

9: 2 Samuel – Shemu'el

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Chapter 1

1:1 And it was after the death of Sha'ul.

And David had returned from striking

the Amalekites *themselves* nx.

And David stayed at Ziklag two days.

1:2 And it was on the third day.

And behold!

A man came from the encampment, from with Sha'ul.

And his garments were torn.

And soil was on his head.

And it was as he came to David.

And he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

1:3 And David said to him,

"From where have you come?"

And he said to him, "I have escaped from
the encampment of Yisra'el."

1:4 And David said to him, "How was the matter?

Please declare it to me."

And he said, "The people have fled from the battle.

And also many have fallen among the people and are dead.

And also Sha'ul and Yahonathan, his son, are dead."

1:5 And David said to the young man,

the one declaring it to him,

"How do you know that Sha'ul and Yahonathan,
his son, are dead?"

1:6 And the young man said, the one declaring it to him,

"I happened to be on Mount Gilboa.

And behold! Sha'ul was leaning upon his spear.

And behold!

The chariots and masters of the horses stuck with him.

1:7 And he looked behind him.

And he saw me.

And he called to me.

And I said, 'I am here.'

1:8 And he said to me, 'Who are you?'

And I said to him, 'I am an Amalekite.'

1:9 And he said to me,

'Please stand over me and put me to death,

for agony has seized me but my life is still in me.'

1:10 And I stood over him.

And I put him to death because I knew

he would not live after falling.

And I took the crown that was on his head

and the bracelet that was on his arm.

And I have brought them here to my master."

1:11 And David seized his own garments.

And he tore them, and also all the men

who were with he himself nx.

1:12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening

for Sha'ul, and for Yahonathan his son,

and for the people of **YAHWEH**,

and for the house of Yisra'el

because they had fallen by the sword.

1:13 And David said to the young man

who had declared it to him,

"From where are you yourself nx?"

And he said, "I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite."

1:14 And David said to him,
"Why were you not afraid to stretch out your hand
for the sake of destroying
the anointed of YAHWEH himself **nx**?"

1:15 And David called to one of the young men.
And he said, "Draw near to encounter him!"
And he struck him.
And he put him to death.

1:16 And David said to him,
"Your blood is on your own head because your mouth
has witnessed against you saying,
'I myself have put to death
the anointed of YAHWEH himself **nx**.' "

1:17 And David lamented
with this lamentation *itself* **nx**
over Sha'ul and over Yahanathan, his son.

1:18 And he said to teach "The Bow"
to the children of Yahudah.
Behold! It is written on the scroll of Yashar:
Yashar means straight; upright.

1:19 "The splendor of Yisra'el
Is slain on your high places!
How the mighty have fallen!
1:20 Declare it not in Gath!
Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

1:21 Mount Gilboa!
No dew or rain be upon you,
nor spread out elevation offerings
because there was cast away the shield of the mighty,
the shield of Sha'ul without anointing oil.

1:22 From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Yahanathan did not turn back,
and the sword of Sha'ul did not return empty.

1:23 Sha'ul and Yahanathan were beloved
and pleasant in their lives,
and in their death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles.
They were stronger than lions.

1:24 Daughters of Yisra'el, weep over Sha'ul
who wrapped you in scarlet with finery,
who decked your robes with ornaments of gold.

1:25 How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!
Yahanathan was slain on your high places.

1:26 I am distressed for you,
my brother, Yahanathan.
You have been very pleasant to me.
Your love to me was wondrous,
surpassing the love of women.

1:27 How the mighty have fallen
and the weapons of battle perish!"

Chapter 2

2:1 And it was afterwards.

And David inquired of YAHWEH saying,
"Am I to go up to one of the cities of Yahudah?"

And YAHWEH said to him, "Go up!"

And David said, "Where am I to go up?"

And He said, "To Hebron."

2:2 And David went up there and also his two wives,
Ahino'am, the Yizre'elites,
and Abigail, the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

2:3 And the men who were with him
David brought up,
each man and his household.
And they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

2:4 And the men of Yahudah came.
And they anointed there as king David himself nx
over the house of Yahudah.

And they reported to David saying,
"The men of Yabesh Gil'ad were the ones who buried
Sha'ul himself nx."

2:5 And David sent messengers
to the men of Yabesh Gil'ad.

And he said to them,

"Blessed are you yourselves nx by YAHWEH
who have shown this kindness to your sovereign, to Sha'ul,
and have buried he himself nx."

2:6 And now YAHWEH will do with you
kindness and faithfulness.

And I also will do good to you yourselves nx
who have done this thing.

2:7 And now let your hands be strengthened
and be sons of force
because your sovereign, Sha'ul, is dead.
And also I myself nx have been anointed
by the house of Yahudah as king over them."

2:8 And Abner, son of Ner,
captain of the assembly of Sha'ul,
took Ish'boshet himself nx, the son of Sha'ul,
and caused him to pass over to Mahanaim.

Ish'boshet means man of shame.
Manahaim means double camp.

2:9 And he caused him to reign over Gil'ad,
and over the Asherites, and over Yizre'el,
and over Ephraim, and over Binyamin,
and over all Yisra'el.

2:10 Ish'boshet, son of Sha'ul, was forty years old
as he began to reign over Yisra'el.
And he reigned two years.
Only the house of Yahudah followed David.

2:11 And it was from the time that David
was king in Hebron over the house of Yahudah.
And it was seven years and six months.

2:12 And Abner, son of Ner,
and the servants of Ish'boshet, son of Sha'ul,
went out from Mahanaim to Gib'on.

2:13 And Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah,

and the servants of David went out.
And they met together beside the pool of Gib'on.
And these sat down on one side of the pool
and those on the other side of the pool.

Tzeruyah means wounded by Yah.

2:14 And Abner said to Yo'ab,
"Let the young men stand up now
and make sport before us."
And Yo'ab said, "Let them stand up."

2:15 And they stood up.
And they passed over by number, twelve from Binyamin,
followers of Ish'boshet, son of Sha'ul,
and twelve from the servants of David.

2:16 And each one
seized his companion by the head
and *put* his sword into his companion's side.
And they fell down together.
And the place was called the Field of Flints,
which is at Gib'on.

2:17 And the battle was fierce on that day.
And Abner and the men of Yisra'el were defeated
before the servants of David.

2:18 And three sons of Tzeruyah were there,
Yo'ab, and Abishai, and Asah'el.
And Asah'el was light on his feet
like one of the gazelles in the field.

Yo'ab means fathered by Yah.
Abishai means gift of the father.
Asah'el means made by El.

2:19 And Asah'el pursued after Abner.
And in going he did not move aside
to the right or to the left from behind Abner.

2:20 And Abner faced behind him.

And he said, "Are you Asah'el?"

And he said, "I am."

2:21 And Abner said to him,
"Turn aside to your right hand or to your left
and seize one of the young men.

And take for yourself his armor *itself* **nn**."

But Asah'el was not willing to turn aside from behind him.

2:22 And once again Abner said to Asah'el,
"Turn aside from behind me.

Why should I strike you to the ground?

How then could I lift up my face to your brother, Yo'ab?"

2:23 But he refused to turn aside.

And Abner struck him with the back of the spear
into the abdomen.

And the spear came out of his back.

And he fell down there.

And he died beneath it.

And it existed that everyone was coming
to the place where Asah'el fell and died.
And they stood.

2:24 And Yo'ab and Abishai pursued after Abner.

And the sun came in.

And they came to the hill of Ammah
which is over against Giah

by the road to the Wilderness of Gib'on.

2:25 And the children of Binyamin gathered together behind Abner. And it was one group. And they stood on top of one hill.

2:26 And Abner called to Yo'ab. And he said, "Will the sword consume forever? Do you not know that it will be bitterness in the end? And when are you going to speak to the people for the sake of returning from pursuing their kindred?"

2:27 And Yo'ab said, "As The Elohim lives, if you had not spoken each man then by morning would have given up from pursuing their kindred."

2:28 Yo'ab then blew a shofar. And all the people stood. And they did not pursue Yisra'el any longer. And they did not fight any more.

2:29 And Abner and his men walked in the desert plain all that night. And they passed over The Yarden itself **nx**. And they walked through all of Bitron. And they went to Mahanaim.

2:30 And Yo'ab turned back from pursuing Abner. And he gathered together all the people themselves **nx**. And there were missing of David's servants nineteen men and Asah'el.

2:31 But the servants of David had struck of Binyamin and Abner's men three hundred and sixty men who died.

2:32 And they lifted up Asah'el himself **nx**. And they buried him in his father's tomb which was in Bet Lechem.

And Yo'ab and his men walked all night. And they were at Hebron at daybreak.

Chapter 3

3:1 And the fighting was long between the house of Sha'ul and the house of David. And David went on stronger. And the house of Sha'ul went on weaker and weaker.

3:2 And sons were born to David at Hebron. And his firstborn was Amnon by Ahino'am, the Yizre'elitess. Amnon means faithful.

3:3 And his second was Kil'ab, by Abigail, the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. And the third was Abshalom, son of Ma'akah, the daughter of Talmi, King of Geshur.

Kil'ab means restraint of the father.
Abshalom means father of shalom.

3:4 And the fourth was Adoniyah, son of Haggith. And the fifth was, Shephatyah, son of Abital.

Adoniyah means Yah is sovereign.
Shephatyah means Yah has judged.

3:5 And the sixth was Yitre'am, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

Yitre'am means excellence of people.

3:6 And it was as there was fighting
between the house of Sha'ul and the house of David.

And Abner was strengthening himself
in the house of Sha'ul.

3:7 And Sha'ul had a concubine.
And her name was Ritspah, daughter of Ayah.
And Ish'boshet said to Abner,
"Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?"

3:8 And the anger of Abner flared up exceedingly
over the words of Ish'boshet.
And he said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Yahudah
that I do kindness to the house of Sha'ul, your father,
to his kindred, and to his friends today,
and have not caused you to be in the hands of David,
yet you hold me accountable today
over a moral wrong with this woman?"

3:9 According to this may The Elohim do to me
and more also if I do not do for David
according to what YAHWEH has sworn to him,
3:10 to cause the reign to pass over
from the house of Sha'ul
and to raise up the throne of David itself אנ over Yisra'el
and over Yahudah from Dan to Beersheba."

3:11 And he was not able any longer to respond
to Abner himself אנ a word
because he was afraid of he himself אנ.

3:12 And Abner sent messengers in place of himself
to David saying, "Whose is the land?",
saying also, "Cut your covenant with me myself אנ.
And behold! My hand will be with you
for the sake of turning back to you all Yisra'el itself אנ."

3:13 And David said, "Good!
I myself will cut a covenant with you yourself אנ."

However, one word I will ask from you yourself אנ.
That is to say you will not see my face itself אנ
unless you first bring Mikal herself אנ, daughter of Sha'ul,
as you come to see my face itself אנ."

3:14 And David sent messengers to Ish'boshet,
son of Sha'ul saying,
"Give to me my wife herself אנ Mikal herself אנ,
to whom I was engaged on account of
a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

3:15 And Ish'boshet sent.
And he took her from her husband,
from Palti'el, son of Laish.

16 And her husband walked with she herself אנ to Bahurim,
And he was walking and weeping behind her.
And Abner said to him, "Return!"
And he returned.

3:17 And Abner had a word

with the elders of Yisra'el saying,
"Yesterday and the day before you were seeking
for David himself אנ to be king over you.

3:18 And now do it!

Indeed, **YAHWEH** has spoken to David saying,
"By the hand of My servant David
My people Yisra'el themselves אנ
will be delivered from the hand of the Philistines
and from the hand of all their adversaries.' "

3:19 And Abner also spoke in the ears of Binyamin.
And Abner also went to speak
in the ears of David at Hebron
everything itself אנ that seemed good to Yisra'el
and to all the house of Binyamin.

3:20 And Abner came to David at Hebron.
And with he himself אנ were twenty men.
And David made a banquet for Abner
and the men who were with he himself אנ.

3:21 And Abner said to David,
"Let me rise up and go.
And I will gather to my sovereign the king,
all Yisra'el itself אנ.
And they will cut a covenant with you yourself אנ.
And you will reign over all that your life desires."

And David sent away Abner himself אנ.
And he went in peace.

3:22 And behold!
The servants of David and Yo'ab came from a crowd.
And great booty was with them.

And Abner was not with David at Hebron
because he had sent him away.
And he had gone in peace.

3:23 And Yo'ab came, and all the assembly
that was with he himself אנ.
And they reported to Yo'ab saying,
"Abner, son of Ner, came to the king.
And he sent him away.
And he has gone in peace."

3:24 And Yo'ab went to the king.
And he said, "What have you done?
Behold! Abner came to you!
Why have you sent him away and he has gone,
he has gone?"

3:25 You know that Abner himself, אנ son of Ner,
came to you for the sake of deceiving you
and to know your going out itself אנ
and your coming in itself אנ,
and to know everything itself אנ
that you yourself אנ are doing."

3:26 And Yo'ab left David.
And he sent messengers after Abner.
And he returned, he himself אנ, from the well of Sirah.
And David did not know it.

3:27 And Abner returned to Hebron.
And Yo'ab took him aside in the middle of the gate
to speak in private to he himself תנ.
And there he struck him in the abdomen.
And he put him to death
on account of the blood of Asah'el, his brother.

3:28 And David heard about this afterwards.
And he said,
"My kingdom and I are innocent
before **YAHWEH** for eternity
from the blood of Abner, son of Ner.

3:29 Let it writhe upon the head of Yo'ab
and on all his father's house.

And let there never be cut off from the house of Yo'ab
one who has a discharge, or is a leper,
who leans on a staff or falls by the sword,
or who lacks food."

3:30 And Yo'ab and Abishai, his brother,
murdered Abner on account of his killing their brother,
Asah'el himself תנ, at Gib'on in the battle.

3:31 And David said to Yo'ab and to all the people
who were with he himself תנ,
"Tear your garments!
Gird yourselves with sackcloth!
And mourn before the face of Abner!"

And David The King walked behind the coffin.
3:32 And they buried Abner himself תנ at Hebron.
And the king lifted up his voice itself תנ.
And he wept beside the grave of Abner.
And all the people wept.

3:33 And the king lamented over Abner.
And he said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies?
3:34 Your hands were not bound.
And your feet did not come in shackles.
As one falls before sons of moral wrong,
according to this you fell."
And all the people wept over him again.

3:35 And all the people came
for the sake of causing David himself תנ
to eat food while it was still day.

But David swore saying,
"The Elohim do so to me and more also if I taste bread
or whatever else until the sun comes in!"

