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- ¹ Now there was a *certain man* of **Ramathaimzophim**, of mount Ephraim, and his name was **Elkanah**, the son of **Jeroham**, the son of **Elihu**, the son of **Tohu**, the son of **Zuph**, an **Ephrathite**:
- ² And he had two wives; the name of the one was **Hannah**, and the name of the other **Peninnah**: and **Peninnah** had children, but **Hannah** had no children.
- ³ And this man went *up out of his city yearly* to worship and to sacrifice unto the **LORD** of hosts in **Shiloh**. And the two sons of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, the priests of the **LORD**, were there.
- ⁴ And when the time was that **Elkanah** offered, he gave to **Peninnah** his wife, and to *all* her sons and her daughters, portions:
- ⁵ But unto **Hannah** he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the **LORD** had shut up her womb.
- ⁶ And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the **LORD** had shut up her womb.
- ⁷ And as he did so year by year, when she went *up* to the house of the **LORD**, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
- ⁸ Then said **Elkanah** her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?
- ⁹ So **Hannah** rose up *after* they had eaten in **Shiloh**, and *after* they had drunk. Now **Eli** the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the **LORD**, and wept sore.
- ¹¹ And she vowed a vow, and said, O **LORD** of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then *I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head*.
- ¹² And it came to pass, as she *continued praying before the LORD*, that **Eli** marked her mouth.
- ¹³ Now **Hannah**, she *spake in her heart, only her lips moved*, but her voice was not heard: therefore **Eli** thought she had been drunken.
- ¹⁴ And **Eli** said unto her, How *long* wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

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- ¹⁵ And **Hannah** answered and said, **No**, my lord, I am a woman of a **sorrowful spirit**: I have **drunk neither wine nor strong drink**, but have **poured out** my soul before the **LORD**.
- ¹⁶ **Count not** thine handmaid for a daughter of **Belial**: for **out** of the **abundance** of my **complaint** and **grief** have I spoken hitherto.
- ¹⁷ Then **Eli** answered and said, Go in **peace**: and the **God** of **Israel** **grant** thee thy **petition** that thou hast asked of him.
- ¹⁸ And she said, Let thine handmaid **find grace** in thy **sight**. So the woman went her **way**, and did **eat**, and her **countenance** was **no more sad**.
- ¹⁹ And they **rose up** in the morning early, and **worshipped** before the **LORD**, and **returned**, and came to their house to **Ramah**: and **Elkanah** **knew** **Hannah** his wife; and the **LORD** **remembered** her.
- ²⁰ **Wherefore** it came to **pass**, when the time was come about **after** **Hannah** had **conceived**, that **she bare a son**, and called his name **Samuel**, saying, Because I have asked him of the **LORD**.
- ²¹ And the man **Elkanah**, and **all** his house, went **up** to **offer** unto the **LORD** the **yearly sacrifice**, and his **vow**.
- ²² But **Hannah** **went not up**; for she said unto her husband, **I will not go up** until the child be **weaned**, and then I will bring him, that he may **appear before** the **LORD**, and there **abide for ever**.
- ²³ And **Elkanah** her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee **good**; **tarry** until thou have **weaned** him; only the **LORD** **establish** his **word**. So the woman **abode**, and gave her son **suck** until she weaned him.
- ²⁴ And when she had **weaned** him, she took him **up** with her, with **three bullocks**, and **one ephah** of **flour**, and a **bottle** of **wine**, and brought him unto the house of the **LORD** in **Shiloh**: and the child was **young**.
- ²⁵ And they **slew** a **bullock**, and brought the child to **Eli**.
- ²⁶ And she said, Oh my lord, as thy **soul liveth**, my lord, I am the woman that **stood** by thee here, **praying** unto the **LORD**.
- ²⁷ **For this child** I **prayed**; and the **LORD** hath **given** me my **petition** which I asked of him:
- ²⁸ **Therefore also** I have **lent** him to the **LORD**; as **long** as he **liveth** he shall be lent to the **LORD**. And he **worshipped** the **LORD** there.

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- ¹ And **Hannah** prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the **LORD**, mine horn is exalted in the **LORD**: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.
- ² There is none holy as the **LORD**: for there is none beside thee: neither is there *any* rock like our **God**.
- ³ Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogance come *out* of your mouth: for the **LORD** is a **God** of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
- ⁴ The bows of the *mighty* men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
- ⁵ They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath *many* children is waxed feeble.
- ⁶ The **LORD** killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth *down* to the grave, and bringeth *up*.
- ⁷ The **LORD** maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth *low*, and lifteth up.
- ⁸ He raiseth up the poor *out* of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the **LORD's**, and he hath set the world upon them.
- ⁹ He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
- ¹⁰ The adversaries of the **LORD** shall be broken to pieces; *out* of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the **LORD** shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.
- ¹¹ And **Elkanah** went to **Ramah** to his house. And the child did minister unto the **LORD** *before* **Eli** the priest.
- ¹² **Now** the sons of **Eli** were sons of **Belial**; they knew not the **LORD**.
- ¹³ And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when *any* man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;
- ¹⁴ And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; *all that the fleshhook brought up the* priest *took for himself*. So they did in **Shiloh** unto *all* the **Israelites** that came thither.
- ¹⁵ Also *before* they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, *Give* flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

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- ¹⁶ And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.
- ¹⁷ Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the **LORD**: for men abhorred the offering of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁸ But Samuel ministered before the **LORD**, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.
- ¹⁹ Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
- ²⁰ And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The **LORD** give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the **LORD**. And they went unto their own home.
- ²¹ And the **LORD** visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the **LORD**.
- ²² Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- ²³ And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.
- ²⁴ Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the **LORD's** people to transgress.
- ²⁵ If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the **LORD** would slay them.
- ²⁶ And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the **LORD**, and also with men.
- ²⁷ And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the **LORD**, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?
- ²⁸ And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?
- ²⁹ Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

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- ³⁰ Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me *for ever*: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; *for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.*
- ³¹ Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.
- ³² And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in *all* the wealth which God shall *give* Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house *for ever*.
- ³³ And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and *all* the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.
- ³⁴ And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; *in one day they shall die both of them*.
- ³⁵ And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed *for ever*.
- ³⁶ And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

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- ¹ And the child **Samuel ministered** unto the **LORD** before **Eli**. And the **word** of the **LORD** was **precious** in those **days**; there was **no open vision**.
- ² And it came to **pass** at that **time**, when **Eli** was **laid down** in his **place**, and his **eyes** began to **wax dim**, that he could **not** see;
- ³ And ere the **lamp** of **God** went **out** in the **temple** of the **LORD**, where the **ark** of **God** was, and **Samuel** was **laid down** to **sleep**;
- ⁴ **That the LORD called Samuel:** and he answered, Here am I.
- ⁵ And he **ran** unto **Eli**, and said, Here am I; for thou **calledst** me. And he said, I called **not**; **lie down again**. And he went and lay **down**.
- ⁶ **And the LORD called yet again, Samuel.** And **Samuel arose** and went to **Eli**, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I **called not**, my son; **lie down again**.
- ⁷ **Now Samuel did not yet know** the **LORD**, **neither** was the **word** of the **LORD** yet **revealed** unto him.
- ⁸ **And the LORD called Samuel again the third time.** And he **arose** and went to **Eli**, and said, Here am I; for thou didst **call** me. And **Eli perceived** that **the LORD had called the child**.
- ⁹ Therefore **Eli** said unto **Samuel**, Go, **lie down**: and it shall be, if he **call** thee, that thou shalt say, **Speak, LORD**; for thy **servant heareth**. So **Samuel** went and **lay down** in his **place**.
- ¹⁰ **And the LORD came**, and **stood**, and **called** as at **other times**, **Samuel, Samuel**. Then **Samuel** answered, **Speak**; for thy **servant heareth**.
- ¹¹ **And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.**
- ¹² **In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.**
- ¹³ **For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.**
- ¹⁴ **And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.**

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- ¹⁵ And **Samuel** lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the **LORD**. And **Samuel** feared to shew **Eli** the vision.
- ¹⁶ Then **Eli** called **Samuel**, and said, **Samuel**, my son. And he answered, Here am I.
- ¹⁷ And he said, What is the thing that the **LORD** hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: **God** do so to thee, and *more also*, if thou hide *any* thing from me of *all* the things that he said unto thee.
- ¹⁸ And **Samuel** told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the **LORD**: let him do what seemeth him good.
- ¹⁹ And **Samuel** grew, and the **LORD** was *with* him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.
- ²⁰ And *all Israel* from **Dan** even to **Beersheba** knew that **Samuel** was established to be a prophet of the **LORD**.
- ²¹ And the **LORD** appeared again in **Shiloh**: for the **LORD** revealed himself to **Samuel** in **Shiloh** by the word of the **LORD**.

1 Samuel 4

- ¹ And the word of **Samuel** came to *all Israel*. Now **Israel** went *out against* the **Philistines** to battle, and pitched beside **Ebenezer**: and the **Philistines** pitched in **Aphek**.
- ² And the **Philistines** put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, **Israel** was smitten before the **Philistines**: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.
- ³ And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of **Israel** said, Wherefore hath the **LORD** smitten us to day before the **Philistines**? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** *out of Shiloh* unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us *out of the hand* of our enemies.
- ⁴ **So the people sent to Shiloh**, that they might *bring* from thence the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** of hosts, which delleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, were there with the ark of the covenant of **God**.
- ⁵ And when the ark of the covenant of the **LORD** came into the camp, *all Israel* shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.
- ⁶ And when the **Philistines** heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this *great* shout in the camp of the **Hebrews**? And they understood that the ark of the **LORD** was come into the camp.
- ⁷ **And the Philistines were afraid**, for they said, **God** is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.
- ⁸ Woe unto us! who shall deliver us *out of the hand* of these *mighty Gods*? these are the **Gods** that smote the **Egyptians** with *all the* plagues in the wilderness.
- ⁹ **Be strong** and quit yourselves like men, O ye **Philistines**, that ye be not servants unto the **Hebrews**, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.
- ¹⁰ And the **Philistines** fought, and **Israel** was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of **Israel** thirty thousand footmen.
- ¹¹ **And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain**.
- ¹² And there ran a man of **Benjamin** *out of the army*, and came to **Shiloh** the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.
- ¹³ And when he came, lo, **Eli** sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of **God**. And when the man came into the city, and told it, *all the* city cried out.

