**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.