3:36 And all the people took note of it.
And it was good in their eyes.
According to everything the king did
it was good in the eyes of all the people.

3:37 And all the people
and all Yisra'el knew that day
that it had not been the king's intent
to kill Abner himself תנ, son of Ner.

3:38 And the king said to his servants,
"Do you not know that a leader and a great one

has fallen this day in Yisra'el?
3:39 And I am soft hearted today even as anointed king.
And these men, the sons of Tzeruyah,
are more harsh than me.

May **YAHWEH** repay the one who does bad
according to his badness.”

Chapter 4

4:1 And the son of Sha'ul heard that Abner
had been killed at Hebron.
And his hands weakened.
And all Yisra'el trembled inwardly.

4:2 And two men, captains of bands, were Sha'ul's.
The name of the one was Ba'anah
and the name of the other Rekab,
sons of Rimmon the Be'erotherite
from the children of Binyamin.
Indeed, Be'erother was also reckoned to Binyamin,

Ba'anah means in affliction.
Rekab means rider.
Rimmon means set apart.
Be'erother means wells.

4:3 And the Be'erotherites had fled to Gittaim.
And they have been sojourners there until this day.

4:4 And Yahnathan, son of Sha'ul,
had a son who was lame in his feet.
He was five years old when the announcement came
from Yizre'el about Sha'ul and Yahnathan.
And his nurse took picked him up.
And she fled.
And it was as she hurried to flee.
And he fell. And he became lame.
And his name was Mephiboshet.

Mephiboshet means dispeller of shame.

4:5 And the sons of Rimmon the Be'erotherite,
Rekab and Ba'anah, walked.
And they came at the heat of the day
to the house of Ish'boshet,
who was lying down on his bed *itself* **nx** at noon.
4:6 And they went into the midst of the house
for the sake of taking wheat.
And they struck him in the abdomen.
And Rekab and Ba'anah his brother escaped.

4:7 And they had gone into the house.
And he was lying on his bed in his bedroom.
And they struck him.
And they killed him.
And they took off his head *itself* **nx**.
And they took his head *itself* **nx**.
And they went by way of the desert all night.

4:8 And they brought the head *itself* **nx** of Ish'boshet
to David at Hebron.
And they said to the king, “Behold!
The head of Ish'boshet, son of Sha'ul, your adversary
who sought your life *itself* **nx**.
And **YAHWEH** has given to my sovereign the king
vengeance this day against Sha'ul and his seed.”

4:9 And David responded to Rekab *himself* **nx**

and to Ba'anah *himself* [תא], his brother,
sons of Rimmon the Be'erotherite.
And he said to them,
"As YAHWEH lives Who has redeemed *my life itself* [תא]
from every trouble,
4:10 thus it was reported to me saying,
'Behold! Sha'ul is dead.'

And he was a bearer of good news in his own eyes.
And I seized him.
And I killed him in Tziklag,
which is what I gave to him for his good news.

4:11 How much more when morally wrong men
have killed a just man *himself* [תא] in his own house
on his bed?
And now should I not now require *his blood itself* [תא]
from your hands *themselves* [תא]
and consume *you yourselves* [תא] from the earth?"

4:12 And David directed
his young men themselves [תא].
And they killed them.
And they cut off *their hands themselves* [תא]
and *their feet themselves* [תא].
And they hung them beside the pool at Hebron.

And they took *the head of Ish'boshet itself* [תא].
And they buried it in the tomb of Abner at Hebron.

Chapter 5

5:1 And all the tribes of Yisra'el
came to David at Hebron.
And they spoke saying, "Behold!
We are your bone and your flesh.
5:2 Yesterday and the day before
when Sha'ul was king over us
you yourself [תא] were bringing out and bringing in
Yisra'el itself [תא].

And YAHWEH said to you,
"You *yourself* [תא], will shepherd
My people themselves [תא], *Yisra'el itself* [תא].
And *you yourself* [תא] will be ruler over Yisra'el." "

5:3 And all the elders of Yisra'el
came to the king at Hebron.
And King David cut a covenant with them at Hebron
before the face of YAHWEH.
And they anointed *David himself* [תא] as king over Yisra'el.

5:4 David was thirty years old when he reigned.
He reigned forty years.

5:5 In Hebron he reigned over Yahudah
seven years and six months.
And in Yerushalaim he reigned thirty-three years
over all Yisra'el and Yahudah.

5:6 And the king and his men went to Yerushalaim
against the Yebusites dwelling in the land.
And they spoke to David saying,
"You will not come in here!
Indeed, even the blind and the lame will turn you aside!

That is to say, "David will not come in here."

5:7 But David captured
the stronghold of Zion *itself* **ציון**,
The City of David.

Zion means parched.
This is the first place in Scripture this identification is used.
There is some debate over it's actual meaning, but it comes
from a root that means to parch. It's also used of a desert.
It's located on the southeast corner of Yerushalaim. It
appears that the movement referred to as "Zionism" refers to
the concept of re-establishing the Kingdom of David. This
became "his city."

5:8 And David said on that day,
"If anyone is striking the Yebusites
then he is to touch by the water shaft
both the lame *themselves* **נְחֻשְׁתֵּי**
and the blind *themselves* **נְחֻשְׁתֵּי** who hated David's life."

On account of this they say,
"The blind and the lame are not to come into the house."

5:9 And David dwelt in the stronghold.
And he called it The City of David.
And David built all around from the rampart
even to the house.

5:10 And David went on.
He went on and became great.
And **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Assemblies, was with him.

5:11 And Hiram, king of Tzor,
sent messengers to David,
and cedar trees, and carpenters,
and craftsmen of stone walls.
And they built a house for David.

Tzor means rock or stone.
This is traditionally known as Tyre.
Also, traditionally, reference is made to "masons". The
Hebrew has no word for "masons". The literal rendering of
the text is given.

5:12 And David understood that **YAHWEH**
had established him as king over Yisra'el,
and that He had raised up His kingdom
for the sake of His people, Yisra'el.

5:13 And David took more concubines and wives
from Yerushalaim after he had come from Hebron.

And more sons and daughters were born to David.

5:14 And these are the names of those born to him
in Yerushalaim:

Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Shelomoh,

5:15 and Yibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Yaphia,

5:16 and Elishama, and Elyada, and Eliphelet.

Shammua means renowned.
Shobab means rebellious.
Nathan means gift, or given.
Shelomoh means peaceful. This is traditionally rendered as
Solomon. It comes for the root, shalom.
Yibhar means choice.
Elishua means my El calls out.
Nepheg means a sprout.
Yaphia means bright.
Elishama means my El is listening.
Elyada means El knows.

Elphelet means El of deliverance.

5:17 And the Philistines heard
that David *himself* תא
had been anointed king over Yisra'el.
And all the Philistines went up
for the sake of searching for David *himself* תא.
And David heard.
And he went down to the stronghold.

5:18 And the Philistines came.
And they spread themselves out in the Valley of Repha'im.

5:19 And David inquired of YAHWEH saying,
"Shall I go up against the Philistines?
Will You give them into my hand?"
And YAHWEH said to David,
"Go up! Indeed, I will give,
give the Philistines *themselves* תא into your hand."

5:20 And David went to Ba'al Peratzim.
And David struck them there.
And he said,
"YAHWEH has breached my enemies before my face
like a break of water."
Therefore he called the name of that place
Ba'al Peratzim.

Ba'al Peratzim means master of breaches.

5:21 And they abandoned there
their images *themselves* תא.
And David and his men picked them up.

5:22 And the Philistines again came up.
And they were spread out in the Valley of Repha'im.

5:23 And David inquired of YAHWEH.
And He said, "Do not go up!
Go around behind them!
And you are to come toward them
from in front of the weeping trees.

5:24 And it will be when you hear the sound *itself* תא
of marching in the tops of the weeping trees
then you are to act promptly
because then YAHWEH will go out before you
to strike the encampment of the Philistines."

5:25 And David did
according to what YAHWEH had directed him.
And they struck the Philistines *themselves* תא
from Geba until you come to Gezer.

Chapter 6

6:1 And David again gathered
every chosen man of Yisra'el, thirty thousand.

6:2 And he rose up.
And David went and all the people
who were with he *himself* תא
from Ba'ale Yahudah to bring up from there
The Chest of The Elohim *itself* תא
which is called by the name,
the name YAHWEH of Assemblies,
with the cherubim sitting upon it.

6:3 And they placed
The Chest of The Elohim *itself* **הוא** on a new cart.
And they carried it from the house of Abinadab
which was at Gib'ah.

And Uzzah and Ahyo, sons of Abinadab,
were leading the new cart *itself* **הוא**.

Uzza means strength.
Ahyo means brotherly.

6:4 And they carried it from the house of Abinadab
which was at Gib'ah with The Chest of The Elohim.
And Ahyo was walking in front of The Chest.

6:5 And David and the whole house of Yisra'el
were celebrating before the face of **YAHWEH**
with every *instrument* of fir wood, and with lyres,
and with harps, and with tambourines,
and with castanets, and with cymbals.

6:6 And they had gone as far
as the threshing floor of Nakon.
And Uzzah reached out toward The Chest of The Elohim.
And he grabbed it because the oxen fell down.

Nakon means prepared.

6:7 And the anger of **YAHWEH**
flared up against Uzzah.
And The Elohim struck him there on account of the error.
And he died there beside The Chest of The Elohim.

6:8 And David was was angry
over why **YAHWEH** had broken out,
broken out against Uzzah.

And the place is called Peretz Uzzah, until this day.

6:9 And David was afraid
of **YAHWEH** *Himself* **הוא** on that day.
And he said,
"How can The Chest of **YAHWEH** come to me?"

6:10 And David was not willing
to turn aside to himself
The Chest *itself* **הוא** of **YAHWEH** into The City of David.

And David moved it to the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.

Obed Edom means servant of Edom.

6:11 And The Chest of **YAHWEH** remained
in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite three months.

And **YAHWEH** blessed Obed Edom *himself* **הוא**
and all his household *itself* **הוא**.

6:12 And it was reported to King David saying,
"YAHWEH has blessed
the household of Obed Edom *itself* **הוא**
and everything *itself* **הוא** that is his
on account of The Chest of The Elohim."

And David went.
And he brought up The Chest of The Elohim *itself* **הוא**
from the house of Obed Edom
to The City of David with joy.

6:13 And it was as those carrying

The Chest of YAHWEH marched six paces.
And he slaughtered oxen and fatlings.

6:14 And David danced with all his strength
before the face of YAHWEH.
And David was wearing a linen ephod.

6:15 And David and all the house of Yisra'el
brought up The Chest of YAHWEH *itself* nx
with shouting and with the sound of the shofar.

6:16 And it was as The Chest of YAHWEH
came into The City of David.

And Mikal, daughter of Sha'ul, looked through a window.
And she saw King David *himself* nx leaping and dancing
before the face of YAHWEH.
And she despised him in her heart.

6:17 And they brought in
The Chest of YAHWEH *itself* nx.
And they established *it itself* nx in its place
in the center of the tent that David had spread out for it.

And David offered up olahs before the face of YAHWEH
and shelem offerings.

6:18 And David finished offering up the olahs
and the shelem offerings.
And he blessed the people *themselves* nx
in the Name of YAHWEH of Assemblies.

6:19 And he apportioned to all the people,
to all the multitude of Yisra'el,
from man even to woman,
to each man one cake of bread, and one portion of flesh,
and one cake of raisins.
And all the people went, each man to his house.

6:20 And David returned
to bless *his household itself* nx.
And Mikal, daughter of Sha'ul, came out to meet David.
And she said,
"How dignified today was the King of Yisra'el,
who uncovered himself today
in the eyes of the female slaves, his servants,
as one of the worthless ones uncovers,
uncovers himself!"

6:21 And David said to Mikal,
"It was before YAHWEH
Who has selected me instead of your father
and all his household
for the sake of giving direction to me *myself* nx
as ruler over the people of YAHWEH, over Yisra'el.

I played before the face of YAHWEH.
6:22 And I will be more belittled than this.
And I will be lowly in my own eyes.
And as for the female servants of whom you spoke,
with them I will be held in honor."

6:23 And Mikal, daughter of Sha'ul,
had no children to the day of her death.

Chapter 7

7:1 And it was as the king was dwelling in his house.
And YAHWEH had given him rest
from all his adversaries all around.

7:2 And the king said to Nathan the prophet,
"Observe now!
I am dwelling in a house of cedar.
But The Chest of The Elohim dwells within curtains.

7:3 And Nathan said to the king,
"Do all that is in your heart.
Indeed, YAHWEH is with you."

7:4 And it was that night.
And the word of YAHWEH existed to Nathan saying,
7:5 "Go and say to My servant David,
'Thus said YAHWEH,
"Will you yourself nx build a house for Me to dwell in?
7:6 Indeed, I have not dwelt in a house
from the time that I brought up
the children of Yisra'el themselves nx from Mitsraim
even to this day.
And I have been going in a Tent
and in a Dwelling Place.

7:7 Wherever I have gone
with all the children of Yisra'el
have I ever spoken a word
to one of the tribes of Yisra'el itself nx
which I directed to shepherd My people themselves nx,
Yisra'el itself nx, saying,
'Why have you not built for Me a house of cedar?' "

7:8 And now say to My servant David,
Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,
"I Myself took you from the pasture,
from following the flock,
for the sake of being ruler over My people, over Yisra'el.

7:9 And I have been with you
wherever you have gone.
And I have cut off all your adversaries themselves nx
from before your face.
And I have made for you a great name, like the name
of the great ones who are on the earth.

7:10 And I will established a place
for My people, for Yisra'el.
And I will plant them.
And they will dwell in it.
And they will no longer be shaken by moral harm.
And the children of moral harm
will not oppress them again as at the first,
7:11 even from the day I directed judges
over My people Yisra'el.
And I have caused rest for you from all your adversaries."

And YAHWEH has declared to you
that YAHWEH will make for you a house.

7:12 When your days are fulfilled
and you sleep with your fathers themselves nx
then I will raise up your seed itself nx after you
who comes out from your inward parts.

And I will set up his kingdom *itself* **nx**.

7:13 He will build a house for My Name.
And I will set up the throne *itself* **nx** of his kingdom
for eternity.

Note: This is not Shelomoh (Solomon). This is The Messiah Himself! Only His Kingdom will last for eternity. And He is now building the house for YAHWEH's Name!

7:14 I Myself will be his Father.
And he will be My son,
whom in distortion I will correct with the rod of men
and with blows of the sons of men.

7:15 But My kindness
will not be turned aside from him
as I turned it aside from Sha'ul
whom I turned aside from before your face.

7:16 And your house and your kingdom
will be established before you until eternity.
Your throne will be established until eternity.”