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- ¹⁴ And when **Eli** heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in *hastily*, and told **Eli**.
- ¹⁵ Now **Eli** was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.
- ¹⁶ And the man said unto **Eli**, I am he that came *out* of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?
- ¹⁷ **And the messenger** answered and said, **Israel is fled before the Philistines**, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.
- ¹⁸ **And it came to pass**, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from *off* the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. **And he had judged Israel forty years**.
- ¹⁹ And his daughter *in law*, **Phinehas'** wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.
- ²⁰ And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.
- ²¹ **And she named the child IChabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.**
- ²² **And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.**

1 Samuel 5

- ¹ And the **Philistines** took the ark of **God**, and brought it from **Ebenezer** unto **Ashdod**.
- ² **When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.**
- ³ And when they of **Ashdod** arose early on the morrow, behold, **Dagon** was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the **LORD**. And they took **Dagon**, and set him in his place again.
- ⁴ And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, **Dagon** was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the **LORD**; and the head of **Dagon** and *both* the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of **Dagon** was left to him.
- ⁵ Therefore neither the priests of **Dagon**, nor any that come into **Dagon's** house, tread on the threshold of **Dagon** in **Ashdod** unto this day.
- ⁶ **But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.**
- ⁷ And when the men of **Ashdod** saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the **God** of **Israel** shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon **Dagon** our god.
- ⁸ They sent therefore and gathered *all* the lords of the **Philistines** unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the **God** of **Israel**? And they answered, Let the ark of the **God** of **Israel** be carried about unto **Gath**. And they carried the ark of the **God** of **Israel** about thither.
- ⁹ **And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.**
- ¹⁰ Therefore they sent the ark of **God** to **Ekron**. And it came to pass, as the ark of **God** came to **Ekron**, that the **Ekronites** cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the **God** of **Israel** to us, to slay us and our people.
- ¹¹ **So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.**
- ¹² **And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.**

1 Samuel 6

- ¹ And the ark of the **LORD** was in the country of the **Philistines** seven months.
- ² And the **Philistines** called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the **LORD**? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.
- ³ And they said, If ye send away the ark of the **God** of **Israel**, send it not empty; but in *any* wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.
- ⁴ Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the **Philistines**: for one plague was on you *all*, and on your lords.
- ⁵ Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the **God** of **Israel**: *peradventure* he will lighten his hand from *off* you, and from *off* your gods, and from *off* your land.
- ⁶ Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the **Egyptians** and **Pharaoh** hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?
- ⁷ Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:
- ⁸ And take the ark of the **LORD**, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.
- ⁹ And see, if it goeth *up* by the way of his *own coast* to **Bethshemesh**, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.
- ¹⁰ And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:
- ¹¹ And they laid the ark of the **LORD** upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.
- ¹² **And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.**

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- ¹³ And they of **Bethshemesh** were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.
- ¹⁴ And the cart came into the field of **Joshua**, a **Bethshemite**, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the **LORD**.
- ¹⁵ **And the Levites** took down the ark of the **LORD**, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of **Bethshemesh** offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the **LORD**.
- ¹⁶ **And when the five lords** of the **Philistines** had seen it, they returned to **Ekron** the same day.
- ¹⁷ **And these are the golden emerods** which the **Philistines** returned for a trespass offering unto the **LORD**; for **Ashdod** one, for **Gaza** one, for **Askelon** one, for **Gath** one, for **Ekron** one;
- ¹⁸ **And the golden mice**, according to the number of *all* the cities of the **Philistines** belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of **Abel**, whereon they set down the ark of the **LORD**: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of **Joshua**, the **Bethshemite**.
- ¹⁹ **And he smote** the men of **Bethshemesh**, because they had looked into the ark of the **LORD**, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the **LORD** had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.
- ²⁰ And the men of **Bethshemesh** said, **Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God?** and to whom shall he go up from us?
- ²¹ **And they sent messengers** to the inhabitants of **Kirjathjearim**, saying, The **Philistines** have brought again the ark of the **LORD**; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

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- ¹ And the men of **Kirjathjearim** came, and fetch *up* the ark of the **LORD**, and brought it into the house of **Abinadab** in the hill, and sanctified **Eleazar** his son to keep the ark of the **LORD**.
- ² And it came to pass, while the ark abode in **Kirjathjearim**, that the time was *long*; for it was twenty years: and *all* the house of **Israel** lamented *after* the **LORD**.
- ³ And **Samuel** spake unto *all* the house of **Israel**, saying, If ye do return unto the **LORD** with *all* your hearts, then put away the *strange* gods and **Ashtaroth** from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the **LORD**, and serve him *only*: and he will deliver you *out* of the hand of the **Philistines**.
- ⁴ Then the children of **Israel** did put away **Baalim** and **Ashtaroth**, and served the **LORD** *only*.
- ⁵ And **Samuel** said, Gather *all* **Israel** to **Mizpeh**, and I will pray for you unto the **LORD**.
- ⁶ And they gathered together to **Mizpeh**, and drew water, and poured it *out before* the **LORD**, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the **LORD**. And **Samuel** judged the children of **Israel** in **Mizpeh**.
- ⁷ And when the **Philistines** heard that the children of **Israel** were gathered together to **Mizpeh**, the lords of the **Philistines** went *up against* **Israel**. And when the children of **Israel** heard it, they were afraid of the **Philistines**.
- ⁸ And the children of **Israel** said to **Samuel**, Cease not to cry unto the **LORD** our **God** for us, that he will save us *out* of the hand of the **Philistines**.
- ⁹ And **Samuel** took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering *wholly* unto the **LORD**: and **Samuel** cried unto the **LORD** for **Israel**; and the **LORD** *heard* him.
- ¹⁰ And as **Samuel** was offering up the burnt offering, the **Philistines** drew near to battle against **Israel**: but the **LORD** thundered *with a great thunder* on that day upon the **Philistines**, and discomfited them; and they were smitten *before* **Israel**.
- ¹¹ And the men of **Israel** went *out* of **Mizpeh**, and pursued the **Philistines**, and smote them, until they came *under* **Bethcar**.
- ¹² Then **Samuel** took a stone, and set it between **Mizpeh** and **Shen**, and called the name of it **Ebenezer**, saying, Hitherto hath the **LORD** helped us.
- ¹³ So the **Philistines** were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of **Israel**: and the hand of the **LORD** was against the **Philistines** *all* the days of **Samuel**.

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- ¹⁴ And the cities which the **Philistines** had taken from **Israel** were restored to **Israel**, from **Ekron** even unto **Gath**; and the coasts thereof did **Israel** deliver out of the hands of the **Philistines**. And there was peace between **Israel** and the **Amorites**.
- ¹⁵ And **Samuel** judged **Israel** all the days of his life.
- ¹⁶ And he went from year to year in circuit to **Bethel**, and **Gilgal**, and **Mizpeh**, and judged **Israel** in *all* those places.
- ¹⁷ And his return was to **Ramah**; for there was his house; and there he judged **Israel**; and there he built an altar unto the **LORD**.

1 Samuel 8

- ¹ And it came to pass, when **Samuel** was old, that he made his sons judges over **Israel**.
- ² Now the name of his firstborn was **Joel**; and the name of his second, **Abiah**: they were judges in **Beersheba**.
- ³ And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.
- ⁴ Then *all* the elders of **Israel** gathered themselves together, and came to **Samuel** unto **Ramah**,
- ⁵ And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: *now make us a king to judge us like all the nations*.
- ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, *Give us a king to judge us*. And **Samuel** prayed unto the **LORD**.
- ⁷ And the **LORD** said unto **Samuel**, *Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them*.
- ⁸ According to *all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee*.
- ⁹ Now therefore *hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them*.
- ¹⁰ And **Samuel** told *all* the words of the **LORD** unto the people that asked of him a king.
- ¹¹ And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for *himself*, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.
- ¹² And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
- ¹³ And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.
- ¹⁴ And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.
- ¹⁵ And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

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- ¹⁶ And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your *goodliest young men*, and your asses, and put them to his work.
- ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.
- ¹⁸ **And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and *the LORD will not hear you in that day.***
- ¹⁹ ***Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;***
- ²⁰ **That we also may *be like all the nations*; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.**
- ²¹ And **Samuel** heard *all* the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the **LORD**.
- ²² And the **LORD** said to **Samuel**, *Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king*. And **Samuel** said unto the men of **Israel**, Go ye every man unto his city.

1 Samuel 9

- ¹ Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a *mighty* man of power.
- ² And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a *choice young man*, and a *goodly*: and there was not among the children of Israel a *goodlier person* than he: from his shoulders and *upward* he was *higher* than *any* of the people.
- ³ And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.
- ⁴ And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.
- ⁵ And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.
- ⁶ And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an *honourable* man; *all* that he saith cometh *surely* to pass: now let us go thither; *peradventure* he can shew us our way that we should go.
- ⁷ Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?
- ⁸ And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.
- ⁹ (*Beforetime* in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a *Prophet* was *beforetime* called a *Seer*.)
- ¹⁰ Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.
- ¹¹ And as they went *up* the hill to the city, they found young maidens going *out* to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?
- ¹² And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is *before* you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:

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- ¹³ As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall *straightway* find him, *before* he go *up* to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bleſs the sacrifice; and *afterwards* they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you *up*; for about this time ye shall find him.
- ¹⁴ And they went *up* into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, **Samuel** came *out against* them, for to go *up* to the high place.
- ¹⁵ Now the **LORD** had told **Samuel** in his ear a day *before* **Saul** came, saying,
- ¹⁶ **To morrow** about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people *out* of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.
- ¹⁷ And when **Samuel** saw **Saul**, the **LORD** said unto him, **Behold** the man whom I spake to thee of! **this same shall** reign over my people.
- ¹⁸ Then **Saul** drew *near* to **Samuel** in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.
- ¹⁹ And **Samuel** answered **Saul**, and said, I am the seer: go *up* *before* me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee *all* that is in thine heart.
- ²⁰ And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is *all* the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on *all* thy father's house?
- ²¹ And **Saul** answered and said, Am not I a **Benjamite**, of the smallest of the tribes of **Israel**? and my family the least of *all* the families of the tribe of **Benjamin**? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?
- ²² And **Samuel** took **Saul** and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.
- ²³ And **Samuel** said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.
- ²⁴ And the cook took *up* the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it *before* **Saul**. And **Samuel** said, Behold that which is left! set it *before* thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So **Saul** did eat with **Samuel** that day.
- ²⁵ And when they were come *down* from the high place into the city, **Samuel** communed with **Saul** upon the top of the house.

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- ²⁶ And they arose *early*: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that **Samuel** called **Saul** to the *top* of the house, saying, *Up*, that I may send thee away. And **Saul** arose, and they went *out* both of them, he and **Samuel**, abroad.
- ²⁷ **And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on), but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.**

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- ¹ Then **Samuel** took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the **LORD** hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?
- ² When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of **Benjamin** at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?
- ³ Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of **Tabor**, and there shall meet thee three men going up to **God** to **Bethel**, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:
- ⁴ And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.
- ⁵ After that thou shalt come to the hill of **God**, where is the garrison of the **Philistines**: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
- ⁶ And the **Spirit** of the **LORD** will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
- ⁷ And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for **God** is with thee.
- ⁸ And thou shalt go down before me to **Gilgal**; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.
- ⁹ And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from **Samuel**, **God gave him another heart**: and all those signs came to pass that day.
- ¹⁰ And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the **Spirit of God** came upon him, and he prophesied among them.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of **Kish**? Is **Saul** also among the prophets?
- ¹² And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is **Saul** also among the prophets?

