave him for his news.

11 How much more,

when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed,

shall I not now require his blood at your hand

and

destroy you from the earth?”

12 And

David commanded his young men,

and

they killed them

and

cut off their hands

and

feet

and

hanged them beside the pool at Hebron.

But

they took the head of Ish-bosheth

and

buried it in the tomb of Abner at Hebron.