7:17 According to all these words
and according to all this vision,
thus spoke Nathan to David.

7:18 And King David went in.
And he sat before the face of YAHWEH.
And he said,
“Who am I, my Sovereign YAHWEH?
And what is my house
that You have brought me as far as here?”

7:19 And yet this was a small matter in Your eyes,
my Sovereign YAHWEH.

And You have spoken also
concerning Your servant's household
for a great while to come.

And is this the custom with human beings,
my Sovereign YAHWEH?

7:20 And what more can David say to You?
Indeed, *You Yourself* **nx**, Sovereign YAHWEH,
You know *Your servant himself* **nx**.

7:21 For the sake of Your word
and according to Your own heart
You have done *all this greatness itself* **nx**
for the sake of making it known
to *Your servant himself* **nx**.

7:22 For this reason You are great,
my Sovereign YAHWEH!
Indeed, there is none like You!
And there is no Elohim except You
according to all that we have heard with our ears.

7:23 And who is like Your people, like Yisra'el,
one nation on earth whom The Elohim
went to redeem for Himself as a people
and to make for Himself a Name,
and to do for them the greatness and the fearsome acts
for Your land before the face of Your people

whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Mitsraim,
from the nations and their gods?

7:24 And You have established for Yourself
Your people *themselves* **תָּא**, Yisra'el,
as Your own people forever.
And You Yourself **תָּא**, **YAHWEH**,
have become for them The Elohim.

7:25 And now **YAHWEH**, The Elohim,
the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant
and concerning his house, establish it for eternity.
And do according to what You have spoken.

7:26 And may Your Name
be magnified for eternity saying,
'**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is The Elohim over Yisra'el.'

And let the house of Your servant David
be established before Your face.

7:27 Indeed You, **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,
The Elohim of Yisra'el, have revealed *this itself* **תָּא**
to Your servant saying, 'I will build you a house.'
On account of this Your servant
has found his heart *itself* **תָּא**
to pray to You *this prayer itself* **תָּא**.

7:28 And now, my Sovereign **YAHWEH**,
You Yourself **תָּא** are The Elohim!
And Your words are faithful!
And You have spoken to Your servant
this goodness itself **תָּא**.

7:29 And now be willing
and bless *the household itself* **תָּא** of Your servant
for the sake of existing before Your face for eternity.

Indeed You Yourself **תָּא**, my Sovereign **YAHWEH**,
have spoken it.
And with Your blessing
the house of Your servant is blessed for eternity."

Chapter 8

8:1 And it was after this.
And David struck *the Philistines themselves* **תָּא**.
And he humiliated them.
And David took *Metheg ha'Ammah itself* **תָּא**
from the hand of the Philistines.

Metheg Ha'Ammah means the bit of the mother city. It's
another name for Gath. It was the pride of the Philistines.

8:2 And he struck *Mo'ab itself* **תָּא**.
And he measured them with a line
causing *they themselves* **תָּא** to lie down on the ground.
And with two lines he measured those to be put to death,
and with one full line those to be kept alive.
And the Mo'abites became David's servants bringing tributes.

8:3 And David struck *Hadadezer himself* **תָּא**,
son of Rehob, King of Tzobah,
as he was going to restore his kingdom
at the River Euphrates.

8:4 And David captured from him

one thousand seven hundred horsemen
and twenty thousand foot soldiers.
And David hamstrung all the chariots *themselves* תא.
And there remained from them a hundred chariots.

8:5 And the Arameans of Damascus
came to help Hadadezer, king of Tzobah.
And David struck twenty two thousand of the Arameans.
8:6 And David placed garrisons in Aram of Damascus.
And the Arameans became David's servants,
bringing tributes.
And **YAHWEH** delivered David himself תא
wherever he went.

8:7 And David took
the shields of gold *themselves* תא
which were on the servants of Hadadezer.
And he brought them to Yerushalaim.
8:8 And from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer,
King David took exceedingly much copper.

8:9 And To'i, king of Hamat, heard that David
had struck all the assembly of Hadadezer *itself* תא.
8:10 And To'i sent Yoram *himself* תא, his son, to King David,
for the sake of asking peace of him and to bless him
because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him
because Hadadezer had battles with To'i.
And in his hand were objects of silver, and objects of gold,
and objects of copper.

8:11 King David also set apart these themselves תא
to **YAHWEH** with the silver and gold that he had set apart
from all the nations which he had humiliated:
8:12 from Aram,
and from Mo'ab,
and from the children of Ammon,
and from the Philistines,
and from Amalek,
and from the booty of Hadadezer, son of Rehob,
King of Tzobah.

8:13 And David made a name
as he returned from smiting
the Arameans *themselves* תא in the Valley of Salt,
eighteen thousand.
8:14 And he placed garrison in Edom.
In all of Edom he placed garrisons.
And all the Edomites became David's servants.

And **YAHWEH** delivered David himself תא
wherever he went.

8:15 And David reigned over all Yisra'el.
And David was making judgments and doing justice
for all his people.
8:16 And Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah, was over the assembly.
And Yahoshaphat, son of Ahilud, was recorder.
8:17 And Tzadok, son of Ahitub, and Ahimelek,
son of Ebyathar, were the priests.
And Serayah was the scribe.
8:18 And Benayah, son of Yahoyada, was over
both the Kerethites and the Pelethites.
And David's sons were priests.

Chapter 9

9:1 And David said,
"Is there anyone who still remains of the house of Sha'ul
that I might show him kindness because of Yahanathan?"

9:2 And the house of Sha'ul had a servant.
And his name was Tziba.

And they had called him to David.

And the king said to him, "Are you yourself **nx** Tziba?"

And he said, "Your servant!"

Tziba means stationed.

9:3 And the king said,
"Is there not still a man of the house of Sha'ul
so that I can do for him the kindness of The Elohim?"

And Tziba said to the king,

"There is still a son of Yahanathan.

He is lame in his feet."

9:4 And the king said to him, "Where is he?"

And Tziba said to the king, "Behold!

He is in the house of Makir, son of Ammi'el, in Lo Debar."

**Makir means salesman.
Ammi'el means people of El.
Lo Debar means not a pasture.**

9:5 And King David sent.

And he brought him out of the house of Makir,
son of Ammi'el, from Lo Debar.

9:6 And Mephiboshet, son of Yahanathan, son of Sha'ul,
came to David.

And he fell on his face and prostrated himself.

And David said, "Mephiboshet!"

And he answered, "Your servant is here!"

9:7 And David then said to him,

"Do not be afraid!

Indeed, I will do, do kindness with you
for the sake of Yahanathan, your father.

And I will return to you all the land itself **nx** of Sha'ul,
your grandfather.

And you yourself **nx** will eat food at my table continually."

9:8 And he prostrated himself.

And he said, "What is your servant
that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

9:9 And the king called Tziba, servant of Sha'ul.

And he said to him, "Everything that was Sha'ul's
and all his household's

I have given to the son of your master.

9:10 And you yourself **nx**, and your sons,
and your slaves are to work the land for him.

And you are to bring it in.

And your master's son will have food.

And he will eat.

And Mephiboshet, your master's son,
will eat food at my table continually."

And Tziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

9:11 And Tziba said to the king,

"According to everything that my sovereign the king
has directed his servant himself **nx**,
accordingly your servant will do."

"And Mephiboshet will be eating eat at my table
like one of the sons of the king."

**The Hebrew text does not provide an accurate rendering of
this portion of the text. It appears this is an editorial change
or perhaps a copyist error. The quotation belongs to David,
not to Tziba.**

9:12 And Mephiboshet had a young son whose name was Mika.
And all who dwelt in the house of Tziba were servants of Mephiboshet.

Mika means who is like YAH.

9:13 And Mephiboshet was dwelling at Yerushalaim. Indeed, he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

Chapter 10

10:1 And it was after this. And the king of the children of Ammon died. And Hanun, his son, reigned instead of him.

10:2 And David said,
"I will do kindness with Hanun, son of Nahash, as his father did kindness with me."

And David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants went into the land of the children of Ammon.

10:3 But the leaders of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, their sovereign,
"Is David honoring your father himself **תא** in your eyes because he has sent comforters to you?
Is it not for the sake of searching the city itself **תא** even to spy it out, and to overthrow it hat David has sent his servants themselves **תא** to you?"

10:4 And Hanun took the servants of David themselves **תא**.
And he shaved off half of their beards themselves **תא**.
And he cut off their garments themselves **תא** in half above their buttocks.
And he sent them away.

10:5 And they reported it to David. And he sent to meet them because the men were exceedingly disgraced. And the king said,
"Stay at Yericho until your beards have grown. And then you are to return."

10:6 And the children of Ammon saw that they had become a stench to David. And the children of Ammon sent. And they hired Arameans themselves **תא** of Bet Rehob and Arameans themselves **תא** of Tzoba, twenty thousand foot soldiers, and the king of Ma'akah himself **תא**, one thousand men, and men of Tob, twelve thousand men.

10:7 And David heard. And he sent Yo'ab himself **תא** and the entire assembly itself **תא** of the mighty men.

10:8 And the children of Ammon came out. And they arranged themselves for battle at the entrance of the gate. And the Arameans of Tzoba, and Rehob, and men of Tob, and Ma'akah were by themselves in the field.

10:9 And Yo'ab saw that the battle was toward him
at the front of him and behind.
And he chose from all the chosen men of Yisra'el.
And he arranged them against the Arameans.
10:10 And the rest of the people themselves **תא**
he gave into the hand of Abishai, his brother.
And he arranged them against the children of Ammon.
10:11 And he said,
"If the Arameans are stronger than me
then you are my deliverance.
And if the children of Ammon are stronger than you
then I will come and deliver you.
10:12 Be strong!
And let us show ourselves strong on behalf of our people
and on behalf of the cities of our Elohim!
And **YAHWEH** will do what is good in His eyes."

10:13 And Yo'ab came near
and the people with him
for the sake of battling against Aram.
And they fled before him.
10:14 And the children of Ammon saw
that the Arameans were fleeing.
And they also fled before Abishai.
And they went into the city.

And Yo'ab returned from against the children of Ammon.
And he went to Yerushalaim.

10:15 And Aram saw
that they were struck before Yisra'el.
And they gathered together.
10:16 And Hadadezer sent.
And he brought out the Arameans themselves **תא**
who were beyond the River.
And they came to Helam.
And Shobak, the captain of the assembly of Hadadezer,
was before them.

10:17 And it was reported to David.
And he gathered all Yisra'el itself **תא**.
And he passed over The Yarden itself **תא**.
And he went to Helam.

And Aram arranged themselves to encounter David.
And they fought with him.
10:18 And Aram fled before Yisra'el.
And David killed seven hundred charioteers
and forty thousand horsemen of Aram.
And he struck Shobak himself **תא**,
captain of their assembly.
And he died there.

10:19 And all the kings, the servants of Hadadezer,
saw that they were struck before Yisra'el.
And they made peace with Yisra'el itself **תא**.
And they served them.
And the Arameans were afraid to help any longer
the children of Ammon themselves **תא**.

Chapter 11

11:1 And it was at the turn of the year,
the time kings go forth.
And David sent Yo'ab himself **תא**
and his servants themselves **תא**.

and all Yisra'el *itself* **nx**.

And they destroyed the children of Ammon themselves **nx**.

And they attacked against Rabbah.

But David had stayed at Yerushalaim.

11:2 And it was at the time of dusk.

And David got up from his bed.

And he walked about on the roof of the king's house.

And from the roof he saw a woman bathing.

And the woman was exceedingly good in appearance.

11:3 And David sent.

And he inquired concerning the woman.

And one said,

"Is this not Bat Sheba, daughter of Eli'am,
wife of Uriyah the Hittite?"

Bat Sheba means daughter of the oath. Eli'am means El of My people. Uriyah means flame or fire of Yah.
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11:4 And David sent messengers.

And he took her.

And she came in to him.

And he laid with her carnally.

And she was cleansing herself from her defilement.

And she returned to her house.

11:5 And the woman conceived.

And she sent and reported it to David.

And she said, "I am pregnant."

11:6 And David sent to Yo'ab,

"Send to me Uriyah himself **nx**, the Hittite."

And Yo'ab sent Uriyah himself **nx** to David.

11:7 And Uriyah came to him.

And David inquired concerning the welfare of Yo'ab,
and concerning the welfare of the people,
and concerning the welfare of the battle.

11:8 And David said to Uriyah,

"Go down to your house and wash your feet."

And Uriyah went out from the king's house.

And a gift from the king followed him.

11:9 But Uriyah laid down

at the door of the king's house

with all the servants *themselves* **nx** of his sovereign.

And he did not go down to his house.

11:10 And they reported it to David saying,

"Uriyah did not go down to his house,"

And David said to Uriyah,

"Did you yourself **nx** not come from a journey?

Why did you not go down to your house?"

11:11 And Uriyah said to David,

"The Chest, and Yisra'el, and Yahudah
are dwelling in booths.

And my master, Yo'ab, and the servants of my master
are encamped in the open fields.

And should I myself, go to my house to eat and to drink
and to lie with my wife?

As you live and as your life lives

I will not do this matter.”

11:12 And David said to Uriyah,
“Stay today also.
And tomorrow I will send you away.”
And Uriyah stayed at Yerushalaim that day and the next.

11:13 And David called for him.
And he ate and drank before him.
And he made him drunk.
And he went out at dusk to lie down on his bed
with the servants of his master.
But he did not go down to his house.

11:14 And it was at dawn.
And David wrote a letter to Yo’ab.
And he sent it by the hand of Uriyah.
11:15 And he wrote in the letter saying,
“Set Uriyah *himself* תא toward the front
of the strongest battle.
And you are to turn back from him.
And he will be struck.
And he will die.”

11:16 And it was as Yo’ab
was watching toward the city.
And he gave Uriyah *himself* תא to the place
where he knew there were men of strength.

11:17 And the men of the city came out.
And they fought Yo’ab *himself* תא.
And some of the people of the servants of David fell.
And Uriyah the Hittite also died.

11:18 And Yo’ab sent.
And he reported to David all the words *themselves* תא
of the battle.

11:19 And he directed
the messenger *himself* תא saying,
“When you have finished reporting
all the words of the battle *themselves* תא to the king,

11:20 then it will be if the king’s anger rises
and he says to you,
‘Why did you approach toward the city to fight?
Did you not know they would shoot
from upon the wall *itself* תא?’

11:21 Who struck Abimelek *himself* תא,
the son of Yerubbeshet?