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- ¹³ And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the *high place*.
- ¹⁴ And **Saul's** uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to **Samuel**.
- ¹⁵ And **Saul's** uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what **Samuel** said unto you.
- ¹⁶ And **Saul** said unto his uncle, He told us *plainly* that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof **Samuel** spake, he told him not.
- ¹⁷ And **Samuel** called the people together unto the **LORD** to **Mizpeh**;
- ¹⁸ And said unto the children of **Israel**, Thus saith the **LORD God of Israel**, I brought *up Israel out of Egypt*, and delivered you *out of the hand* of the **Egyptians**, and *out of the hand* of *all kingdoms*, and of them that oppressed you:
- ¹⁹ And ye have this day rejected your **God**, who himself saved you *out of all your adversities* and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay, but set a king over us*. Now therefore present yourselves before the **LORD** by your tribes, and by your thousands.
- ²⁰ And when **Samuel** had caused *all the tribes* of **Israel** to come *near*, the tribe of **Benjamin** was taken.
- ²¹ When he had caused the tribe of **Benjamin** to come *near* by their families, the family of **Matri** was taken, and **Saul** the son of **Kish** was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.
- ²² Therefore they enquired of the **LORD** further, if the man should yet come thither. And the **LORD** answered, *Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff*.
- ²³ And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was *higher* than *any of the people* from his shoulders and *upward*.
- ²⁴ And **Samuel** said to *all the people*, See ye him whom the **LORD** hath chosen, that there is none like him among *all the people*? And *all the people* shouted, and said, *God save the king*.
- ²⁵ Then **Samuel** told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it *up before* the **LORD**. And **Samuel** sent *all the people away*, every man to his house.
- ²⁶ And **Saul** also went home to **Gibeah**; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts **God** had touched.
- ²⁷ But the children of **Belial** said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace.

1 Samuel 11

- ¹ Then **Nahash** the **Ammonite** came *up*, and encamped against **Jabeshgilead**: and *all* the men of **Jabesh** said unto **Nahash**, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.
- ² And **Nahash** the **Ammonite** answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out *all* your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon *all* **Israel**.
- ³ And the elders of **Jabesh** said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto *all* the coasts of **Israel**: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come *out* to thee.
- ⁴ Then came the messengers to **Gibeah** of **Saul**, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and *all* the people lifted up their voices, and wept.
- ⁵ And, behold, **Saul** came *after* the herd out of the field; and **Saul** said, What aieth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of **Jabesh**.
- ⁶ And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he *heard* those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.
- ⁷ And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout *all* the coasts of **Israel** by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth *after* **Saul** and *after* **Samuel**, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the **LORD** fell on the people, and they came *out* with one consent.
- ⁸ And when he numbered them in **Bezek**, the children of **Israel** were three hundred thousand, and the men of **Judah** thirty thousand.
- ⁹ And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of **Jabeshgilead**, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of **Jabesh**; and they were glad.
- ¹⁰ Therefore the men of **Jabesh** said, To morrow we will come *out* unto you, and ye shall do with us *all* that seemeth good unto you.
- ¹¹ And it was so on the morrow, that **Saul** put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the **Ammonites** until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.
- ¹² And the people said unto **Samuel**, Who is he that said, Shall **Saul** reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

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- ¹³ And **Saul** said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the **LORD** hath wrought salvation in **Israel**.
- ¹⁴ Then said **Samuel** to the people, Come, and let us go to **Gilgal**, and renew the kingdom there.
- ¹⁵ And *all* the people went to **Gilgal**; and there they made **Saul king** *before* the **LORD** in **Gilgal**; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings *before* the **LORD**; and there **Saul** and *all* the men of **Israel** rejoiced greatly.

1 Samuel 12

- ¹ And **Samuel** said unto *all Israel*, Behold, I have *hearkened* unto your voice in *all* that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.
- ² And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked *before* you from my childhood unto this day.
- ³ Behold, here I am: witness against me *before* the **LORD**, and *before* his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and *I will restore* it you.
- ⁴ And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of *any man's hand*.
- ⁵ And he said unto them, The **LORD** is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.
- ⁶ And **Samuel** said unto the people, It is the **LORD** that advanced **Moses** and **Aaron**, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of **Egypt**.
- ⁷ Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you *before* the **LORD** of *all* the righteous acts of the **LORD**, which he did to you and to your fathers.
- ⁸ When **Jacob** was come into **Egypt**, and your fathers cried unto the **LORD**, then the **LORD sent** **Moses** and **Aaron**, which brought forth your fathers *out* of **Egypt**, and made them dwell in this place.
- ⁹ And when they forgot the **LORD** their **God**, he sold them into the hand of **Sisera**, captain of the host of **Hazor**, and into the hand of the **Philistines**, and into the hand of the king of **Moab**, and they fought against them.
- ¹⁰ And they cried unto the **LORD**, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the **LORD**, and have served **Baalim** and **Ashtaroth**: but now deliver us *out* of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.
- ¹¹ And the **LORD sent** **Jerubbaal**, and **Bedan**, and **Jephthah**, and **Samuel**, and delivered you *out* of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.
- ¹² And when ye saw that **Nahash** the king of the children of **Ammon** came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: *when the LORD your God was your king*.

1 Samuel 12

- ¹³ Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the **LORD** hath set a king over you.
- ¹⁴ If ye will fear the **LORD**, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the **LORD**, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you *continue following* the **LORD** your **God**:
- ¹⁵ But if ye will not obey the voice of the **LORD**, but rebel against the commandment of the **LORD**, then shall the hand of the **LORD** be against you, as it was against your fathers.
- ¹⁶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the **LORD** will do *before* your eyes.
- ¹⁷ Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the **LORD**, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the **LORD**, in *asking you a king*.
- ¹⁸ So **Samuel** called unto the **LORD**; and **the LORD sent thunder and rain that day**: and *all* the people greatly feared the **LORD** and **Samuel**.
- ¹⁹ And *all* the people said unto **Samuel**, Pray for thy servants unto the **LORD** thy **God**, that we die not: for *we have added* unto *all our sins* this evil, to ask us a king.
- ²⁰ And **Samuel** said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done *all* this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the **LORD**, but serve the **LORD** with *all* your heart;
- ²¹ And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go *after vain things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.
- ²² For the **LORD** will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the **LORD** to make you his people.
- ²³ Moreover as for me, **God forbid** that I should sin against the **LORD** in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:
- ²⁴ Only fear the **LORD**, and serve him in truth with *all* your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.
- ²⁵ But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

1 Samuel 13

- ¹ **Saul** reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over **Israel**,
- ² **Saul** chose him three thousand men of **Israel**; whereof two thousand were with **Saul** in **Michmash** and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with **Jonathan** in **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.
- ³ And **Jonathan** smote the garrison of the **Philistines** that was in **Geba**, and the **Philistines** heard of it. And **Saul** blew the trumpet throughout *all* the land, saying, Let the **Hebrews** *hear*.
- ⁴ And *all* **Israel** heard say that **Saul** had smitten a garrison of the **Philistines**, and that **Israel** also was had in abomination with the **Philistines**. And the people were called together *after Saul* to **Gilgal**.
- ⁵ And the **Philistines** gathered themselves together to fight with **Israel**, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came *up*, and pitched in **Michmash**, *eastward* from **Bethaven**.
- ⁶ When the men of **Israel** saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.
- ⁷ And **some** of the **Hebrews** went over **Jordan** to the land of **Gad** and **Gilead**. As for **Saul**, he was yet in **Gilgal**, and *all* the people followed him trembling.
- ⁸ And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that **Samuel** had appointed: but **Samuel** came not to **Gilgal**; and the people were scattered from him.
- ⁹ And **Saul** said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.
- ¹⁰ And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, *behold*, **Samuel** came; and **Saul** went *out* to meet him, that he might salute him.
- ¹¹ And **Samuel** said, *What hast thou done?* And **Saul** said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the **Philistines** gathered themselves together at **Michmash**;
- ¹² Therefore said I, The **Philistines** will come *down* now upon me to **Gilgal**, and I have not made supplication unto the **LORD**: *I forced myself therefore*, and offered a burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13

- ¹³ And **Samuel** said to **Saul**, Thou hast done *foolishly*: thou hast not kept the commandment of the **LORD thy God**, which he commanded thee: for now would the **LORD** have established thy kingdom upon **Israel** *for ever*.
- ¹⁴ **But now thy kingdom shall not continue**: the **LORD** hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the **LORD** hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the **LORD** commanded thee.
- ¹⁵ And **Samuel** arose, and gat him *up* from **Gilgal** unto **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**. And **Saul** numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.
- ¹⁶ And **Saul**, and **Jonathan** his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**: but the **Philistines** encamped in **Michmash**.
- ¹⁷ And the spoilers came *out* of the camp of the **Philistines** in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to **Ophrah**, unto the land of **Shual**:
- ¹⁸ And another company turned the way to **Bethhoron**: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of **Zeboim** *toward* the wilderness.
- ¹⁹ **Now there was no smith found** throughout *all* the land of **Israel**: for the **Philistines** said, **Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears**:
- ²⁰ **But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines**, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.
- ²¹ Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.
- ²² **So it came to pass in the day of battle**, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of *any* of the people that were with **Saul** and **Jonathan**: but with **Saul** and with **Jonathan** his son was there found.
- ²³ And the garrison of the **Philistines** went *out* to the passage of **Michmash**.

1 Samuel 14

- ¹ Now it came to pass upon a day, that **Jonathan** the son of **Saul** said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the **Philistines'** garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.
- ² And **Saul** tarried in the uttermost part of **Gibeah** under a pomegranate tree which is in **Migron**: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;
- ³ And **Ahiah**, the son of **Ahitub**, **Ichabod's** brother, the son of **Phinehas**, the son of **Eli**, the **LORD's** priest in **Shiloh**, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that **Jonathan** was gone.
- ⁴ And between the passages, by which **Jonathan** sought to go over unto the **Philistines'** garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was **Bozez**, and the name of the other **Seneh**.
- ⁵ The forefront of the one was situate *northward* over against **Michmash**, and the other *southward* over against **Gibeah**.
- ⁶ And **Jonathan** said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the **LORD** will work for us: for there is no restraint to the **LORD** to save by *many* or by *few*.
- ⁷ And his armourbearer said unto him, Do *all* that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am *with* thee according to thy heart.
- ⁸ Then said **Jonathan**, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.
- ⁹ If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.
- ¹⁰ But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the **LORD** hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.
- ¹¹ And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the **Philistines**: and the **Philistines** said, Behold, the **Hebrews** come forth *out* of the holes where they had hid themselves.
- ¹² And the men of the garrison answered **Jonathan** and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And **Jonathan** said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the **LORD** hath delivered them into the hand of **Israel**.