Was it not a woman who threw upon him
a piece from the wall and he died in Tebetz?
Why did you approach the wall?’
Then you are to say also,
‘Your servant, Uriyah the Hittite is dead.’ ”

11:22 And the messenger went.
And he came and reported to David everything *itself* תא
which Yo’ab had sent.

11:23 And the messenger said to David,
“Indeed, the men have been strong against us.
And they came out toward us in the field.
And we were against them
as far as the entrance of the gate.

11:24 And the archers shot toward your servants
from upon the wall.

And some of the king's servants are dead.
And your servant, Uriyah the Hittite, is also dead."

11:25 And David said to the messenger,
"Thus you are to say to Yo'ab,
'Do not let this matter itself **nx** be bad in your eyes.
Indeed, the sword devours one as well as another.
Strengthen your battle against the city and destroy it.'
And strengthen him."

11:26 And the wife of Uriyah heard
that Uriyah, her husband, was dead.
And she mourned for her husband.

11:27 And her mourning was over.
And David sent.
And he gathered her to his house.
And she became a wife for him.
And she bore a son to him.

But the matter which David had done was morally wrong
in the eyes of **YAHWEH**.

Chapter 12

12:1 And **YAHWEH** sent
Nathan himself **nx** to David.
And he went to him.

And said to him,
"There were two men in one city,
one rich and the other poor.
12:2 The rich one had flocks and herds, exceedingly many.
12:3 But the poor one had nothing at all
except one little ewe lamb
which he had bought and kept alive.
And it grew up with him and with his children together.
And from his portion it ate.
And from his cup it drank.
And on his chest it laid down.
And it was like a daughter to him.

12:4 And a traveler came to the rich one.
And he was loathe to take from his own flock
or from his own herd to prepare for the traveler,
the one coming to him.
And he took the lamb itself **nx** of the poor man.
And he prepared it for the man who had come to him."

12:5 And the anger of David flared up exceedingly
against the man.
And he said to Nathan,
"As **YAHWEH** lives the man who has done this
is a son of death!

12:6 And the lamb itself **nx** he is to repay fourfold
because he did this thing itself **nx**,
and because he had no pity."

12:7 And Nathan said to David,
"You yourself **nx** are the man!

Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,
'I anointed you king over Yisra'el.
And I delivered you from the hand of Sha'ul.
12:8 And I gave to you the house itself **nx** of your sovereign
and your sovereign's wives into your bosom.
And I gave to you the house itself **nx** of Yisra'el
and of Yahudah.

And if that was too little I also would have given to you like such and such things!

12:9 Why have you dishonored the Word of YAHWEH *itself* **nx** for the sake of doing what is bad in His eyes?

You have killed Uriyah *himself* **nx**, the Hittite, with the sword.
And his wife *herself* **nx** you have taken for yourself for a wife.
And he *himself* **nx** you have killed with the sword of the children of Ammon.

12:10 And now the sword will not turn aside from your house until eternity because you have dishonored Me, and have taken the wife *herself* **nx** of Uriyah the Hittite to be for yourself a wife!

David's offense is dishonoring the word of YAHWEH. This is **always** our offense as well. Here we see that this act has long term consequences for every member of our household - even as far as eternity!

12:11 "Thus said YAHWEH.
'Behold!
I am raising up what is bad against you from your household!
And I will take your wives *themselves* **nx** before your eyes!
And I will give them to your companion!
And he will lie carnally with your wives in the sight of this sun!

12:12 Indeed, you *yourself* **nx** did it in secret.
But I Myself will do this word *itself* **nx** in front of all Yisra'el, and in front of the sun! "

12:13 And David said to Nathan,
"I have offended against YAHWEH!"

And Nathan said to David,
"Indeed, YAHWEH has passed over your offense.
You will not be put to death.

This is a wondrous passage - when you have the actual truth of what's expressed here in the Hebrew text. David is repentant. He acknowledges his offense. (All 'sin' is that which offends YAHWEH.) YAHWEH in turn **passes over David's offense!** This is **exactly** what YAHWEH does for us if we will acknowledge our offenses! Praise YAHWEH! **THIS** is what The Passover story and its fulfillment in The Messiah, YAHUSHUA, is all about. Do not miss this wondrous Truth!

12:14 However, because you have scorned, scorned YAHWEH *Himself* **nx**, by this matter indeed the child who is born to you will die, he will die!"

There's an interesting occurrence in the Hebrew text in this verse. The verse was altered by later scribes by inserting "adversaries" before "YAHWEH". They were loathe to have the text say, "scorned, scorned YAHWEH *Himself*". The thought was too abhorrent for them to consider. This is important to note because there are other places where the text was altered to suit "the interpretation" of those copying or editing the text.

12:15 And Nathan went to his house.

And YAHWEH struck the child *himself* **nx**
whom Uriyah's wife had born to David.
And he was sick.

12:6 And David sought The Elohim Himself **nx**
on behalf of the young lad.
And David fasted a fast.
And he went in and laid all night on the ground.

12:17 And the elders of his house stood up over him
to raise him up from the ground.
But he was not willing.
And he did not eat food with they themselves **nx**.

12:18 And it was on on the seventh day.
And the child died.

And the servants of David were afraid to declare to him
that the child was dead because they said, "Behold!
While the child was still alive we spoke to him.
But he would not listen attentively to our voice.
And how will we say to him the child is dead?
Then he will do what is bad!"

12:19 And David saw
that his servants were whispering.
And David discerned that the child was dead.
And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?"
And they said, "He is dead."

12:20 And David got up from the ground.
And he washed.
And he anointed himself.
And he changed his garments.
And he went into The House of YAHWEH.
And he prostrated himself.

And he went to his own house.
And he asked.
And they placed food before him.
And he ate.

Here is yet another example of how the impact of the text changes when it's separated into distinct statements instead of being blended into one long sentence with lots of commas. YAHWEH does nothing without a purpose. But human beings are virtually always attempting to modify what YAHWEH has put before us so it fits "our perspective", rather than His. Each separate act of David is crucial to our proper understanding of the text. Only in this form do we see the profound statement YAHWEH has put in His Word.

12:21 And his servants said to him,
"What is this thing you have done?
You fasted and wept for the sake of the child's life.
But when the child died you got up and ate food."

12:22 And he said,
"While the child was still alive I fasted and wept.
Indeed, I said, 'Who knows?
Perhaps YAHWEH will show favor to me
and the child will live.'"

12:23 But now he is dead.
Why should I myself fast?
Am I able to bring him back again?
I myself am going to him

but he himself will not return to me.”

12:24 And David comforted
Bat Sheba *herself* **nx**, his wife.
And went in to her.
And he laid carnally with her.
And she bore a son.
And he called his name *itself* **nx** Shelomoh.
Shelomoh means peaceful.

And **YAHWEH** loved him.
12:25 And He sent by the hand of Nathan, the prophet.
And He called his name *itself* **nx** Yediyah,
for the sake of **YAHWEH**.
Yediyah means beloved one of YAH.

12:26 And Yo'ab fought against Rabbah
of the children of Ammon.
And he captured the royal city *itself* **nx**.

12:27 And Yo'ab sent messengers to David.
And he said,
"I have fought against Rabbah.
Indeed, I have captured the city's water supply *itself* **nx**.
12:28 And now gather together
the rest of the people *themselves* **nx**
and encamp against the city and capture it lest I capture,
I myself, the city *itself* **nx** and my name is called upon it."

12:29 And David gathered
all the people *themselves* **nx**.
And he went to Rabbah.
And he fought against it.
And he captured it.

12:30 And he took the crown *itself* **nx** of their king
from upon his head.
And its weight was a talent of gold
and had precious stones.
And it was on David's head.
And he brought out the booty of the city,
an exceeding amount.

12:31 And the people *themselves* **nx** who were in it
he brought out.
And he put them to the saw,
and to sharp instruments of iron, and to axes of iron.
And they *themselves* **nx** he caused to pass over
into the brick kiln.
And thus he did with all the cities of the children of Ammon.
And David and all the people returned to Yerushalaim.

Chapter 13

13:1 And it was after this.
And Abshalom, son of David, had a beautiful sister
whose name was Tamar.
And Amnon, son of David, loved her.

Abshalom means father of peace, or father of well being.
Note that shalom is the foundation of this name. It is not ab-
salom, but ab-shalom.
Tamar means erect.
Amnon means faithful.

13:2 And Amnon was distressed to the point of sickness
for the sake of his sister, Tamar,
because she was a virgin.

And it seemed impossible in the eyes of Amnon to do a speck to her.

13:3 And Amnon had a companion whose name was Yonadab, son of Shim'ah, David's brother. And Yonadab was an exceedingly wise man.

Yonadab means Yah is generous.
Shim'ah means announcement.

13:4 And he said to him,
"Why are you *yourself* **תא**, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Why not tell it to me."

And Amnon said to him,
"I myself love Tamar *herself* **תא**, my brother Abshalom's sister."

13:5 And Yonadab said to him,
"Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick. And your father will come to see you. And you are to say to him,
'Please have my sister Tamar come and feed me food. And she is to prepare the food *itself* **תא** before my eyes. in order that I can see it. And I will eat from her hand.' "

13:6 And Amnon laid down. And he pretended to be sick. And the king came to see him.

And Amnon said to the king,
"Please let Tamar, my sister, come and make in my sight two cakes for me. And I will eat from her hand."

13:7 And David sent to Tamar, to the house saying,
"Please go to the house of your brother Amnon and make food for him."

13:8 And Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house. And he was lying down. And she took the dough *itself* **תא**. And she kneaded it. And she made cakes before his eyes. And she baked the cakes *themselves* **תא**.

13:9 And she took the pan *itself* **תא**. And she dumped them out before his face. But he refused to eat.

And Amnon said,
"Cause all the men to go out from me." And all the men went out from him.

13:10 And Amnon said to Tamar,
"Bring the food into the bedroom. And I will eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes *themselves* **תא** which she had made. And she brought them to Amnon, her brother, in the bedroom.

13:11 And she came near to him for the sake of causing him to eat.

And he seized her. And he said to her,

“Come lie with me, my sister.”

13:12 And she said to him, “No, my brother!
Do not oppress me!
Indeed, it is not done according to this in Yisra'el!
Do not do this foolishness *itself* **תא**!

13:13 And I myself, where could I go
in my disgrace *itself* **תא**?
And you yourself **תא**, you will be
like one of the stupid in Yisra'el!

And now please speak to the king.
Indeed, he will not withhold me from you.”

13:14 But he was not willing
to listen attentively to her voice.
And he was stronger than she.
And he oppressed her.
And he laid carnally with her *herself* **תא**.

13:15 And Amnon hated her with a great hatred.
Indeed, greater was the hatred with which he hated her
than the love with which he had loved her.
And Amnon said to her, “Get up! Go!”

13:16 And she said to him,
“No, because this badness is greater than the other
which you have done to me, to send me away!”

But he was not willing to listen attentively to her.
13:17 And he called his young man *himself* **תא**
who was serving him.
And he said,
“Send out now this one *herself* **תא** from beside me!
And fasten the door behind her.”

13:18 And upon her was a long sleeved tunic.
Indeed, according to this the king's virgin daughters
wore robes.

And his servant sent out her *herself* **תא**.
And he fastened the door behind her.

13:19 And Tamar took ashes for upon her head.
And her long sleeved tunic which was on her she tore.
And she placed her hand on her head.
And she walked, she walked!
And she cried out.

13:20 And Abshalom, her brother, said to her,
“Has Amnon, your brother, been with you?”

But now keep silent, my sister.
He is your brother.
Do not set your heart *itself* **תא** on this matter.”
And Tamar stayed in the house of her brother, Abshalom.
But she was devastated.

13:21 And King David heard
all these things *themselves* **תא**.
And his anger flared up exceedingly.

13:22 And Abshalom did not speak to his brother,
Amnon, good or bad

Indeed, Abshalom hated Amnon himself אנ
because of how he had oppressed Tamar herself אנ,
his sister.

13:23 And it was two years of days.
And Abshalom was shearing as Ba'al Hatzor
which is beside Ephraim.

And Abshalom called all the sons of the king.
13:24 And Abshalom came to the king.
And he said, "Behold now!
Your servant is shearing.
Please let the king and his servants
come with your servant."

13:25 But the king said to Abshalom, "No, my son.
We will not all go now.
And we will not be a burden on you."
And he pressed him.
But he was not willing to go.
And he blessed him.

13:26 And Abshalom said,
"If not, please let my brother, Amnon,
go with us ourselves אנ."
And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

13:27 And Abshalom pressed him.
And he sent with he himself אנ Amnon himself אנ
and all the sons themselves אנ of the king.

13:28 And Abshalom directed
his servants themselves אנ
saying, "Observe now when the heart of Amnon
is glad with wine.
Then I will say to you,
'Strike Amnon himself אנ!'
And you are to put to death he himself אנ.
Do not be afraid.
Is it not because I have directed you yourselves אנ?
Be strong and be sons of force!"

13:29 And the servants of Abshalom did to Amnon
according to what Abshalom had directed.
And all the sons of the king got up.
And each one mounted his mule.
And they fled.

13:30 And it was as they were on the way.
And news came to David saying,
"Abshalom has struck
all the sons themselves אנ of the king.
And not one remains of them!"

13:31 And the king stood up.
And he tore his garments themselves אנ.
And he laid on the ground.
And all his servants were standing by
with their garments torn.

13:32 And Yonadab, son of Shim'ah,
David's brother,
responded and said,
"Do not let my sovereign say

all the young men *themselves* **nx**,
the sons of the king, have been put to death.
Indeed, Amnon alone is dead.

Indeed, by the mouth of Abshalom
this has been determined
from the day that he oppressed his sister, *Tamar herself* **nx**.

13:33 And now let not my sovereign the king
place the matter in his heart
to say that all the sons of the king are dead.
Indeed, Amnon alone has been put to death.”

13:34 And Abshalom fled.
And the young man watching
lifted up *his eyes themselves* **nx**.
And he looked.
And behold!
Many people were coming from the road behind him,
from the side of the hill.

13:35 And Yonadab said to the king, “Behold!
The sons of the king are coming.
According to the word of your servant thus it is.”

13:36 And it was as he finished speaking.
And behold!
The sons of the king came.
And they lifted up their voices and wept.
And the king also and all his servants wept,
weeping exceedingly greatly.

13:37 And Abshalom fled.
And he went to Talmai, son of Ammihud, king of Geshur.
And David mourned over his son all the days.
13:38 And Abshalom fled.
And he went to Geshur.
And he was there three years.

13:39 And King David ceased
to go forth against Abshalom
because he had been comforted concerning Amnon,
that he was dead.

The traditional translation of this verse suggests the king "longed for Abshalom". But the word used is *kalah*. It means to end, to be finished with, to complete. Given the context that includes what follows it seems more fitting that he ceased mourning over Amnon and ceased desiring to go after Abshalom for his guilt in the matter.

Chapter 14

14:1 And Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah, knew
that the heart of the king was toward Abshalom.

14:2 And Yo'ab sent to Tekoa.
And he brought from there a wise woman.
And said to her,
“Please pretend to be a mourner
and put on mourning garments.
And do not anoint yourself with oil, but be like a woman
who has been mourning a long time over the dead.

14:3 And you are to go to the king.
And you are to speak to him according to this word.
And Yo'ab placed *the words themselves* **nx** in her mouth.

14:4 And the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king.
And she fell on her face to the ground
and prostrated herself.
And she said, "Help king!"

14:5 And the king said to her, "What is it for you?"
And she said, "Truly I myself am a widow woman.
My husband is dead.

14:6 And your female servant had two sons.
And the two quarreled in the field.
And there was no one to separate between them.
And the one struck the other *himself* **תא**.
And he killed he himself **תא**.

14:7 And behold!
The entire family has risen up against your female servant
And they said,
'Give he himself **תא** who struck his brother.
And we will put him to death for the life of his brother
whom he killed.
And we will also destroy the heir himself.'

But they would extinguish my ember itself **תא** that remains.
They would not establish the name of my husband
nor a remnant on the face of the soil."

14:8 And the king said to the woman,
"Go to your house.
And I myself will give directions concerning you."

14:9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king,
"Upon me, My sovereign the king,
is the moral perversion and on my father's house.
And the king and his throne are innocent."

14:10 And the king said,
"The one speaking to you, bring him to me.
And not again will he still lay a hand upon you."

14:11 And she said,
"Please let the king remind **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
against multiplying redeemers of blood
for the sake of destruction,
so that they will not destroy my son himself **תא**."

And he said,
"As **YAHWEH** lives, not a hair of your son
will fall to the ground."

14:12 And the woman said,
"Please let your female servant speak a word
to my sovereign the king."
And he said, "Speak."

14:13 And the woman said,
"And why have you reasoned like this
against the people of The Elohim?
And the king has spoken this word
as one who is guilty of the failure
to return to the king his outcast one himself **תא**."

14:14 Indeed, we will die,
die and be like water spilled on the ground
which is not gathered up again.
But The Elohim will not take away a life.

And He will consider means by which His outcast ones are not cast out from Him.

14:15 And now for what have I come to speak this word *itself* nx to my sovereign the king? Because the people are afraid.

And your female servant said,
'Please let me speak to the king.
Perhaps the king will do the word *itself* nx
of his female servant.

14:16 Indeed, the king has listened attentively to deliver his female servant *herself* nx from the hand of the man seeking to destroy me *myself* nx and my son *himself* nx alike from the inheritance of The Elohim.'

14:17 And your female servant said,
'Please let the word of my sovereign the king be calm. Indeed, my sovereign the king is like a messenger of The Elohim in discerning the good and the bad. And may **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, be with you.'

14:18 And the king responded.
And he said to the woman,
"Please do not hide from me the word that I am asking of you *yourself* nx."

And the woman said,
"Please let my sovereign the king speak."

14:19 And the king said,
"Is the hand of Yo'ab with you *yourself* nx in all this?"
And the woman responded.

And she said, "As your life lives, my sovereign the king, there is no one who turns to the right or to the left from all that my sovereign the king has spoken. Indeed, your servant Yo'ab, he directed me. And he placed in the mouth of your female servant all these words *themselves* nx.

14:20 For the sake of changing the face *itself* nx of the matter your servant Yo'ab has done this thing *itself* nx.

But my sovereign is wise according to the wisdom of a messenger of The Elohim for the sake of knowing everything that is on the earth."

14:21 And the king said to Yo'ab, "Behold now! I will do this word *itself* nx.
Now go!
Return the young man *himself* nx, Abshalom *himself* nx."

14:22 And Yo'ab fell on his face to the ground.
And he prostrated himself.
And he blessed the king *himself* nx.

And Yo'ab said,
"Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your eyes, my sovereign the king, in that the king has done the word *itself* nx of his servant."

14:23 And Yo'ab got up.

And he went to Geshur.

And he brought Abshalom *himself* **נא** to Yerushalaim.

14:24 And the king said, "He is to turn to his house.
And my face he is not to see."

And Abshalom turned to his house.

And he did not see the king's face.

This is the verse that confirms the earlier view that the king was against Abshalom for killing Amnon. He is still not openly accepting Abshalom. He has been restricted from coming fact to face with the king.

14:25 And in all Yisra'el
there was no one to be praised
as much as Abshalom for his good looks.
From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head
there existed no blemish.

14:26 And as he shaved his head *itself* **נא**.
And it was at every year's end that he shaved it
because it was heavy on him.
And he shaved it.

And he weighed the hair *itself* **נא** of his head
at two hundred shekels by the king's weight.

14:27 And to Abshalom were born three sons
and one daughter.
And her name was Tamar.
She was a woman of beautiful appearance.

14:28 And Abshalom
had dwelt in Yerushalaim two years.
And he had not seen the king's face.

14:29 And Abshalom sent for Yo'ab
for the sake of sending he *himself* **נא** to the king.
But he was not willing to come to him.
And he sent again the second time.
But he was not willing to come.

14:30 And he said to his servants, "See!
Yo'ab's field is near mine.
And he has barley there.
Go and set it on fire."

And Abshalom's servants set on fire the field *itself* **נא**.

14:31 And Yo'ab rose up.
And he went to the house of Abshalom.
And he said to him,
"Why have your servants set on fire my field *itself* **נא**?"

14:32 And Abshalom said to Yo'ab, "Behold!
I sent to you saying, 'Come here!
And I will send you *yourself* **נא** to the king to say,
'Why have I come from Geshur?
It was better for me there.'
And now I would see the king's face.
And if there exists in me any moral harm
then put me to death."

14:33 And Yo'ab went to the king.
And he told him.
And he called for Abshalom.
And he came to the king.
And he bowed himself on his face to the ground

before the king.
And the king kissed Abshalom.

Chapter 15

15:1 And it was after this.
And Abshalom made for himself a chariot and horses.
And fifty men were running before him.

15:2 And Abshalom rose early.
And he stood beside the road to the gate.

And it existed that anyone who had a controversy
came to the king for a judgment.
And Abshalom called to him.
And he said,
"From what city are you yourself **תא**?"
And he said,
"Your servant is from one of the tribes of Yisra'el,"

15:3 Abshalom said to him, "Look!
Your words are good and correct.
But there is no one to listen attentively to you
from the king himself **תא**."

15:4 And Abshalom said,
"Oh that I was placed as a judge in the land.
And before me would come every man
for whom there is a controversy or a judgment.
And I would make it right for him."

15:5 And it was as a man came near to him
to prostrate himself toward him.
And he would put forth his hand itself **תא**.
And he would grab him and embrace him.

15:6 And Abshalom did according to this word
for all of Yisra'el who came for judgment to the king.

And Abshalom stole the hearts themselves **תא**
of the men of Yisra'el.

15:7 And it was at the end of four years.
And Abshalom said to the king,
"Please let me go and complete the promise itself **תא**
which I promised to YAHWEH at Hebron.

15:8 Indeed, your servant promised a promise
as I dwelt at Geshur in Aram saying,
'If YAHWEH returns me, returns me to Yerushalaim
then I will serve YAHWEH Himself **תא**.'

15:9 And the king said to him, "Go in peace."
And he rose up and went to Hebron.

15:10 And Abshalom sent spies
into all the tribes of Yisra'el saying,
"As you hear the sound itself **תא** of the shofar
then you are to say,
'Abshalom has become king at Hebron!'

15:11 And Abshalom himself **תא** went
with two hundred men from Yerushalaim who were called.
And they went with integrity.
And they did not know anything.

15:12 And Abshalom sent for Ahitophel himself **תא**

the Gilonite, counselor of David, from his city, from Giloh,
as he was slaughtering the sacrifices *themselves* תא.

And it was as the conspiracy was strong.
And the people were going.
And they were building up Abshalom *himself* תא.
Ahitophel means brother of folly.

15:13 And the announcement came to David saying,
"The hearts of the men of Yisra'el are behind Abshalom."

15:14 And David said to all his servants who were
with *he himself* תא at Yerushalaim,
"Rise up and we will flee.
Indeed, there will be no escape for us
from the face of Abshalom!

Hurry! Go lest he hurries and he reaches us,
and he causes to be wielded over us *harm itself* תא,
and he causes the city to be struck
by the mouth of the sword!"

15:15 And the king's servants said to the king,
"According to everything
which my sovereign the king chooses!
Behold! *We are* your servants!"

15:16 And the king went out,
and all his household at his feet.
But the king permitted
ten women concubines themselves תא
to protect the house.

15:17 And the king went out
and all the people at his feet.
And they stood at the last house.
15:18 And all his servants were passing over at his side.
And all the Kerethites, and all the Pelethites,
and all the Gittites, six hundred men
who had come at his feet from Gath,
were passing over before the face of the king.

15:19 And the king said
to *Ittai himself* תא the Gittite,
"Why do you come, even *you yourself* תא,
with *us ourselves* תא?
Turn back and stay with the king.
Indeed, *you yourself* תא are a foreigner
and also an exile, *you yourself* תא, from your place.
Ittai means near.

15:20 Yesterday you came.
And today will I cause you to wander with us,
and I myself am going wherever I myself am going?
Return! And return to *your kindred themselves* תא.
Kindness and truth be with you."

15:21 And *Ittai himself* תא responded
to the king *himself* תא.
And he said, "As **YAHWEH** lives
and as my sovereign the king lives,
indeed, in whatever place where my sovereign the king is,
whether in death or life,
indeed, there your servant will be!"

15:22 And David said to Ittai himself nx.

“Come and pass over!”

And Ittai himself nx the Gittite, passed over,
and all his men, and all the little ones
who were with he himself nx.

15:23 And all the land

was weeping with a loud voice.

And all the people were passing over.

And the king was passing over the river Kidron.

And all the people were passing over
on the surface of the road to the wilderness itself nx.

15:24 And behold!

Even Tzadok and all the Levites were with he himself nx
carrying The Chest of The Covenant of The Elohim itself nx.

And they set down The Chest itself nx of The Elohim.

And Ebyathar went up until all the people completed
passing over from the city.

15:25 And the king said to Tzadok,

“Return The Chest itself nx of The Elohim to the city.

If I find favor in the eyes of **YAHWEH**

then He will cause me to return.

And He will cause me to see both it itself nx

and His dwelling itself nx.

15:26 And if He says thus,

‘I have not been pleased with you,’ I am here.

Let Him do to me according to what
seems good in His eyes.”

15:27 And the king said to Tzadok the priest,

“Are you yourself nx a seer?

Return to the city in peace and Ahima'ats, your son,
and Yahanathan, son of Ebyathar, your two sons,
they themselves nx.

15:28 Look, I will be waiting at the crossing place
of the wilderness until word comes from you to tell me.”

15:29 And Tzadok and Ebyathar returned

The Chest itself nx of The Elohim to Yerushalaim.

And they stayed there.

15:30 And David went up

by the ascent of the olives,

going up and weeping.

And his head was covered.

And he walked barefoot.

And all the people who were with he himself nx

covered each man his head.

And they went up, went up weeping.

15:31 And David was told saying,

“Ahithophel is among those bound with Abshalom.”

And David said, “Please cause to be foolish
the counsel of Ahitophel itself nx, **YAHWEH!**”

15:32 And it was that David came as far as the top
where he prostrated himself before The Elohim.

And behold!

Hushai, the Arkite, was coming to meet him,
his tunic being torn and soil being on his head.

15:33 And David said to him,
"If you pass over with me myself **nx**
then you will be a burden to me.

15:34 But if you return to the city
and you say to Abshalom,
'I myself am your servant, king.
I was your father's servant, even I myself previously.
But now I myself am your servant.'

And you can cause to be broken up
the counsel of Ahithophel itself **nx**.

15:35 And are not Tzadok
and Ebyathar the priests with you there?
And it will be that every matter you hear
from the king's house
you are to report to Tzadok and Ebyathar, the priests.

15:36 Behold! There with them are their two sons,
Ahima'ats, Tzadok's son, and Yathonathan,
Ebyathar's son.
And you are to send to me by their hand
every word which you hear."

15:37 And Hushai, David's friend, went into the city.
And Abshalom came into Yerushalaim.

Chapter 16

16:1 And David had passed over
a little from the top.
And behold!
Tziba, the servant of Mephiboshet,
met him and a pair of saddled male asses.
And on them *were* two hundred loaves of bread,
and one hundred cakes of raisins,
and one hundred summer fruits,
and a skin of wine.

16:2 And the king said to Tziba,
"Why do you have these?"
And Tziba said,
"The male asses are for the king's household to ride on.
And the bread and summer fruit
are for the young men to eat,
and the wine for the wearied to drink in the wilderness."

16:3 And the king said,
"And where is the son of your master?"
And Tziba said to the king, "Behold!
He is staying in Yerushalaim because he said,
'Today the house of Yisra'el is going to return to me
the kingdom itself **nx** of my father.'

16:4 And the king said to Tziba, "Behold!
All that belongs to Mephiboshet is yours."

And Tziba said, "I have prostrated myself.
May I find favor in your eyes, my sovereign the king!"

16:5 And King David came to Bahurim.
And behold!
A man from the family of the house of Sha'ul.

And his name was Shim'i, son of Gera,
was coming from there.
He was coming out, coming out belittling.
Shim'i means famous.

16:6 And he threw stones at David himself nx
and at all the servants themselves nx of King David.

And all the people and all the mighty men
were on his right hand and on his left hand.
16:7 And thus said Shim'i as he belittled,
"Get out! Get out!
Man of blood, and man of worthlessness!

16:8 **YAHWEH** has caused to return upon you
all the blood of the house of Sha'ul
in whose place you have reigned.
And **YAHWEH** has given the kingdom itself nx
into the hand of Abshalom your son.
And behold!
You are in your harm because you are a man of blood!"

16:9 And Abishai, son of Tzeruyah, said to the king,
"Why should this dead dog belittle
my sovereign the king himself nx?
Now let me pass over and cause to be taken off
his head itself nx!"

16:10 But the king said,
"What have I to do with you,
even you, sons of Tzeruyah?
Indeed, let him belittle.
Indeed, if **YAHWEH** has said to him,
'Belittle David himself nx,'
then who is to say, 'Why have you done thus?'"