1 Samuel 14

- ¹³ And **Jonathan** climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer *after* him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.
- ¹⁴ And that first slaughter, which **Jonathan** and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.
- ¹⁵ And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among *all* the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a *very great* trembling.
- ¹⁶ And the watchmen of **Saul** in **Gibeah** of **Benjamin** looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.
- ¹⁷ Then said **Saul** unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, **Jonathan** and his armourbearer were not there.
- ¹⁸ And **Saul** said unto **Ahiah**, *Bring hither the* ark of God. For the ark of **God** was at that time with the children of **Israel**.
- ¹⁹ And it came to pass, while **Saul** talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the **Philistines** went on and increased: and **Saul** said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.
- ²⁰ And **Saul** and *all* the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a *very great* discomfiture.
- ²¹ Moreover the **Hebrews** that were *with* the **Philistines** *before that* time, which went *up* with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the **Israelites** that were with **Saul** and **Jonathan**.
- ²² Likewise *all* the men of **Israel** which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the **Philistines** fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.
- ²³ So the **LORD** saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto **Bethaven**.
- ²⁴ And the men of **Israel** were distressed that day: for **Saul** had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.
- ²⁵ And *all* they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.
- ²⁶ And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

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- ²⁷ But **Jonathan** heard **not** when his **father** **charged** the people with the **oath**: wherefore he put forth the **end** of the **rod** that was in his **hand**, and **dipped** it in an **honeycomb**, and put his **hand** to his **mouth**; and **his eyes** were **enlightened**.
- ²⁸ Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy **father** **straitly charged** the people with an **oath**, saying, **Cursed** be the **man** that **eateth** any **food** this **day**. And the people were **faint**.
- ²⁹ Then said **Jonathan**, My **father** hath **troubled** the **land**: see, I pray you, how mine **eyes** have been **enlightened**, because I **tasted** a *little* of this **honey**.
- ³⁰ How *much more*, if **haply** the people had **eaten freely** to **day** of the **spoil** of their **enemies** which they **found**? for had there **not** been now a *much greater slaughter* among the **Philistines**?
- ³¹ And they **smote** the **Philistines** that **day** from **Michmash** to **Aijalon**: and the people were **very faint**.
- ³² And the people **flew** upon the **spoil**, and took **sheep**, and **oxen**, and **calves**, and **slew** them on the **ground**: and the people did **eat them with the blood**.
- ³³ Then they told **Saul**, saying, Behold, the people **sin against the LORD**, in that **they eat with the blood**. And he said, Ye have **transgressed**: **roll a great stone unto me this day**.
- ³⁴ And **Saul** said, **Disperse** yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither **every man** his **ox**, and every man his **sheep**, and **slay** them here, and **eat**; and **sin not against the LORD** in **eating** with the **blood**. And *all* the people brought **every man** his ox with him that **night**, and slew them there.
- ³⁵ And **Saul** **built** an **altar** unto the **LORD**: the same was the **first** altar that he built unto the **LORD**.
- ³⁶ And **Saul** said, Let us go **down** after the **Philistines** by **night**, and **spoil** them until the **morning light**, and let us **not leave** a **man** of them. And they said, Do whatsoever **seemeth good** unto thee. Then said the **priest**, Let us **draw near hither unto God**.
- ³⁷ And **Saul** asked **counsel** of **God**, Shall I go **down** after the **Philistines**? wilt thou **deliver** them into the **hand** of **Israel**? But he answered him **not** that **day**.
- ³⁸ And **Saul** said, **Draw** ye *near* hither, *all* the **chief** of the people: and **know** and see wherein this **sin** hath been this **day**.
- ³⁹ For, as the **LORD liveth**, which **saveth Israel**, though it be in **Jonathan** my son, he shall **surely die**. But there was **not** a **man** among *all* the people that answered him.

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- 40 Then said he unto *all Israel*, Be ye on one side, and I and **Jonathan** my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto **Saul**, Do what seemeth good unto thee.
- 41 **Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.**
- 42 And **Saul** said, Cast lots *between* me and **Jonathan** my son. And **Jonathan** was taken.
- 43 **Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.**
- 44 And **Saul** answered, **God do so and *more also*: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.**
- 45 **And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.**
- 46 Then **Saul** went *up* from following the **Philistines**: and the **Philistines** went to their *own* place.
- 47 So **Saul** took the kingdom over **Israel**, and fought against *all* his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of **Ammon**, and against **Edom**, and against the kings of **Zobah**, and against the **Philistines**: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them.
- 48 And he gathered an host, and smote the **Amalekites**, and delivered **Israel** *out* of the hands of them that spoiled them.
- 49 **Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:**
- 50 **And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.**
- 51 **And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.**
- 52 And there was sore war against the **Philistines** *all* the days of **Saul**: and when **Saul** saw *any* strong man, or *any* valiant man, he took him unto him.

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- ¹ **Samuel** also said unto **Saul**, The **LORD** sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over **Israel**: *now* therefore *hearken* thou unto the voice of the words of the **LORD**.
- ² Thus saith the **LORD** of hosts, I remember that which **Amalek** did to **Israel**, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came *up* from **Egypt**.
- ³ **Now go** and smite **Amalek**, and utterly destroy *all* that they have, and spare them not; but slay *both* man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.
- ⁴ And **Saul** gathered the people together, and numbered them in **Telaim**, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of **Judah**.
- ⁵ And **Saul** came to a city of **Amalek**, and laid wait in the valley.
- ⁶ And **Saul** said unto the **Kenites**, Go, depart, get you *down* from among the **Amalekites**, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to *all* the children of **Israel**, when they came *up out* of **Egypt**. So the **Kenites** departed from among the **Amalekites**.
- ⁷ And **Saul** smote the **Amalekites** from **Havilah** until thou comest to **Shur**, that is over against **Egypt**.
- ⁸ And he took **Agag** the king of the **Amalekites** alive, and utterly destroyed *all* the people with the edge of the sword.
- ⁹ But **Saul** and the people spared **Agag**, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and *all* that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed *utterly*.
- ¹⁰ Then came the word of the **LORD** unto **Samuel**, saying,
- ¹¹ It repenteth me that I have set up **Saul** to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved **Samuel**; and he cried unto the **LORD** *all night*.
- ¹² And when **Samuel** rose *early* to meet **Saul** in the morning, it was told **Samuel**, saying, **Saul** came to **Carmel**, and, behold, he set him *up* a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone *down* to **Gilgal**.
- ¹³ And **Samuel** came to **Saul**: and **Saul** said unto him, Blessed be thou of the **LORD**: I have performed the commandment of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁴ And **Samuel** said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

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- ¹⁵ And **Saul** said, They have brought them from the **Amalekites**: for the *people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen*, to sacrifice unto the **LORD** thy **God**; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.
- ¹⁶ Then **Samuel** said unto **Saul**, Stay, and I will tell thee what the **LORD** hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.
- ¹⁷ And **Samuel** said, When thou wast *little* in thine *own sight*, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of **Israel**, and the **LORD** anointed thee king over **Israel**?
- ¹⁸ And the **LORD** sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the **Amalekites**, and fight against them until they be consumed.
- ¹⁹ Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the **LORD**, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the **LORD**?
- ²⁰ And **Saul** said unto **Samuel**, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the **LORD**, and have gone the way which the **LORD** sent me, and have brought **Agag** the king of **Amalek**, and have utterly destroyed the **Amalekites**.
- ²¹ *But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the **LORD** thy **God** in **Gilgal**.*
- ²² And **Samuel** said, Hath the **LORD** as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the **LORD**? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
- ²³ *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the **LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*
- ²⁴ And **Saul** said unto **Samuel**, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the **LORD**, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.
- ²⁵ Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the **LORD**.
- ²⁶ And **Samuel** said unto **Saul**, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the **LORD**, and the **LORD** hath rejected thee from being king over **Israel**.
- ²⁷ And as **Samuel** turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
- ²⁸ And **Samuel** said unto him, The **LORD** hath rent the kingdom of **Israel** from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

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- ²⁹ And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.
- ³⁰ Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, *before* the elders of my people, and *before* **Israel**, and turn again with me, that I may worship the **LORD** thy **God**.
- ³¹ So **Samuel** turned again *after* **Saul**; and **Saul** worshipped the **LORD**.
- ³² Then said **Samuel**, Bring ye hither to me **Agag** the king of the **Amalekites**. And **Agag** came unto him *delicately*. And **Agag** said, *Surely* the bitterness of death is past.
- ³³ And **Samuel** said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And **Samuel** hewed Agag in pieces *before* the **LORD** in **Gilgal**.
- ³⁴ Then **Samuel** went to **Ramah**; and **Saul** went *up* to his house to **Gibeah** of **Saul**.
- ³⁵ And **Samuel** came no more to see **Saul** until the day of his death: nevertheless **Samuel** mourned for **Saul**: and the **LORD** repented that he had made **Saul** king over **Israel**.

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- ¹ And the **LORD** said unto **Samuel**, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
- ² And **Samuel** said, How can I go? if **Saul** hear it, he will kill me. And the **LORD** said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the **LORD**.
- ³ And call **Jesse** to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.
- ⁴ And **Samuel** did that which the **LORD** spake, and came to **Bethlehem**. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
- ⁵ And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the **LORD**: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified **Jesse** and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
- ⁶ And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on **Eliab**, and said, Surely the **LORD's** anointed is *before* him.
- ⁷ **But** the **LORD** said unto **Samuel**, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the **LORD** seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
- ⁸ Then **Jesse** called **Abinadab**, and made him pass *before* **Samuel**. And he said, Neither hath the **LORD** chosen this.
- ⁹ Then **Jesse** made **Shammah** to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the **LORD** chosen this.
- ¹⁰ Again, **Jesse** made seven of his sons to pass *before* **Samuel**. And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, The **LORD** hath not chosen these.
- ¹¹ And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, Are here *all* thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, *he* keepeth the sheep. And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
- ¹² And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the **LORD** said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.
- ¹³ Then **Samuel** took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit** of the **LORD** came upon **David** from that day forward. So **Samuel** rose up, and went to **Ramah**.