16:11 And David said to Abishai
and to all his servants,
"Behold!
My son who has come forth from my abdomen
is seeking my life itself nx,
and indeed now this son of Binyamin!
Settle down!
And let him belittle.
Indeed, **YAHWEH** has said it to him.

16:12 "Perhaps **YAHWEH**
will look on my moral wrong
and **YAHWEH** will cause good to return to me
instead of his belittling today."

16:13 And David and his men
walked along the road.
And Shim'i walked alongside him on the hillside.
And he belittled.
And he threw stones toward him
and dusted him with dust.

16:14 And the king and all the people
who were with he himself nx were weary.
And they refreshed themselves there.

16:15 And Abshalom and all the people,
the men of Yisra'el, came to Yerushalaim.
And Ahithophel was with he himself nx.
16:16 And it was as Hushai, the Arkite,

the friend of David,
had come to Abshalom.

And Hushai said to Abshalom,
"Let the king live! Let the king live!"

16:17 And Abshalom said to Hushai,
"Is this your kindness to your friend himself אנ?
Why did you not go with your friend himself אנ?"

16:18 And Hushai said to Abshalom, "No!
Indeed, whom **YAHWEH** chooses and *whom* this people,
even all the men of Yisra'el have chosen,
for him I will be!
And I will stay with he himself אנ."

16:19 And again, for whom will I myself serve?
Will it not be before the face of his son?
According to how I have served
before the face of your father,
so will I be before your face."

16:20 And Abshalom said to Ahithophel,
"Provide your advice.
What should we do?"

16:21 And Ahithophel said to Abshalom,
"Go in to your father's concubines
whom he has left to protect the house.

And all Yisra'el will hear that you have made yourself
a stench to your father himself אנ.
And it will strengthen the hands
of all who are with you yourself אנ."

16:22 And they pitched a tent for Abshalom
on the top of the house.
And Abshalom went in to his father's concubines
before the eyes of all Yisra'el.

16:23 And the counsel of Ahithophel
which he advised in those days
was as if one had asked at the word of The Elohim.
Thus was all the advice of Ahithophel,
as for David, so also for Abshalom.

Chapter 17

17:1 And Ahithophel said to Abshalom,
"Please let me choose twelve thousand men.
And I will rise up.
And I will pursue David tonight.
17:2 And I will come upon him
while he is weary and weak.
And I will make he himself אנ shudder with terror.
And all the people who are with he himself אנ will flee.
And I will strike only the king himself אנ.
17:3 And I will return all the people to you.
When all the men return
except the man whom you yourself אנ are seeking
all the people will be at peace."

17:4 And the thing was right
in the eyes of Abshalom
and in the eyes of all the elders of Yisra'el.

17:5 But Abshalom said,

“Call now also Hushai the Arkite.
And we will hear from his mouth also.”
17:6 And Hushai came to Abshalom.
And Abshalom spoke to him saying,
“Ahithophel has spoken according to this word.
Should we do his word *itself* **תא**?
If not you yourself **תא** are to speak!”

17:7 And Hushai said to Abshalom,
“Not good is the advice
which Ahithophel has given at this time!”

17:8 And Hushai said,
“You yourself **תא** know your father *himself* **תא**
and his men *themselves* **תא**, that they are mighty men.
And they are bitter beings
like a bear robbed of its cubs in the field.
And your father is a man of battle.
And he will not spend the night
with the people *themselves* **תא**.

17:9 Behold!
Now he is hidden in one pit or in one of the places.
And it will be as some
will fall among them at the beginning.
And those hearing it will say,
‘There has been a defeat among the people
who are behind Abshalom.’

17:10 And even he who is powerful,
whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt,
he will melt!
All Yisra'el indeed knows that your father is a mighty man.
And those who are with he *himself* **תא** are powerful men.

17:11 Indeed, I advise to gather,
to gather around you
all Yisra'el from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand
beside the sea for multitude,
and you go in person into battle.

17:12 And we will come against him
in one of the places where he is found.
And we will be upon him like the dew
that falls on the soil.
And nothing will be left of him or of all the men
with he *himself* **תא**, even one!

17:13 And if he gathers into a city
then all Yisra'el will bring ropes to that city.
And we will drag it *itself* **תא** into the river
until there is not found there even one small stone!”

17:14 And Abshalom
and all the men of Yisra'el said,
“Better is the advice of Hushai the Arkite
than the advice of Ahithophel.”

And **YAHWEH** had given direction to defeat
the good advice *itself* **תא** of Ahithophel
for the sake of **YAHWEH** bringing to Abshalom
the bad *itself* **תא**.

17:15 And Hushai said to Tzadok
and to Ebyathar the priests,
“Like this and like that Ahithophel has advised

Abshalom *himself* nx

and the elders of Yisra'el *themselves* nx.

But like this and like that I myself have advised.

17:16 And now send quickly and report it to David saying,

'Do not spend the night in the desert of the wilderness.

But also pass over, pass over, lest you be devoured by the king and all the people with *he himself* nx.'

17:17 And Yahnathan and Ahima'ats stood at En Rogel.

And a female servant came.

And she reported it to them.

And they went.

And they reported it to King David because they were not able to be seen coming to the city.

17:18 But a youth saw *they themselves* nx.

And he reported it to Abshalom.

And the two of them went quickly.

And they went to a man's house in Bahurim.

And he had a well in his courtyard.

And they went down there.

17:19 And the woman took and scattered *a cover itself* nx over the mouth of the well.

And she spread grain on it.

And the matter was not known.

17:20 And the servants of Abshalom

came to the woman at the house.

And they said,

"Where are Ahima'ats and Yahnathan?"

And the woman said to them,

"They have passed over the stream of water."

And they searched.

But they did not find them.

And they returned to Yerushalaim.

17:21 And it was after they had gone.

And they came up out of the well.

And they went and reported it to King David.

And they said to David,

"Get up and quickly pass over *the water itself* nx

because according to this Ahithophel

has advised against you."

17:22 And David and all the people who were with *he himself* nx got up.

And they passed over *The Yarden itself* nx

until the morning light,

until not one was missing who had not passed over

The Yarden itself nx.

17:23 And Ahithophel saw that his advice was not done.

And he saddled *his male ass itself* nx.

And he got up.

And he went to his house, to his city.

And he gave direction to his household.

And he hung himself.

And he died.

And he was buried in his father's tomb.

17:24 And David went to Mahanaim.

And Abshalom passed over The Yarden *itself* תנ,
he and all the men of Yisra'el with him.

17:25 And Amasa *himself* תנ Abshalom
placed over the assembly instead of Yo'ab.
Now Amasa was the son of a man
whose name was Yithra, an Yisra'elite,
who had gone in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash,
sister of Tzeruyah, Yo'ab's mother.

Amasa means burden. Yithra means excellence.

17:26 And Yisra'el and Abshalom encamped
in the land of Gil'ad.

17:27 And it was as David had come to Mahanaim.
And Shobi, son of Nahash
from Rabbah of the children of Ammon,
and Makir, son of Ammi'el from Lo Debar,
and Barzillai the Gil'adite from Rogelim
17:28 brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels,
and wheat, and barley, and flour, and roasted grain,
and beans, and lentils, and parched vegetables,
17:29 and honey, and curds, and sheep,
and cheese of the herd for David
and the people who were with he *himself* תנ to eat.
Indeed they said,
"The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty
in the wilderness."

Chapter 18

18:1 And David numbered
the people *themselves* תנ
who were with he *himself* תנ.
And he set captains of thousands
and captains of hundreds over them.

18:2 And David sent out
one third of the people *themselves* תנ
in the hand of Yo'ab
and one third in the hand of Abishai,
son of Tzeruyah, Yo'ab's brother,
and one third in the hand of Ittai the Gittite.

And the king said to the people,
"I will go out, go out with you, I myself with the people!"

18:3 But the people said,
"You are not to go out because if we flee, flee,
they will not place a heart toward us.
Even if half of us die
they will not place a heart toward us.
Indeed now, ten thousand are like us.
And now it is better indeed for you
to support us from the city."

18:4 And the king said to them,
"What is good in your eyes I will do."
And the king stood beside the gate.
And all the people went out by hundreds
and by thousands.

18:5 And the king directed Yo'ab *himself* תנ,
and Abishai *himself* תנ, and Ittai *himself* תנ saying,
"Be gentle toward the young man, toward Abshalom,

for my sake.”

And all the people listened attentively as the king was giving directions to all the captains themselves תא over the word concerning Abshalom.

18:6 And the people went out into the field for the sake of encountering Yisra'el. And the battle was in the forest of Ephraim.

18:7 And the people of Yisra'e were defeated there before the servants of David. And there was slaughter there that day, twenty thousand.

18:8 And the battle there was scattered over the face of all the land. And the forest devoured more people that day than were devoured by the sword.

18:9 And Abshalom encountered the face of the servants of David. And Abshalom was riding on a mule. And the mule went under the interlaced branches of a large oak. And his head was held fast in the oak. And he was set between the skies and ground. But the mule which was under him passed over.

18:10 And one man saw it. And he reported it to Yo'ab. And he said, “Behold! I saw Abshalom himself תא hanging in an oak!”

18:11 And Yo'ab said to the man reporting it to him, “But behold! You saw it! And why did you not strike him there to the ground? And for that I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a belt.”

18:12 But the man said to Yo'ab, “Though I were to receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand I would not extend my hand against the son of the king. Indeed, in our hearing the king directed you yourself תא, and Abishai himself תא, and Ittai himself תא saying, ‘Protect the young man Abshalom for my sake!’

The Hebrew is difficult in the last line of this verse. Much debate has been given concerning its proper meaning. What's given here is not the literal sense because what's in the text makes little sense in this context. A reasonable alternate has been adopted.

18:13 Otherwise I would have done falsely with my life. And any word is not hidden from the king. And you yourself תא would have stationed yourself in opposition to me.”

18:14 And Yo'ab said, “Not like this will I delay before your face!” And he took three spears in the palm of his hand. And he thrust them into the heart of Abshalom, still alive in the heart of the oak.

18:15 And ten young men carrying Yo'ab's armor

surrounded him.

And they struck Abshalom himself נא.

And they put him to death.

18:16 And Yo'ab blew with a shofar.

And the people returned from pursuing after Yisra'el
because Yo'ab restrained the people themselves נא.

18:17 And they took Abshalom himself נא.

And they threw he himself נא into a large pit in the forest.

And they stationed over him an exceedingly large
heap of stones.

And all Yisra'el fled, each man to his tent.

18:18 And Abshalom had taken

and had stood up for himself in his life

a monument itself נא which is in the King's Valley

because he said,

"I have no son for the sake
of the remembrance of my name."

And he called the monument after his name.

And it is called for the sake of his hand

Abshalom's Monument.

18:19 And Ahima'ats, son of Tzadok said,

"Please let me run and announce it to the king himself נא

because **YAHWEH** has pronounced sentence
against his adversaries."

18:20 But Yo'ab said to him,

"Not a man of good news are you yourself נא this day,

but good news on another day.

And this day is not good news

because the king's son is dead."

18:21 And Yo'ab said to the Kushite,

"Go! Declare to the king what you have seen."

And the Kushite prostrated himself to Yo'ab.

And he ran.

18:22 And Ahima'ats, son of Tzadok, added still more.

And he said to Yo'ab,

"And whatever might be, please let me run also
after the Kushite."

And Yo'ab said, "Why this,

You yourself נא running my son

yet there is no good news to be found?"

18:23 "And whatever may be I will run."

And he said to him, "Run!"

And Ahima'ats ran by the way of the plain.

And he passed over the Kushite himself נא.

18:24 And David was sitting between the two gates.

And the watchman went up

to the roof of the gate to the wall.

And he lifted up his eyes themselves נא.

And he looked.

And he beheld a man running alone.

18:25 And the watchman called out.

And he reported it to the king.

And the king said,

"If he is alone there is good news in his mouth."

And he came, he came.

And he was approaching.

18:26 And the watchman saw another man running.
And the watchman called out to the gatekeeper.
And he said, "Behold!
A man running alone!"
And the king said, "This also is good news."

18:27 And the watchman said,
"I myself see the running of the first *himself* **אני**
as the running of Ahima'ats, son of Tzadok."

And the king said,
"This is a good man.
And he is coming with good news."

18:28 And Ahima'ats called out.
And he said to the king, "Shalom!"
Then he prostrated himself with his face to the ground
before the king.
And he said,
"Blessed be **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,
Who has stopped the men *themselves* **אנא**
who lifted up their hands *themselves* **אנא**
against my sovereign the king!"

18:29 And the king said,
"Is it shalom to the young man, to Abshalom?"
And Ahima'ats said,
"I saw a great tumult at Yo'ab's sending
of the king's servant *himself* **אני**.
But I did not know why."

18:30 And the king said,
"Turn around and stand here."
And he turned around and stood.

18:31 And behold!
The Kushite came.
And the Kushite said,
"Good news, my sovereign the king!
Indeed, **YAHWEH** has pronounced sentence
for you this day on all who stood up against you!"

18:32 And the king said to the Kushite,
"Is it shalom for the young man, for Abshalom?"
And the Kushite said,
"As the young man may the adversaries be
of my sovereign the king
and all who have stood up against you for harm!"

Note: Chapter 19 begins after this verse in the Hebrew text.

(H 19.1)18:33 And the king trembled.
And he went up to the room over the gate.
And he wept.
And as he went he said this,
"My son, Abshalom! My son, my Abshalom.
If only I had died instead of you!
Abshalom my son, my son!"

Chapter 19

19:1 (H 19.2) And it was reported to Yo'ab,
"Behold! The king is weeping
and mourning over Abshalom!"
19:2 (H 19.3) And the deliverance on that day
became mourning for all the people

because the people heard on that day saying,
"The king is displeased over his son."
19:3 (H 19.4) And the people came by stealth
into the city on that day as people who are ashamed
go by stealth as they flee in battle.

19:4 (H 19.5) And the king
covered his face *itself* אנ.
And the king cried out with a loud voice,
"My son Abshalom! Abshalom, my son, my son!"

19:5 (H 19.6) And Yo'ab went
to the house to the king.
And he said,
"You have caused to be shamed today
the faces *themselves* אנ of all your servants,
those rescuing your life *itself* אנ,
and the lives *themselves* אנ of your sons,
and the lives of your daughters,
and the lives of your wives,
and the lives of your concubines,
19:6 (H 19.7) by loving those hating you *themselves* אנ
and by hating those loving you *themselves* אנ.
Indeed, you have declared today that you have
neither leaders nor servants!
Indeed, today I know that if Abshalom had lived
and all of us had died today,
indeed, then it would be right in your eyes.