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- 14 But the **Spirit** of the **LORD** departed from **Saul**, and an evil spirit from the **LORD** troubled him.
- 15 And **Saul's** servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from **God** troubleth thee.
- 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are *before* thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from **God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
- 17 And **Saul** said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.
- 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of **Jesse** the **Bethlehemite**, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and *the LORD is with him*.
- 19 Wherefore **Saul** sent messengers unto **Jesse**, and said, Send me **David** thy son, which is with the sheep.
- 20 And **Jesse** took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by **David** his son unto **Saul**.
- 21 And **David** came to **Saul**, and stood *before* him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.
- 22 And **Saul** sent to **Jesse**, saying, Let **David**, I pray thee, stand *before* me; for he hath found favour in my sight.
- 23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from **God** was upon **Saul**, that **David** took an harp, and played with his hand: so **Saul** was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

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- ¹ Now the **Philistines** gathered together their **armies** to **battle**, and were gathered together at **Shochoh**, which belongeth to **Judah**, and pitched *between Shochoh and Azekah*, in **Ephesdammim**.
- ² And **Saul** and the **men** of **Israel** were gathered together, and pitched by the **valley of Elah**, and set the **battle** in **array** against the **Philistines**.
- ³ And the **Philistines** stood on a **mountain** on the **one** side, and **Israel** stood on a mountain on the **other** side: and there was a **valley** *between* them.
- ⁴ And there went out a **champion** out of the **camp** of the **Philistines**, named **Goliath**, of **Gath**, whose **height** was **six cubits** and a **span**.
- ⁵ And he had an **helmet** of **brass** upon his **head**, and he was **armed** with a **coat** of **mail**; and the *weight* of the coat was **five thousand shekels** of brass.
- ⁶ And he had **greaves** of **brass** upon his **legs**, and a **target** of brass *between* his **shoulders**.
- ⁷ And the **staff** of his **spear** was like a **weaver's beam**; and his spear's **head** weighed **six hundred shekels** of **iron**: and **one** bearing a **shield** went *before* him.
- ⁸ And he **stood** and **cried** unto the **armies** of **Israel**, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to **set** your **battle** in **array**? am not I a **Philistine**, and ye **servants** to **Saul**? **choose** you a **man** for you, and *let him come down to me*.
- ⁹ If he be able to **fight** with me, and to **kill** me, then will we be your **servants**: but if I **prevail** against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
- ¹⁰ And the **Philistine** said, I **defy** the **armies** of **Israel** this **day**; give me a **man**, that we may **fight** together.
- ¹¹ When **Saul** and *all Israel* heard those **words** of the **Philistine**, they were **dismayed**, and **greatly afraid**.
- ¹² Now **David** was the son of that **Ephrathite** of **Bethlehemjudah**, whose name was **Jesse**; and he had **eight** sons: and the **man** went among men for an **old** man in the **days** of **Saul**.
- ¹³ And the **three eldest** sons of **Jesse** went and **followed Saul** to the **battle**: and the names of his **three** sons that went to the battle were **Eliab** the **firstborn**, and next unto him **Abinadab**, and the **third Shammah**.
- ¹⁴ And **David** was the **youngest**: and the **three eldest** followed **Saul**.
- ¹⁵ But **David** went and **returned** from **Saul** to **feed his father's sheep** at **Bethlehem**.
- ¹⁶ And the **Philistine** drew *near* morning and evening, and **presented** himself **forty** days.

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- 17 And **Jesse** said unto **David** his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren;
- 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.
- 19 Now **Saul**, and they, and *all* the men of **Israel**, were in the **valley of Elah**, fighting with the **Philistines**.
- 20 And **David** rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as **Jesse** had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.
- 21 For **Israel** and the **Philistines** had put the battle in array, army against army.
- 22 And **David** left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.
- 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came *up* the champion, the **Philistine** of **Gath**, **Goliath** by name, *out of* the armies of the **Philistines**, and spake according to the *same* words: and **David** *heard* them.
- 24 And *all* the men of **Israel**, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.
- 25 And the men of **Israel** said, Have ye seen this man that is come *up*? *surely* to defy **Israel** is he come *up*: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in **Israel**.
- 26 And **David** spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this **Philistine**, and taketh away the reproach from **Israel**? *for who is this* uncircumcised Philistine, *that he should* defy the armies of the living God?
- 27 And the people answered him *after* this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.
- 28 And **Eliab** his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and **Eliab's anger** was kindled against **David**, and he said, Why camest thou *down* hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come *down* that thou mightest see the battle.
- 29 And **David** said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

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- ³⁰ And he turned from him *toward* another, and spake *after* the same manner: and the people answered him again *after* the former manner.
- ³¹ And when the words were heard which **David** spake, they rehearsed them *before* **Saul**: and he sent for him.
- ³² **And David** said to **Saul**, Let no man's heart fail because of him; *thy* servant will go and fight with *this* **Philistine**.
- ³³ And **Saul** said to **David**, Thou art not able to go against this **Philistine** to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
- ³⁴ **And David** said unto **Saul**, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:
- ³⁵ **And I** went out *after* him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
- ³⁶ Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of *them*, seeing he hath defied the armies of the *living* **God**.
- ³⁷ **David** said moreover, *The LORD* that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this **Philistine**. And **Saul** said unto **David**, Go, and the **LORD** be with thee.
- ³⁸ And **Saul** armed **David** with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.
- ³⁹ And **David** girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And **David** said unto **Saul**, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And **David** put them *off* him.
- ⁴⁰ **And he** took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the **Philistine**.
- ⁴¹ And the **Philistine** came on and drew near unto **David**; and the man that bare the shield went *before* him.
- ⁴² And when the **Philistine** looked about, and saw **David**, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

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- ⁴³ And the **Philistine** said unto **David**, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the **Philistine** cursed **David** by his gods.
- ⁴⁴ And the **Philistine** said to **David**, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
- ⁴⁵ Then said **David** to the **Philistine**, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
- ⁴⁶ This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; *that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.*
- ⁴⁷ And *all this* assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: *for the battle is the LORD's*, and he will give you into our hands.
- ⁴⁸ And it came to pass, when the **Philistine** arose, and came, and drew *nigh* to meet **David**, that **David** hastened, and ran *toward* the army to meet the **Philistine**.
- ⁴⁹ And **David** put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the **Philistine** in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.
- ⁵⁰ So **David** prevailed over the **Philistine** with a sling and with a stone, and smote the **Philistine**, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of **David**.
- ⁵¹ Therefore **David** ran, and stood upon the **Philistine**, and took *his* sword, and drew it *out* of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head *therewith*. And when the **Philistines** saw their champion was dead, they fled.
- ⁵² And the men of **Israel** and of **Judah** arose, and shouted, and pursued the **Philistines**, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of **Ekron**. And the wounded of the **Philistines** fell down by the way to **Shaaraim**, even unto **Gath**, and unto **Ekron**.
- ⁵³ And the children of **Israel** returned from chasing *after* the **Philistines**, and they spoiled their tents.
- ⁵⁴ And **David** took the head of the **Philistine**, and brought it to **Jerusalem**; but he put his armour in his tent.

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- ⁵⁵ And when **Saul** saw **David** go forth against the **Philistine**, he said unto **Abner**, the captain of the host, **Abner**, whose son is this youth? And **Abner** said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.
- ⁵⁶ And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.
- ⁵⁷ And as **David** returned from the slaughter of the **Philistine**, **Abner** took him, and brought him *before* **Saul** with the head of the **Philistine** in his hand.
- ⁵⁸ **And Saul** said to him, **Whose son art thou, thou young man**? And **David** answered, I am the son of thy servant **Jesse** the **Bethlehemite**.

1 Samuel 18

- ¹ And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto **Saul**, that the soul of **Jonathan** was knit with the soul of **David**, and **Jonathan** loved him as his own soul.
- ² And **Saul** took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.
- ³ Then **Jonathan** and **David** made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.
- ⁴ And **Jonathan** stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to **David**, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.
- ⁵ And **David** went *out* whithersoever **Saul** sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and **Saul** set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of *all* the people, and also in the sight of **Saul's** servants.
- ⁶ And it came to pass as they came, when **David** was returned from the slaughter of the **Philistine**, that the women came *out* of *all* cities of **Israel**, singing and dancing, to meet king **Saul**, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.
- ⁷ And the women answered one another as they played, and said, **Saul hath** slain his thousands, and **David** his ten thousands.
- ⁸ And **Saul** was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto **David** ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: *and what can he have more but the kingdom?*
- ⁹ And **Saul** eyed **David** from that day and *forward*.
- ¹⁰ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from **God** came upon **Saul**, and he prophesied in the *midst* of the house: and **David** played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in **Saul's** hand.
- ¹¹ And **Saul** cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite **David** even to the wall with it. And **David** avoided *out* of his presence twice.
- ¹² And **Saul** was afraid of **David**, because the **LORD** was with him, and was departed from **Saul**.
- ¹³ Therefore **Saul** removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went *out* and came *in before* the people.
- ¹⁴ And **David** behaved himself wisely in *all* his ways; and the **LORD** was with him.

1 Samuel 18

- 15 Wherefore when **Saul** saw that he behaved himself *very wisely*, he was afraid of him.
- 16 **But all Israel and Judah loved David**, because he went *out* and came *in before* them.
- 17 And **Saul** said to **David**, Behold my elder daughter **Merab**, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the **LORD's battles**. For **Saul** said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the **Philistines** be upon him.
- 18 **And David said unto Saul**, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son *in law* to the king?
- 19 But it came to pass at the time when **Merab Saul's** daughter should have been given to **David**, that she was given unto **Adriel** the **Meholathite** to wife.
- 20 **And Michal Saul's daughter loved David**: and they told **Saul**, and the thing pleased him.
- 21 And **Saul** said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the **Philistines** may be against him. Wherefore **Saul** said to **David**, Thou shalt this day be my son *in law* in the one of the twain.
- 22 And **Saul commanded** his servants, saying, Commune with **David secretly**, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and *all* his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.
- 23 **And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David**. And **David** said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son *in law*, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?
- 24 And the servants of **Saul** told him, saying, On this manner spake **David**.
- 25 **And Saul said**, Thus shall ye say to **David**, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the **Philistines**, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But **Saul** thought to make **David fall by the hand** of the **Philistines**.
- 26 And when his servants told **David** these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son *in law*: and the days were not expired.
- 27 Wherefore **David arose** and went, he and his men, and slew of the **Philistines** two hundred men; and **David** brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son *in law*. And **Saul** gave him **Michal** his daughter to wife.
- 28 **And Saul saw and knew** that the **LORD** was with **David**, and that **Michal Saul's daughter loved him**.
- 29 **And Saul was yet the more afraid of David**; and **Saul** became **David's enemy continually**.
- 30 Then the princes of the **Philistines** went forth: and it came to pass, *after* they went forth, that **David behaved** himself *more wisely* than *all* the servants of **Saul**; so that his name was *much set by*.

1 Samuel 19

- ¹ And **Saul** spake to **Jonathan** his son, and to *all* his servants, that they should kill David.
- ² But **Jonathan Saul's** son delighted much in **David**: and **Jonathan** told **David**, saying, **Saul** my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:
- ³ And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.
- ⁴ And **Jonathan** spake good of **David** unto **Saul** his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against **David**; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to *thee-ward* very good:
- ⁵ For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the **Philistine**, and the **LORD** wrought a great salvation for *all Israel*: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?
- ⁶ And **Saul** hearkened unto the voice of **Jonathan**: and **Saul** sware, As the **LORD** liveth, he shall not be slain.
- ⁷ And **Jonathan** called **David**, and **Jonathan** shewed him *all* those things. And **Jonathan** brought **David** to **Saul**, and he was in his presence, as in times past.
- ⁸ And there was war again: and **David** went out, and fought with the **Philistines**, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.
- ⁹ And the evil spirit from the **LORD** was upon **Saul**, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and **David** played with his hand.
- ¹⁰ And **Saul** sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped away out of **Saul's presence**, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and **David** fled, and escaped that night.
- ¹¹ **Saul** also sent messengers unto **David's house**, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and **Michal David's wife** told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.
- ¹² So **Michal** let **David** down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.
- ¹³ And **Michal** took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

1 Samuel 19

- ¹⁴ And when **Saul** sent messengers to take **David**, she said, He is sick.
- ¹⁵ And **Saul** sent the messengers again to see **David**, saying, Bring him *up* to me in the bed, that I may slay him.
- ¹⁶ And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.
- ¹⁷ And **Saul** said unto **Michal**, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And **Michal** answered **Saul**, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?
- ¹⁸ So **David** fled, and escaped, and came to **Samuel** to **Ramah**, and told him *all* that **Saul** had done to him. And he and **Samuel** went and dwelt in **Naioth**.
- ¹⁹ And it was told **Saul**, saying, Behold, **David** is at **Naioth** in **Ramah**.
- ²⁰ And **Saul** sent messengers to take **David**: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and **Samuel** standing as appointed over them, the **Spirit** of **God** was upon the messengers of **Saul**, and they *also* prophesied.
- ²¹ **And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.**
- ²² Then went he also to **Ramah**, and came to a great well that is in **Sechu**: and he asked and said, Where are **Samuel** and **David**? And one said, Behold, they be at **Naioth** in **Ramah**.
- ²³ **And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.**
- ²⁴ **And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night.** Wherefore they say, Is **Saul** also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 20

- ¹ And **David** fled from **Naioth** in **Ramah**, and came and said *before Jonathan*, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin *before thy father*, that he seeketh my life?
- ² And he said unto him, **God forbid**; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.
- ³ And **David** sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the **LORD** liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step *between me and death*.
- ⁴ Then said **Jonathan** unto **David**, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.
- ⁵ And **David** said unto **Jonathan**, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.
- ⁶ If thy father at *all* miss me, then say, **David earnestly** asked leave of me that he might run to **Bethlehem** his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for *all* the family.
- ⁷ If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.
- ⁸ Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the **LORD** with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?
- ⁹ And **Jonathan** said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?
- ¹⁰ Then said **David** to **Jonathan**, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?
- ¹¹ And **Jonathan** said unto **David**, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.
- ¹² And **Jonathan** said unto **David**, O **LORD God** of **Israel**, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward **David**, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;
- ¹³ The **LORD** do so and *much more* to **Jonathan**: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the **LORD** be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

1 Samuel 20

- 14 And thou shalt **not** *only* while yet I **live** shew me the **kindness** of the **LORD**, that I **die not**:
- 15 But also thou shalt **not cut off** thy **kindness** from my **house for ever**: **no**, **not** when the **LORD** hath **cut off** the **enemies** of **David** **every one** from the **face** of the **earth**.
- 16 So **Jonathan** made a **covenant** with the **house** of **David**, saying, Let the **LORD** even **require** it at the **hand** of **David's enemies**.
- 17 And **Jonathan** caused **David** to **swear** again, because he **loved** him: for he loved him as he loved his **own soul**.
- 18 Then **Jonathan** said to **David**, To **morrow** is the **new moon**: and thou shalt be **missed**, because thy **seat** will be **empty**.
- 19 And when thou hast **stayed three** days, then thou shalt go *down* **quickly**, and come to the **place** where thou didst **hide** thyself when the **business** was in **hand**, and shalt **remain** by the **stone Ezel**.
- 20 And I will **shoot three arrows** on the side thereof, as though I **shot** at a **mark**.
- 21 And, behold, I will **send** a **lad**, saying, Go, **find out** the **arrows**. If I **expressly** say unto the lad, Behold, the **arrows** are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is **peace** to thee, and **no hurt**; as the **LORD liveth**.
- 22 But if I say thus unto the **young man**, Behold, the **arrows** are *beyond* thee; **go thy way**: for the **LORD** hath **sent** thee **away**.
- 23 And as **touching** the **matter** which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the **LORD** be *between* thee and me *for ever*.
- 24 So **David hid** himself in the **field**: and when the **new moon** was come, the **king sat** him *down* to **eat meat**.
- 25 And the **king sat** upon his **seat**, as at **other times**, even upon a seat by the **wall**: and **Jonathan arose**, and **Abner** sat by **Saul's** side, and **David's place** was **empty**.
- 26 Nevertheless **Saul** spake **not any thing** that **day**: for he thought, Something hath **befallen** him, he is **not clean**; *surely* he is **not** clean.
- 27 And it came to **pass** on the **morrow**, which was the **second day** of the **month**, that **David's place** was **empty**: and **Saul** said unto **Jonathan** his son, Wherefore cometh **not** the son of **Jesse** to **meat**, **neither yesterday**, **nor** to **day**?

1 Samuel 20

- 28 And **Jonathan** answered **Saul**, **David earnestly** asked leave of me to go to **Bethlehem**:
- 29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.
- 30 Then **Saul's anger** was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou *son of the perverse rebellious woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of **Jesse** to thine *own confusion*, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?
- 31 For as long as the son of **Jesse** liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.
- 32 And **Jonathan** answered **Saul** his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?
- 33 And **Saul** cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby **Jonathan** knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.
- 34 So **Jonathan** arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for **David**, because his father had done him shame.
- 35 And it came to pass in the morning, that **Jonathan** went out into the field at the time appointed with **David**, and a little lad with him.
- 36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
- 37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which **Jonathan** had shot, **Jonathan** cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?
- 38 And **Jonathan** cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And **Jonathan's** lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
- 39 But the lad knew not any thing: only **Jonathan** and **David** knew the matter.
- 40 And **Jonathan** gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.
- 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, **David** arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until **David** exceeded.
- 42 And **Jonathan** said to **David**, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn *both* of us in the name of the **LORD**, saying, The **LORD** be *between* me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and **Jonathan** went into the city.

1 Samuel 21

- ¹ Then came **David** to **Nob** to **Ahimelech** the priest: and **Ahimelech** was afraid at the meeting of **David**, and said unto him, Why art thou *alone*, and no man with thee?
- ² And **David** said unto **Ahimelech** the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.
- ³ Now therefore what is *under* thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.
- ⁴ And the priest answered **David**, and said, There is no common bread *under* mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; *if the young men have kept themselves at least from women*.
- ⁵ And **David** answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.
- ⁶ **So the priest gave him hallowed bread**: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from *before* the **LORD**, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
- ⁷ Now a certain man of the servants of **Saul** was there that day, detained *before* the **LORD**; and his name was **Doeg**, an **Edomite**, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to **Saul**.
- ⁸ And **David** said unto **Ahimelech**, And is there not here *under* thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.
- ⁹ And the priest said, The sword of **Goliath** the **Philistine**, whom thou slewest in the valley of **Elah**, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth *behind* the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And **David** said, There is none like that; give it me.
- ¹⁰ And **David arose** and fled that day for fear of **Saul**, and went to **Achish** the king of **Gath**.
- ¹¹ And the servants of **Achish** said unto him, Is not this **David** the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, **Saul** hath slain his thousands, and **David** his ten thousands?
- ¹² And **David laid up** these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of **Achish** the king of **Gath**.
- ¹³ And he changed his behaviour *before* them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.
- ¹⁴ Then said **Achish** unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?
- ¹⁵ Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

1 Samuel 22

- ¹ **David** therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave **Adullam**: and when his brethren and *all* his father's house heard it, they went *down* thither to him.
- ² And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.
- ³ And **David** went thence to **Mizpeh** of **Moab**: and he said unto the king of **Moab**, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what **God** will do for me.
- ⁴ And he brought them *before* the king of **Moab**: and they dwelt with him *all* the while that **David** was in the hold.
- ⁵ And the prophet Gad said unto **David**, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of **Judah**. Then **David departed**, and came into the forest of **Hareth**.
- ⁶ When **Saul** heard that **David** was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now **Saul abode** in **Gibeah** *under* a tree in **Ramah**, having his spear in his hand, and *all* his servants were standing about him;)
- ⁷ Then **Saul** said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye **Benjamites**; will the son of **Jesse** give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you *all* captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;
- ⁸ That *all* of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of **Jesse**, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
- ⁹ Then answered **Doeg** the **Edomite**, which was set over the servants of **Saul**, and said, I saw the son of **Jesse** coming to **Nob**, to **Ahimelech** the son of **Ahitub**.
- ¹⁰ And he enquired of the **LORD** for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of **Goliath** the **Philistine**.
- ¹¹ Then the king sent to call **Ahimelech** the priest, the son of **Ahitub**, and *all* his father's house, the priests that were in **Nob**: and they came *all* of them to the king.
- ¹² And **Saul** said, Hear now, thou son of **Ahitub**. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

1 Samuel 22

- ¹³ And **Saul** said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of **Jesse**, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of **God** for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
- ¹⁴ Then **Ahimelech** answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among *all* thy servants as **David**, which is the king's son *in law*, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?
- ¹⁵ Did I then begin to enquire of **God** for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any thing* unto his servant, nor to *all* the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of *all* this, *less* or *more*.
- ¹⁶ And the king said, ***Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.***
- ¹⁷ And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the **LORD**: because their hand also is with **David**, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the **LORD**.
- ¹⁸ And the king said to **Doeg**, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And **Doeg** the **Edomite** turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.
- ¹⁹ And **Nob**, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, *both* men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.
- ²⁰ And one of the sons of **Ahimelech** the son of **Ahitub**, named **Abiathar**, escaped, and fled after **David**.
- ²¹ And **Abiathar** shewed **David** that **Saul** had slain the **LORD's** priests.
- ²² And **David** said unto **Abiathar**, I knew it that day, when **Doeg** the **Edomite** was there, that he would surely tell **Saul**: I have occasioned the death of *all* the persons of thy father's house.
- ²³ Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

1 Samuel 23

- ¹ Then they told **David**, saying, Behold, the **Philistines** fight against **Keilah**, and they rob the threshingfloors.
- ² **Therefore David enquired** of the **LORD**, saying, Shall I go and smite these **Philistines**? And the **LORD** said unto **David**, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.
- ³ And **David's** men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in **Judah**: how *much more* then if we come to **Keilah** against the armies of the **Philistines**?
- ⁴ **Then David enquired** of the **LORD** yet again. And the **LORD** answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.
- ⁵ So **David** and his men went to **Keilah**, and fought with the **Philistines**, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So **David** saved the inhabitants of **Keilah**.
- ⁶ And it came to pass, when **Abiathar** the son of **Ahimelech** fled to **David** to **Keilah**, that he came *down* with an ephod in his hand.
- ⁷ And it was told **Saul** that **David** was come to **Keilah**. And **Saul** said, **God** hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.
- ⁸ And **Saul** called *all* the people together to war, to go *down* to **Keilah**, to besiege **David** and his men.
- ⁹ And **David** knew that **Saul** secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to **Abiathar** the priest, Bring hither the ephod.
- ¹⁰ Then said **David**, O **LORD God** of **Israel**, thy servant hath *certainly* heard that **Saul** seeketh to come to **Keilah**, to destroy the city for my sake.
- ¹¹ Will the men of **Keilah** deliver me *up* into his hand? will **Saul** come *down*, as thy servant hath heard? O **LORD God** of **Israel**, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the **LORD** said, He will come down.
- ¹² **Then said David**, Will the men of **Keilah** deliver me and my men into the hand of **Saul**? And the **LORD** said, They will deliver thee up.
- ¹³ Then **David** and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed *out* of **Keilah**, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told **Saul** that **David** was escaped from **Keilah**; and he forbare to go forth.
- ¹⁴ And **David** abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of **Ziph**. And **Saul** sought him every day, but **God** delivered him not into his hand.