19:7 (H 19.8) And now get up!
Go out and speak to the heart of your servants!
Indeed, I swear by YAHWEH if you do not go out
not one will spend the night with you *yourself* אנ.

And this will be more harm for you than all the harm
that has come upon you from your youth until now."

19:8 (H 19.9) And the king got up.
And he sat in the gate.
And all the people were told saying, "Behold!
The king is sitting in the gate!"
And all the people came before the face of the king.
And Yisra'el had fled, each man to his tent.

19:9 (H 19.10) And all the people were contending
among all the tribes of Yisra'el saying,
"The king delivered us from the hand of our adversaries.
And he rescued us from the hand of the Philistines.
And now he has fled from the land
on account of Abshalom.
19:10 (H 19.11) And Abshalom whom we anointed over us
has died in battle.
And now why are you *yourselves* אנ silent
about returning the king *himself* אנ?"

19:11 (H 19.12) And King David sent
to Tzadok and Ebyathar, the priests, saying,
"Speak to the elders of Yahudah saying,
'Why are you the last to return the king *himself* אנ
to his house, yet the words of all Yisra'el
have come to the king, to his house?
19:12 (H 19.13) You *yourselves* אנ are my kindred.
You *yourselves* אנ are my bone and my flesh.
But why are you the last to return the king *himself* אנ?"

19:13 (H 19.14) And you are to say to Amasa,
'Are you not my bone and my flesh, you yourself **אנך**?

Thus may The Elohim do to me and thus may He add
if you are not head of the assembly before my face
all the days instead of Yo'ab! "

19:14 (H 19.15) And he swayed
the hearts themselves **אנך**
of all the men of Yahudah as one man.
And they sent to the king saying,
"Return, you yourself **אנך**, and all your servants!"

19:15 (H 19.16) And the king was returning.
And he came to The Yarden.
And Yahudah went to Gilgal for the sake of meeting
the king himself **אנך**, to The Yarden itself **אנך**.

19:16 (H 19.17) And Shim'i, son of Gera,
a Binyamite who was from Bahurim, hurried.
And he went down with the men of Yahudah
to meet King David.

19:17 (H 19.18) And with him
were a thousand men from Binyamin.
And Tziba, the servant of the house of Sha'ul,
and his fifteen sons, and his twenty servants
were with he himself **אנך**.

And they rushed to the Yarden before the face of the king.

19:18 (H 19.19) And they passed over the crossing place
for the sake of causing to pass over
the king's household itself **אנך**
and to do what was good in his eyes.

And Shim'i, son of Gera, fell down
before the face of the king
as he was passing over into Yarden.

19:19 (H 19.20) And he said to the king,
"Do not let my sovereign remember
what crookedness itself **אנך** your servant did
on the day that you went out,
my sovereign the king, from Yerushalaim,
so that the king might place it on his heart.

19:20 (H 19.21) Indeed, your servant knows
that I myself have offended.

And behold!

I have come today as first of all the house of Yoseph,
to go down to meet my sovereign the king."

19:21 (H 19.22) And Abishai,
son of Tzeruyah responded.

And he said,

"Instead of this is not Shim'i to be put to death
because he belittled the anointed of YAHWEH himself **אנך**?"

19:22 (H 19.23) And David said,
"What is it for me and for you, you sons of Tzeruyah,
that you are adversaries to me today?
Should any man be put to death in Yisra'el today?
Indeed, do I not know today that I myself
am king over Yisra'el?"

19:23 (H 19.24) And the king said to Shim'i,
"You will not be put to death!"
And the king swore to him.

19:24 (H 19.25) And Mephiboshet, son of Sha'ul,
went down to meet the king.
And he had not prepared his feet.
And he had not prepared his beard.
And his garments themselves nx he had not washed
from the day of the king's going
until the day he came back in peace.

19:25 (H 19.26) And it was as he was coming
to Yerushalaim for the sake of meeting the king.
And the king said to him,
"Why did you not go with me, Mephiboshet?"

19:26 (H 19.27) And he said,
"My sovereign the king, my servant deceived me.
Indeed, your servant said,
'I will saddle for myself a male ass.
And I will ride on it.
And I will go to the king himself nx
because your servant is lame.

19:27 (H 19.28) And he spoke slander
against your servant to my sovereign the king.
But my sovereign the king
is as a messenger of The Elohim.
Now do what is good in your eyes

19:28 (H 19.29) Indeed, all of my father's house
were nothing but men of death
before my sovereign the king.
Yet you placed your servant himself nx
among those eating at your table.
Therefore what right have I any longer
even to cry out to the king?"

19:29 (H 19.30) And the king said to him,
"Why do you speak any more of your words?
I have said, 'You yourself nx and Tziba are to apportion
the land itself nx.' "

19:30 (H 19.31) And Mephiboshet said to the king,
"Even let him take everything itself nx
since my sovereign the king
has returned in peace to his house."

19:31 (H 19.32) And Barzillai the Gil'adite
had come down from Rogelim.
And passed over The Yarden with the king himself nx
for the sake of sending him on his way,
at Yarden itself nx.

This is another verse where the Hebrew is difficult. It's not clear what is really intended. This may involve some copyist errors. It may be a later editing of the text that reflects an awareness of the country of Yarden, not the river. It does not appear from other portions of Scripture that the land east of the river was known as "Jordan" at this time. Barzillai means iron hearted.

19:32 (H 19.33) And Barzillai was very old,
eighty years.
And he had sustained the king himself nx
when his residence was at Mahanaim.
Indeed, the man was exceedingly great.

19:33 (H 19.34) And the king said to Barzillai,

“You yourself **תָּא** pass over with me myself **תָּא**
and I will sustain you yourself **תָּא** with me at Yerushalaim.”

19:34 (H 19.35) But Barzillai said to the king,
“How many are the days of the years of my life
that I should go up with the king himself **תָּא**
to Yerushalaim?

19:35 (H 19.36) “I am now eighty years old today.

Do I know between good and bad?

Can your servant taste what itself **תָּא** I eat

or what itself **תָּא** I drink?

Do I still hear the voice of singing men or singing women?

And why should your servant any longer be a burden
to my sovereign the king?

19:36 (H 19.37) “As a little thing
your servant would pass over The Yarden itself **תָּא**
with the king himself **תָּא**.

And to what benefit to the king is this treatment?

19:37 (H 19.38) Please let your servant return.

And I will die in my city

near the grave of my father and mother.

But behold!

Let your servant, Kimham, pass over

with my sovereign the king.

And do for him what is good itself **תָּא** in your eyes.”

Kimham means pining; longing.

19:38 (H 19.39) And the king said,

“With me myself **תָּא** Kimham will pass over.

And I myself will do for him

what is good itself **תָּא** in your eyes.

And anything you choose of me I will do for you.”

19:39 (H 19.40) And all the people passed over

The Yarden itself **תָּא**.

And the king had passed over.

And the king embraced Barzillai.

And he blessed him.

And he returned to his place.

19:40 (H 19.41) And the king passed over to Gilgal.

And Kimham passed over with him

and all the people of Yahudah.

And they caused to pass over the king himself **תָּא**

and also half the people of Yisra'el.

19:41 (H 19.42) And behold!

All the men of Yisra'el were coming toward the king!

And they said to the king,

“Why have our kindred, the men of Yahudah,

stolen you away

and caused to pass over The Yarden itself **תָּא**

the king himself **תָּא**, and his household itself **תָּא**,

and all David's men with him?

19:42 (H 19.43) And all the men of Yahudah

responded to the men of Yisra'el,

“Indeed, the king is a relative to us.

And for what reason does your anger

flare up for yourselves over this matter?

Have we eaten, eaten at the king's cost?
Or has he lifted up, lifted up for us *a gift*?"

19:43 (H 19.44) And the men of Yisra'el responded
to the men of Yahudah themselves **nx**.
And they said,
"We have ten parts in the king.
And also with David we have more than you.
Why then did you belittle us?
Was it not our word first to return our king himself **nx**?"

But more harsh were the words of the men of Yahudah
than the words of the men of Yisra'el.

Chapter 20

20:1 And a man of worthlessness was there.
And his name was Sheba, son of Bikri, a Binyamite.
And he blew on a shofar.
And he said,
"None of us have an allotment with David,
nor an inheritance in the son of Yishai!
Every man to his tents, Yisra'el!"

20:2 And all the men of Yisra'el
got up from behind David
to behind Sheba, the son of Bikri.
But the men of Yahudah adhered to their king
from The Yarden as far as Yerushalaim.

20:3 And David went to his house at Yerushalaim.
And the king took the ten women
concubines themselves **nx**
whom he had left to protect the house
and he put them in a house under guard.
And he provided for them but did not go in to them.
And they were confined until the day of their death,
living in widowhood.

20:4 And the king said to Amasa,
"Call together to me the men of Yahudah in three days.
And you yourself **nx** are to stand here!"

20:5 And Amasa went
for the sake of calling together Yahudah itself **nx**.
But he delayed beyond the time
which had been appointed.

20:6 And David said to Abishai,
"Now Sheba, son of Bikri, will do more harm to us
than Abshalom.
You yourself **nx**, take the servants themselves **nx**
of your sovereign and pursue after him
lest he find for himself walled cities
and he has delivered himself *from* our eyes."

20:7 And the men of Yo'ab went out after him,
and the Kerethites, and the Pelethites,
and all the mighty ones.
And they went out of Yerushalaim to pursue after Sheba,
son of Bikri.

20:8 They *were* near the large stone
which is in Gib'on.
And Amasa went in front of them.
And Yo'ab was girded with his robe, his clothing,

and on his belt a sword was fastened
at his hips in a sheath.
And he went out. And it fell.

20:9 And Yo'ab said to Amasa,
"Is it peace for you yourself nx my brother?"
And Yo'ab seized Amasa by the beard
with his right hand *as if* to kiss him.
20:10 And Amasa was not on guard against the sword
that was in Yo'ab's hand.
And he struck him with it in the abdomen.
And his intestines poured out on the ground.
And he did it not again to him.
And he died.

And Yo'ab and Abishai, his brother,
pursued after Sheba, son of Bikri.
20:11 And a man stood beside him
from the men of Yo'ab.
And he said,
"Whoever is well pleased with Yo'ab
and whoever is for David get behind Yo'ab!"

20:12 And Amasa was rolling in blood
in the middle of the highway.
And a man saw that all the people stood still.
And he moved Amasa himself nx
from the highway to the field.
And he threw a covering over him
as he saw that everyone coming upon him stood still.

20:13 Since he was removed from the highway
all the men passed over after Yo'ab
for the sake of pursuing after Sheba, son of Bikri.

20:14 And he passed over
into all the tribes of Yisra'el,
to Abel, and to Bet Ma'akah, and to all the Berites.
And they assembled.
And they went after him also.

20:15 And they went.
And they besieged against him at Abel of Bet Ma'akah.
And they mounded up a mound against the city.
And it stood in a trench.
And all the people who were with Yo'ab himself nx
were destroying the wall for the sake of throwing it down.

20:16 And a wise woman called out from the city,
"Listen attentively! Listen attentively!
Please say to Yo'ab,
'Come near here and I will speak to you.' "

20:17 And he came near.
And the woman said, "Are you yourself nx Yo'ab?"
And he said, "I am."
And she said to him,
"Listen attentively to the words of your female servant."
And he said, "I am listening attentively."
20:18 And she spoke saying,
"In former times they spoke saying,
'Inquire, inquire at Abel,'
And thus it was ended.

20:19 I am of the peaceable,

of the faithful of Yisra'el.

You yourself **nx** are seeking to destroy a city
and a mother in Yisra'el.
Why would you do away with an inheritance of YAHWEH?"

20:20 And Yo'ab responded.

And he said,
"Far be it, far be it from me to do away with or to destroy!
20:21 It is not according to the word.
Indeed, a man from Mount Ephraim,
Sheba, son of Bikri by name,
lifted up his hand against the king, against David.
Give he himself **nx** alone
and I will go from against the city."

And the woman said to Yo'ab, "Behold!
His head is going to be thrown down to you
beside the wall."

20:22 And the woman went in her wisdom
to all the people.

And they cut off the head itself **nx** of Sheba, son of Bikri.
And they threw it down to Yo'ab.
And he blew with a shofar.
And they dispersed from the city, each man to his tent.
And Yo'ab returned to Yerushalaim, to the king.

20:23 And Yo'ab was over
all the assembly of Yisra'el.

And Benayah, son of Yahoyada, was over
the Kerethites and the Pelethites.

20:24 And Adoram was over the compulsory labor.

And Yahoshaphat, son of Ahilud, was recorder.

20:25 And Sheva was scribe, and Tzadok and Ebyathar
were the priests.

20:26 And also Ira, the Ya'irite, was priest to David.

Benayah means Yah has built. Yahoyada means Yah has known, or knows. Adoram means sovereign of the people. Yahoshaphat means Yah has judged. Ahilud means brother of one born. Sheva means false. Ira means wakefulness.
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Chapter 21

21:1 And there was a famine in the days of David
for three years, year after year.

And David sought the face itself **nx** of YAHWEH.

And YAHWEH said,

"*It is on account of Sha'ul and his house of blood
because he killed the Gib'onites themselves* **nx**."

21:2 And the king called the Gib'onites.

And he spoke to them.

And the Gib'onites were not of the children of Yisra'el
because they were a remainder of the Amorites.

And the children of Yisra'el had sworn to them.

But Sha'ul had sought to strike them
in his zeal for the children of Yisra'el and Yahudah.

21:3 And David said to the Gib'onites,

"What can I do for you?

And with what can I make atonement?

Then you can bless

the inheritance itself **nx** of YAHWEH!" **nx**

21:4 And the Gib'onites said to him,
"It is no matter of silver or gold with us and Sha'ul
or with his house.
Neither is it for us to have a man put to death in Yisra'el."
And he said,
"Whatever you yourselves **nx** say I will do for you."

21:5 And they said to the king,
"The man who consumed us
and plotted for us to be destroyed
from remaining in all the territory of Yisra'el,
21:6 let seven men from his sons be given to us.
And we will impale them before **YAHWEH**
at Gib'ah of Sha'ul, chosen of **YAHWEH**."
And the king said, "I myself will give them."

21:7 But the king had pity on Mephiboshet,
son of Yahonathan, son of Sha'ul,
on account of the oath of **YAHWEH**
that existed between them,
between David and Yahonathan, son of Sha'ul.

21:8 And the king took
the two sons of Ritzpah themselves **nx**,
the daughter of Ayah, whom she bore to Sha'ul,
Armoni and the other Mephibosheth,
and the five sons of Mikal, the daughter of Sha'ul,
whom she brought up for Adri'el,
the son of Barzillai, the Meholathite.