1 Samuel 23

- ¹⁵ And **David** saw that **Saul** was come *out* to seek his life: and **David** was in the wilderness of **Ziph** in a wood.
- ¹⁶ And **Jonathan Saul's** son arose, and went to **David** into the wood, and strengthened his hand in **God**.
- ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of **Saul** my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be *next* unto thee; and that also **Saul** my father knoweth.
- ¹⁸ And they two made a covenant *before* the **LORD**: and **David** abode in the wood, and **Jonathan** went to his house.
- ¹⁹ Then came *up* the **Ziphites** to **Saul** to **Gibeah**, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in *strong holds* in the wood, in the hill of **Hachilah**, which is on the *south* of **Jeshimon**?
- ²⁰ Now therefore, O king, come *down* according to *all* the desire of thy soul to come *down*; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.
- ²¹ And **Saul** said, Blessed be ye of the **LORD**; for ye have compassion on me.
- ²² Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth *very subtilly*.
- ²³ See therefore, and take knowledge of *all* the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him *out* throughout *all* the thousands of **Judah**.
- ²⁴ And they arose, and went to **Ziph** *before* **Saul**: but **David** and his men were in the wilderness of **Maon**, in the plain on the *south* of **Jeshimon**.
- ²⁵ **Saul** also and his men went to seek him. And they told **David**; wherefore he came *down* into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of **Maon**. And when **Saul** heard that, he pursued *after* **David** in the wilderness of **Maon**.
- ²⁶ And **Saul** went on *this* side of the mountain, and **David** and his men on *that* side of the mountain: and **David** made haste to get away for fear of **Saul**; for **Saul** and his men compassed **David** and his men round about to take them.
- ²⁷ **But there came** a messenger unto **Saul**, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the **Philistines** have invaded the land.
- ²⁸ Wherefore **Saul** returned from pursuing *after* **David**, and went against the **Philistines**: therefore they called that place **Selahammahlekoth**.
- ²⁹ And **David** went *up* from thence, and dwelt in *strong holds* at **Engedi**.

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- ¹ And it came to pass, when **Saul** was returned from following the **Philistines**, that it was told him, saying, Behold, **David** is in the wilderness of **Engedi**.
- ² Then **Saul** took three thousand chosen men *out of all Israel*, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the *wild goats*.
- ³ And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and **Saul** went *in to cover his feet*: and **David** and his men remained in the sides of the cave.
- ⁴ And the men of **David** said unto him, Behold the day of which the **LORD** said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then **David** arose, and cut off the skirt of **Saul's robe** *privily*.
- ⁵ And it came to pass *afterward*, that **David's heart smote** him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.
- ⁶ And he said unto his men, The **LORD** forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the **LORD's anointed**, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the *anointed* of the **LORD**.
- ⁷ So **David** stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against **Saul**. But **Saul** rose up *out of the cave*, and went on his way.
- ⁸ **David** also arose *afterward*, and went *out* of the cave, and cried *after Saul*, saying, My lord the king. And when **Saul** looked behind him, **David** stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.
- ⁹ And **David** said to **Saul**, Wherefore *hearest* thou men's words, saying, Behold, **David** seeketh thy hurt?
- ¹⁰ Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the **LORD** had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, *I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed*.
- ¹¹ Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.
- ¹² *The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee*.
- ¹³ As saith the proverb of the ancients, *Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee*.

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- ¹⁴ **After whom is the king of **Israel** come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a **dead dog**, after a **flea**.**
- ¹⁵ **The **LORD** therefore be judge, and judge *between* me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me *out of thine hand*.**
- ¹⁶ And it came to pass, when **David** had made an end of speaking these words unto **Saul**, that **Saul** said, Is this thy voice, my son **David**? And **Saul** lifted up his voice, and wept.
- ¹⁷ **And he said to **David**, Thou art *more* righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.**
- ¹⁸ And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the **LORD** had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.
- ¹⁹ **For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the **LORD** reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.**
- ²⁰ **And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt *surely be* king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.**
- ²¹ **Swear now therefore unto me by the **LORD**, that thou wilt not cut off my seed *after* me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name *out of my father's house*.**
- ²² **And **David** sware unto **Saul**. And **Saul** went home; but **David** and his men gat them *up* unto the hold.**

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- ¹ And **Samuel** died; and *all* the **Israelites** were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at **Ramah**. And **David** arose, and went *down* to the wilderness of **Paran**.
- ² And there was a man in **Maon**, whose possessions were in **Carmel**; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in **Carmel**.
- ³ **Now** the name of the man was **Nabal**; and the name of his wife **Abigail**: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of **Caleb**.
- ⁴ And **David** heard in the wilderness that **Nabal** did shear his sheep.
- ⁵ And **David** sent *out* ten young men, and **David** said unto the young men, Get you *up* to **Carmel**, and go to **Nabal**, and greet him in my name:
- ⁶ And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto *all* that thou hast.
- ⁷ And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were *with us*, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, *all* the while they were in **Carmel**.
- ⁸ Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son **David**.
- ⁹ And when **David's** young men came, they spake to **Nabal** according to *all* those words in the name of **David**, and ceased.
- ¹⁰ And **Nabal** answered **David's** servants, and said, Who is **David**? and who is the son of **Jesse**? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.
- ¹¹ Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?
- ¹² So **David's** young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him *all* those sayings.
- ¹³ And **David** said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and **David** also girded on his sword: and there went *up after* **David** about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

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- ¹⁴ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.
- ¹⁵ But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:
- ¹⁶ They were a wall unto us both by night and day, *all* the while we were with them keeping the sheep.
- ¹⁷ Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against *all* his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.
- ¹⁸ Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.
- ¹⁹ And she said unto her servants, Go on *before* me; behold, I come *after* you. But she told not her husband Nabal.
- ²⁰ And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came *down* by the covert on the hill, and, behold, David and his men came *down* against her; and she met them.
- ²¹ Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept *all* that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of *all* that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.
- ²² So and *more* also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of *all* that pertain to him by the morning light *any* that pisseth against the wall.
- ²³ And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell *before* David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,
- ²⁴ And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.
- ²⁵ Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: *for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him*: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
- ²⁶ Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging *thyself* with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

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- ²⁷ And now this **blessing** which thine **handmaid** hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the **young men** that **follow** my lord.
- ²⁸ I pray thee, **forgive** the **trespass** of thine handmaid: for the **LORD** will *certainly* make my lord a **sure house** ; because my lord **fighteth** the **battles** of the **LORD** , and **evil** hath **not** been **found** in thee *all thy days* .
- ²⁹ Yet a **man** is **risen** to **pursue** thee, and to **seek** thy **soul** : but the soul of my lord shall be **bound** in the **bundle** of **life** with the **LORD** thy **God** ; and the souls of thine **enemies** , them shall he **sling out** , as *out* of the middle of a sling.
- ³⁰ And it shall come to **pass** , when the **LORD** shall have done to my lord according to *all* the **good** that he hath spoken **concerning** thee, and shall have **appointed** thee **ruler** over **Israel** ;
- ³¹ That this shall be **no grief** unto thee, **nor offence** of **heart** unto my lord, either that thou hast **shed blood causeless** , or that my lord hath **avenged himself** : but when the **LORD** shall have **dealt well** with my lord, then **remember** *thine handmaid* .
- ³² And **David** said to **Abigail** , **Blessed** be the **LORD God** of **Israel** , which **sent** thee this **day** to **meet** me:
- ³³ And **blessed** be thy **advice** , and **blessed** be thou, which hast **kept** me this **day** from coming to **shed blood** , and from **avenging myself** with mine **own hand** .
- ³⁴ For in very deed, as the **LORD God** of **Israel liveth** , which hath **kept** me *back* from **hurting** thee, except thou hadst **hasted** and come to **meet** me, *surely* there had **not** been **left** unto **Nabal** by the **morning light** *any* that **pisseth against the wall** .
- ³⁵ So **David received** of her **hand** that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go *up* in **peace** to thine **house** ; see, I have **hearkened** to thy **voice** , and have **accepted** thy **person** .
- ³⁶ And **Abigail** came to **Nabal** ; and, behold, he **held** a **feast** in his **house** , like the feast of a **king** ; and **Nabal's heart** was **merry** within him, for he was **very drunken** : wherefore she told him **nothing** , *less or more* , until the **morning light** .
- ³⁷ But it came to **pass** in the **morning** , when the **wine** was gone *out* of **Nabal** , and his **wife** had told him these **things** , that **his heart died within him** , *and he became as a stone* .
- ³⁸ And it came to **pass** about **ten days after** , that the **LORD smote Nabal** , that he **died** .

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- ³⁹ And when **David** heard that **Nabal** was dead, he said, Blessed be the **LORD**, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of **Nabal**, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the **LORD** hath returned the wickedness of **Nabal** upon his own head. And **David** sent and communed with **Abigail**, to take her to him to wife.
- ⁴⁰ And when the servants of **David** were come to **Abigail** to **Carmel**, they spake unto her, saying, **David** sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.
- ⁴¹ And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.
- ⁴² And **Abigail** hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went *after* her; and she went *after* the messengers of **David**, and *became his wife*.
- ⁴³ **David** also took **Ahinoam** of **Jezreel**; and they were also *both* of them his wives.
- ⁴⁴ But **Saul** had given **Michal** his daughter, **David's** wife, to **Phalti** the son of **Laish**, which was of **Gallim**.

1 Samuel 26

- ¹ And the **Ziphites** came unto **Saul** to **Gibeah**, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of **Hachilah**, which is before **Jeshimon**?
- ² Then **Saul** arose, and went *down* to the wilderness of **Ziph**, having three thousand chosen men of **Israel** with him, to seek David in the wilderness of **Ziph**.
- ³ And **Saul** pitched in the hill of **Hachilah**, which is *before Jeshimon*, by the way. But **David** abode in the wilderness, and he saw that **Saul** came *after* him into the wilderness.
- ⁴ **David** therefore sent out spies, and understood that **Saul** was come in *very* deed.
- ⁵ And **David** arose, and came to the place where **Saul** had pitched: and **David** beheld the place where **Saul** lay, and **Abner** the son of **Ner**, the captain of his host: and **Saul** lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.
- ⁶ Then answered **David** and said to **Ahimelech** the **Hittite**, and to **Abishai** the son of **Zeruiah**, brother to **Joab**, saying, Who will go *down* with me to **Saul** to the camp? And **Abishai** said, I will go *down* with thee.
- ⁷ So **David** and **Abishai** came to the people by night: and, behold, **Saul** lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but **Abner** and the people lay round about him.
- ⁸ Then said **Abishai** to **David**, **God** hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand **this day**: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at *once*, and I will not smite him the second time.
- ⁹ And **David** said to **Abishai**, **Destroy** him not: *for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?*
- ¹⁰ **David** said furthermore, As the **LORD** liveth, the **LORD** shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.
- ¹¹ The **LORD** forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the **LORD's anointed**: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.
- ¹² So **David** took the spear and the cruse of water from **Saul's** bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were *all asleep*; because a deep sleep from the **LORD** was fallen upon them.
- ¹³ Then **David** went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill *afar off*, a great space being *between* them:

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- ¹⁴ And **David** cried to the people, and to **Abner** the son of **Ner**, saying, Answerest thou not, **Abner**? Then **Abner** answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?
- ¹⁵ And **David** said to **Abner**, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is *like* to thee in **Israel**? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.
- ¹⁶ **This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.**
- ¹⁷ And **Saul** knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son **David**? And **David** said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.
- ¹⁸ And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?
- ¹⁹ **Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.**
- ²⁰ Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the **LORD**: for the king of **Israel** is come *out* to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.
- ²¹ **Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.**
- ²² And **David** answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.
- ²³ **The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.**
- ²⁴ **And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.**
- ²⁵ Then **Saul** said to **David**, **Blessed** be thou, my son **David**: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So **David** went on his way, and **Saul** returned to his place.

1 Samuel 27

- ¹ And **David** said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of **Saul**: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the **Philistines**; and **Saul** shall despair of me, to seek me *any more* in any coast of **Israel**: so shall I escape *out* of his hand.
- ² And **David** arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto **Achish**, the son of **Maach**, king of **Gath**.
- ³ And **David** dwelt with **Achish** at **Gath**, he and his men, every man with his household, even **David** with his two wives, **Ahinoam** the **Jezreelitess**, and **Abigail** the **Carmelitess**, **Nabal's wife**.
- ⁴ And it was told **Saul** that **David** was fled to **Gath**: and he sought no more again for him.
- ⁵ And **David** said unto **Achish**, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?
- ⁶ Then **Achish** gave him **Ziklag** that day: wherefore **Ziklag pertaineth** unto the kings of **Judah** unto this day.
- ⁷ And the time that **David** dwelt in the country of the **Philistines** was a full year and four months.
- ⁸ And **David** and his men went up, and invaded the **Geshurites**, and the **Gezrites**, and the **Amalekites**: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to **Shur**, even unto the land of **Egypt**.
- ⁹ And **David** smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to **Achish**.
- ¹⁰ And **Achish** said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And **David** said, Against the south of **Judah**, and against the south of the **Jerahmeelites**, and against the south of the **Kenites**.
- ¹¹ And **David** saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to **Gath**, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did **David**, and so will be his manner *all* the while he dwelleth in the country of the **Philistines**.
- ¹² And **Achish** believed **David**, saying, He hath made his people **Israel** *utterly* to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant *for ever*.

1 Samuel 28

- ¹ And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.
- ² And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head *for ever*.
- ³ Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, *out of the land*.
- ⁴ And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.
- ⁵ And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
- ⁶ And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
- ⁷ Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.
- ⁸ And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.
- ⁹ And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, *out of the land*: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?
- ¹⁰ And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.
- ¹¹ Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
- ¹² And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.
- ¹³ And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, *I saw gods* ascending out of the earth.

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- ¹⁴ And he said unto her, What **form** is he of? And she said, An **old man cometh up**; and he is **covered** with a **mantle**. And **Saul perceived** that it was **Samuel**, and he **stooped** with his **face** to the **ground**, and **bowed** himself.
- ¹⁵ And **Samuel** said to **Saul**, Why hast thou **disquieted** me, to bring me *up*? And **Saul** answered, I am **sore distressed**; for the **Philistines** make **war** against me, and **God** is **departed** from me, and answereth me **no more**, **neither** by **prophets**, **nor** by **dreams**: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make **known** unto me what I shall do.
- ¹⁶ Then said **Samuel**, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the **LORD** is **departed** from thee, and is become thine **enemy**?
- ¹⁷ And the **LORD** hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the **LORD** hath **rent the kingdom out of thine hand**, and given it to thy **neighbour**, even to **David**:
- ¹⁸ Because thou **obeyedst not** the **voice** of the **LORD**, **nor executedst** his **fierce wrath** upon **Amalek**, therefore hath the **LORD** done this **thing** unto thee this **day**.
- ¹⁹ Moreover the **LORD** will also **deliver Israel** with thee into the **hand** of the **Philistines**: and to **morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me**: the **LORD** also shall **deliver** the **host** of **Israel** into the **hand** of the **Philistines**.
- ²⁰ Then **Saul fell straightway all along on the earth**, and was **sore afraid**, because of the **words of Samuel**: and there was **no strength** in him; for he had **eaten no bread all the day**, **nor all the night**.
- ²¹ And the **woman** came unto **Saul**, and saw that he was **sore troubled**, and said unto him, Behold, thine **handmaid** hath **obeyed** thy **voice**, and I have put my **life** in my **hand**, and have hearkened unto thy **words** which thou spakest unto me.
- ²² Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the **voice** of thine **handmaid**, and let me **set** a **morsel** of **bread** before thee; and **eat**, that thou mayest have **strength**, when thou goest on thy **way**.
- ²³ But he **refused**, and said, I will **not eat**. But his **servants**, together with the **woman**, **compelled** him; and he hearkened unto their **voice**. So he **arose** from the **earth**, and **sat** upon the **bed**.
- ²⁴ And the **woman** had a **fat calf** in the **house**; and she **hasted**, and **killed** it, and took **flour**, and **kneaded** it, and did **bake unleavened bread** thereof:
- ²⁵ And she brought it *before* **Saul**, and *before* his **servants**; and they did **eat**. Then they **rose up**, and went **away** that **night**.

1 Samuel 29

- ¹ Now the **Philistines** gathered together *all* their armies to **Aphek**: and the **Israelites** pitched by a fountain which is in **Jezreel**.
- ² And the lords of the **Philistines** passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but **David** and his men passed on in the *rereward* with **Achish**.
- ³ Then said the princes of the **Philistines**, What do these **Hebrews** here? And **Achish** said unto the princes of the **Philistines**, Is not this **David**, the servant of **Saul** the king of **Israel**, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?
- ⁴ **And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?**
- ⁵ **Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?**
- ⁶ Then **Achish** called **David**, and said unto him, *Surely*, as the **LORD liveth**, thou hast been upright, and thy going *out* and thy coming *in* with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not.
- ⁷ Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the **Philistines**.
- ⁸ **And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?**
- ⁹ And **Achish** answered and said to **David**, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an *angel* of **God**: *notwithstanding* the princes of the **Philistines** have said, He shall not go *up* with us to the battle.
- ¹⁰ Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be *up early* in the morning, and have light, depart.
- ¹¹ So **David** and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the **Philistines**. And the **Philistines** went *up* to **Jezreel**.

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- ¹ And it came to pass, when **David** and his men were come to **Ziklag** on the third day, that the **Amalekites** had invaded the *south*, and **Ziklag**, and smitten **Ziklag**, and burned it with fire;
- ² And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.
- ³ So **David** and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.
- ⁴ Then **David** and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.
- ⁵ And **David's** two wives were taken captives, **Ahinoam** the **Jezreelitess**, and **Abigail** the wife of **Nabal** the **Carmelite**.
- ⁶ And **David** was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but **David** encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
- ⁷ And **David** said to **Abiathar** the priest, **Ahimelech's** son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And **Abiathar** brought thither the ephod to **David**.
- ⁸ And **David** enquired at the **LORD**, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.
- ⁹ So **David** went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook **Besor**, where those that were left behind stayed.
- ¹⁰ But **David** pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook **Besor**.
- ¹¹ And they found an **Egyptian** in the field, and brought him to **David**, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;
- ¹² And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.
- ¹³ And **David** said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of **Egypt**, servant to an **Amalekite**; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

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- ¹⁴ We made an invasion upon the *south* of the **Cherethites**, and upon the coast which belongeth to **Judah**, and upon the *south* of **Caleb**; and we burned Ziklag with fire.
- ¹⁵ And **David** said to him, Canst thou bring me *down* to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by **God**, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee *down* to this company.
- ¹⁶ And when he had brought him *down*, behold, they were spread abroad upon *all* the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of *all* the great spoil that they had taken *out* of the land of the **Philistines**, and *out* of the land of **Judah**.
- ¹⁷ And **David** smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the *next day*: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.
- ¹⁸ And **David** recovered *all* that the **Amalekites** had carried away: and **David** rescued his two wives.
- ¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: **David** recovered *all*.
- ²⁰ And **David** took *all* the flocks and the herds, which they drave *before* those other cattle, and said, **This is David's spoil**.
- ²¹ And **David** came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow **David**, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when **David** came *near* to the people, he saluted them.
- ²² Then answered *all* the wicked men and men of **Belial**, of those that went with **David**, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.
- ²³ Then said **David**, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the **LORD** hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.
- ²⁴ For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth *down* to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: *they shall part alike*.
- ²⁵ And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for **Israel** unto this day.

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- ²⁶ And when **David** came to **Ziklag**, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of **Judah**, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the **LORD**;
- ²⁷ To them which were in **Bethel**, and to them which were in *south* **Ramoth**, and to them which were in **Jattir**,
- ²⁸ And to them which were in **Aroer**, and to them which were in **Siphmoth**, and to them which were in **Eshtemoa**,
- ²⁹ And to them which were in **Rachal**, and to them which were in the cities of the **Jerahmeelites**, and to them which were in the cities of the **Kenites**,
- ³⁰ And to them which were in **Hormah**, and to them which were in **Chorashan**, and to them which were in **Athach**,
- ³¹ And to them which were in **Hebron**, and to *all* the places where **David** himself and his men were wont to haunt.

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- ¹ Now the **Philistines fought** against **Israel**: and the men of **Israel fled** from *before* the **Philistines**, and **fell down slain** in mount Gilboa.
- ² And the **Philistines followed hard** upon **Saul** and upon his sons; and the **Philistines slew Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Melchishua**, **Saul's** sons.
- ³ And the battle went *sore* against **Saul**, and the archers hit him; and he was *sore* wounded of the archers.
- ⁴ Then said **Saul** unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his *armourbearer* would not; for he was *sore* afraid. Therefore **Saul** took a sword, and fell upon it.
- ⁵ And when his armourbearer saw that **Saul** was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
- ⁶ So **Saul died**, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and *all* his men, that *same* day together.
- ⁷ And when the men of **Israel** that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side **Jordan**, saw that the men of **Israel fled**, and that **Saul** and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the **Philistines** came and dwelt in them.
- ⁸ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the **Philistines** came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.
- ⁹ And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the **Philistines** round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.
- ¹⁰ And they put his armour in the house of **Ashtaroth**: and they fastened his body to the wall of **Bethshan**.
- ¹¹ And when the inhabitants of **Jabeshgilead** *heard* of that which the **Philistines** had done to **Saul**;
- ¹² *All* the valiant men arose, and went *all* night, and took the body of **Saul** and the bodies of his sons from the wall of **Bethshan**, and came to **Jabesh**, and burnt them there.
- ¹³ And they took their bones, and buried them *under* a tree at **Jabesh**, and fasted seven days.