Ritzpah means a hot stone.
Ayah means screamer.

21:9 And he gave them
into the hands of the Gib'onites.
And they impaled them on the hill
before the face of **YAHWEH**.
And the seven fell together.
And they were put to death in the days of harvest,
in the first days of the harvest,
at the beginning of barley harvest.

This puts this event at the time of Pesach, The Passover.
This is a most interesting timing since these men were put to
death as an "atonement". The term used for "impaled"
means to sever oneself; to be dislocated. Thus even the
form of their atoning death was similar to that of The
Messiah.

21:10 And Ritzpah, the daughter of Ayah,
took sackcloth itself **nx**.
And she spread it for herself on the rock
from the beginning of harvest
until water flowed upon them from the skies.
And she did not permit the birds of the skies
to rest on them by day
nor the animals of the field themselves **nx** by night.

21:11 And it was reported to David
what itself **nx** Ritzpah, the daughter of Ayah,
the concubine of Sha'ul, had done.

21:12 And David went.
And he took the bones themselves **nx** of Sha'ul
and the bones themselves **nx** of Yahonathan, his son,
from the masters themselves **nx** of Yabesh Gil'ad

who had stolen they themselves תא
from the street of Bet Shean
where the Philistines had hung them
in the day the Philistines had struck Sha'ul himself תא
at Gilboa.

21:13 And he brought up from there
the bones themselves תא of Sha'ul
and the bones themselves תא of Yohonathan, his son.
And they gathered together the bones themselves תא
of the ones hanged.

21:14 And they buried the bones themselves תא
of Sha'ul and Yohonathan, his son in the land of Binyamin,
at Tzela, in the tomb of Kish, his father.

And they did everything that the king had directed.
And he interceded with The Elohim for the land after this.

21:15 And a battle
was brandished by the Philistines
with Yisra'el itself תא.
And David went down and his servants with him.
And they fought the Philistines themselves תא.

And David was weary.

21:16 And Yishbo Benob,
who was among the sons of the giant,
the weight of whose bronze spear
was three hundred pieces,
who was girded with a new sword.
And he spoke of killing David himself תא.

21:17 But Abishai, son of Tzeruyah,
struck the Philistine himself תא.
And he put him to death.

Then David's men swore to him saying,
"You are no longer to go out
with us ourselves תא to battle.
And you are not to extinguish
the lamp of Yisra'el itself תא."

21:18 And it was after this.
And there was a battle again at Gob with the Philistines.
Then Sibbekai the Hushathite, struck Saph himself תא
who was among the sons of the giant.

21:19 And there was again a battle at Gob
with the Philistines.
And Elhanan, son of Ya'arey Oregim, the Bet Lechemite,
struck the brother of Golyat himself תא, the Gittite.
And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam.

Two different men cannot have killed Goliath. There is difficulty with the Hebrew text in this passage. It appears that Elhanan struck yet another brother of Goliath. He had four brothers. Each of them is being accounted for here in this passage.

21:20 And there was again a battle at Gath.
And there was a man of height who had six fingers
on each hand and six toes on each foot,
twenty four in number.

And he also was born to the giant.
21:21 And he defamed Yisra'el *itself* **nx**.

And Yahonathan, son of Shim'i, the brother of David,
struck him.
21:22 These four *themselves* **nx**
were born to the giant in Gath.
And they fell by the hand of David
and by the hand of his servants.

Chapter 22

22:1 And David spoke to **YAHWEH**
the words *themselves* **nx** of this song
on the day **YAHWEH** delivered he *himself* **nx**
from the hollow of the hand of all his adversaries
and from the hollow of the hand of Sha'ul.

22:2 And he said,
"**YAHWEH** is my rock, and my stronghold,
and my deliverer.

22:3 My Elohim is my rock.
I take refuge in Him.
My shield and the horn of my deliverance,
My high tower and my retreat,
My deliverer, from violence You save me.

22:4 Praising, I call to **YAHWEH**
and from my adversaries I am delivered.

22:5 Indeed, the waves of death surrounded me.
Streams of worthlessness made me afraid.

22:6 The cords of she'ol were around me.
Before me were the snares of death.

22:7 As distress was toward me I called to **YAHWEH**.
Even to my Elohim I called out.
And from His Temple He heard my voice.
And my cry was in His ears.

22:8 And the earth shook and trembled.
The foundations of the skies teetered and shook.
Indeed, His anger flared up.

22:9 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
and fire from His mouth was devouring.
Coals were kindled by it.

22:10 And He spread apart the skies
and came down.

And thick darkness was under His feet.
22:11 And He rode upon a cherub and He flew.

And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.
22:12 And He placed darkness all around Him,
booths of dark waters, dark vapors.

22:13 From the brilliancy before Him
coals of fire were kindled.

22:14 From the skies **YAHWEH** thundered.
And Elyon gave His voice.

22:15 And He sent out arrows, and He scattered them,
lightning, and He disturbed them.

22:16 And the channels of the sea were seen,
The foundations of the world were uncovered
at the rebuke of **YAHWEH**,
at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

22:17 He sent from on high.
He took me.
He drew me out of many waters.
22:18 He delivered me from my strong adversaries,
from ones hating me.
Indeed, they were stronger than I.
22:19 They came before me in the day of my oppression
but YAHWEH was a support for me.

22:20 And He brought me out into a broad space.
He Himself **nx** delivered me because He delighted in me.

22:21 YAHWEH rewarded me
according to my right action.
According to the purity of my hands He returned to me
22:22 because I have protected the ways of YAHWEH
and I have not acted wrongly against my Elohim.

22:23 Indeed, all His regulations are in front of me
and His rules, I do not turn aside from them.

22:24 And I will be whole before Him.
And I will protect myself from my moral perversity.

22:25 And YAHWEH will return to me
according to my right actions,
according to my purity before His eyes.

22:26 With the kind You show Yourself kind.
With the wholly valiant You show Yourself whole.
22:27 With the pure You show Yourself pure.
And with the perverted You show Yourself shrewd.
22:28 And the humble people themselves **nx** You deliver.
But Your eyes are on the exalted to bring them low.

22:29 Indeed, You Yourself **nx**, YAHWEH,
are my lamp.
And YAHWEH illuminates my darkness.

22:30 Indeed, with You I can run as a crowd.
With my Elohim I can leap a wall.

22:31 The El, His way is whole.
The Word of YAHWEH is refined.
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

22:32 Indeed, who is El except YAHWEH?
And who is a rock, except our Elohim?

22:33 The El is my stronghold of force
and He makes my way whole,
22:34 leveling my feet like a doe.
And upon my high places He causes me to stand,
22:35 teaching my hands for the sake of battle,
and my arms to bend a bow of brass.

22:36 And You have given to me
a shield of Your deliverance.
And Your humility makes me great.
22:37 You enlarge my steps under me.
And my feet do not slip.

22:38 I pursue my adversaries and destroy them.
And I do not turn back until they are terminated.
22:39 And I terminate them.

And I smash them.
And they do not get up.
And they fall under my feet.

22:40 And You gird me with strength for battle.

You cause to bow down under me
those who stand up before me.

22:41 And my adversaries,
You have given to me the backs of those hating me
and I have destroyed them.

22:42 They gaze about but there is no deliverer,
to **YAHWEH**, but there is no response.

22:43 And I beat them like the dust of the ground.
Like miry clay of a street I crush them.
I pound them to the ground.

22:44 And You deliver me
from the contentions of my people.
You protect me as head of the nations.

A people I have not known serve me.
22:45 Children of a foreigner submit to me.

To hear with the ear they listen attentively.
22:46 Children of a foreigner wilt and gird themselves
out of their strongholds.

22:47 **YAHWEH** lives!

And blessed is my Rock!
And exalted is my Elohim,
Rock of my deliverance,

22:48 The El who gives vengeance to me,
and is bringing peoples down under me,

22:49 and is bringing me out from my adversaries,
and is raising me up higher.

From men of violence I have been delivered!

22:50 For this reason I confess You, **YAHWEH**,
among nations!

And I sing praise to Your Name

22:51 magnifying the deliverances of His king
and doing kindness to His anointed
To David and his seed until time unseen!"

Chapter 23

23:1 And these are the last words of David,
an utterance of David, son of Yishai,
the man caused to stand at the top,
anointed by The Elohim of Ya'akob,
and a delightful psalmist of Yisra'el.

23:2 "The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
has spoken with me.

And His message is on my tongue.

23:3 The Elohim of Yisra'el has said to me,
The Rock of Yisra'el has spoken to me,

'One ruling justly with men,
ruling with reverence for The Elohim,

23:4 is like the light of dawn, sun rise of a morning,
a morning with no clouds.

From brilliancy, from rain, *it* sprouts from the earth.

23:5 Indeed, is not my house so with El?

Indeed, He has made an everlasting covenant for me,
arranged in everything and protected
because of every deliverance and every pleasure

that has not been caused to sprout

23:6 But the worthless thorns,
all of them wave too and fro
because they are not taken with hands.

23:7 And man touches them
with a full iron shaft of a spear.
And with fire they are burned, burned in their place.”

23:8 These are the names of the mighty men
whom David had:

Yosheb-Basshebet, the Tachmonite, head of the Three.
He with his sharp spear killed eight hundred at one time.

23:9 And after him was El'azar, son of Dodo, the Ahohite,
among the three mighty men with David
when they disgraced the Philistines
gathered there for battle.
And the men of Yisra'el had retreated.

23:10 He stood up.
And he struck the Philistines until his hand was weary.
And his hand clung to his sword.
And YAHWEH caused a great deliverance that day.
And the people returned after him only to strip *the slain*.

23:11 And after him was Shammah,
son of Age, the Hararite.
And the Philistines were gathered into a company.
And there was a portion of ground full of lentils.
And the people fled from the Philistines.

23:12 But he took his stand in the middle of the portion.
And he delivered it.

And he struck the Philistines *themselves* **nx**.
And YAHWEH caused a great rescue.

23:13 And three of the thirty leaders
went down at harvest time.
And they came to David at the cave of Adullam.

And a band of Philistines were pitching their tents
in the Valley of Repha'im.

23:14 And David was then in the stronghold.
And a garrison of the Philistines was then at Bet Lechem.

23:15 And David wished for himself.
And he said,
“Who will cause me to drink water
from the well at Bet Lechem which is by the gate?”

23:16 And the three mighty men broke through
the encampment of the Philistines.
And they drew water from the well at Bet Lechem
that was by the gate.
And they picked it up.
And they brought it to David.

But he was not willing to drink it.
And he poured out *itself* **nx** to YAHWEH.

23:17 And he said,
“Far be from me, YAHWEH, from doing this.
It is the blood of the men, those going with their lives!”

And he was not willing to drink it.
This the three mighty men did.

23:18 And Abishai, the brother of Yo'ab,
son of Tzeruyah, was head of the three.
And he awakened his spear itself תנ
over three hundred slain.
And he had a name among the three.
23:19 Was he not honored above the three?
And he was their head.
But he did not come up to the first three.

23:20 And Benayah was the son of Yahoyada,
son of a brave man from Kabtze'el, numerous in deeds.
He struck two lion-like men of Mo'ab themselves תנ.

And he himself went down and struck a lion itself תנ
in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

23:21 And he struck a Mitsraite man himself תנ,
who was impressive looking.
And the Mitsraite had a spear in his hand.
And he went down toward him with a staff.
And he plucked the spear itself תנ
from the Mitsraite's hand.
And he killed him with his own spear.
23:22 This is was done by Benayah, son of Yahoyada.

And he had a name among three mighty men.
23:23 Among the thirty he was honorable.
But he did not come up to the first three.
And David placed him over his bodyguard.

23:24 Asah'el, the brother of Yo'ab,
was one of the thirty,
Elhanan son of Dodo, of Bet Lechem,
23:25 Shammah, the Harodite, Elika, the Harodite,
23:26 Heletz, the Paltite, Ira, son of Ikkesh, the Tekoaite,
23:27 Abi'ezer, the Anethothite, Mebunnai, the Hushathite,
23:28 Tzalmon, the Ahohite, Maharai, the Netophathite,
23:29 Heleb, son of Ba'anah, the Netophathite,
Ittai, son of Ribai, from Gib'ah of the children of Binyamin,
23:30 Benayah the Pirathonite,
Hiddai, from the brooks of Ga'ash,
23:31 Abi-Albon, the Arbathite, Azmavet, the Barhumite,
23:32 Elyahba, the Sha'albonite,
of the sons of Yashen, Yahonathan,
23:33 Shammah, the Hararite,
Ahyam, son of Sharar, the Hararite,
23:34 Eliphelet, son of Ahasbai,
son of the Ma'akathite, Eliyam,
son of Ahithophel, the Gilonite,
23:35 Hetzrai, the Carmelite, Pa'arai, the Arbite,
23:36 Yig'al, son of Nathan of Tzobah, Bani, the Gadite,
23:37 Tzelek, the Ammonite, Naharai, the Be'erotherite,
armor-bearer of Yo'ab, son of Tzeruyah,
23:38 Ira, the Yithrite, Gareb, the Yithrite,
23:39 and Uriyah, the Hittite, thirty seven in all.

Chapter 24

24:1 And again the anger of YAHWEH
flared up against Yisra'el.
And he incited David himself תנ against them saying,
"Go number Yisra'el itself תנ and Yahudah itself תנ."

24:2 And the king said to Yo'ab,
the captain of the assembly

who was with he himself נא.
"Travel now into all the tribes of Yisra'el,
from Dan as far as Be'ersheba
and number the people themselves נא
so that I can know the number of the people itself נא."

24:3 And Yo'ab said to the king,
"And may **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, add to the people
as they are a hundred times more.
And *may* the eyes of my sovereign the king see it.
But my sovereign the king,
why have you delighted in this word?"

24:4 But the king's word was strong toward Yo'ab
and over the captains of the assembly.
And Yo'ab and the captains of the assembly
went out from before the face of the king to number
the people themselves נא of Yisra'el itself נא.

24:5 And they passed over The Yarden itself נא.
And they pitched their tents at Aro'er
on the south of the city
which is in the midst of the brook of Gad,
and toward Ya'zer.

24:6 And they went to Gil'ad
and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi.
And they went to Dan Ya'an and around to Tzidon.

Tahtim Hodshi means beneath the new moon.
Dan Ya'an means judge of purpose.
Tzidon means fishery.

24:7 And they went to the stronghold of Tzor
and to all the cities of the Hivvites and the Kena'anites.
And they went out to southern Yahudah at Be'ersheba.

24:8 And they had gone into all the land.
And they came to Yerushalaim
at the end of nine months and twenty days.

24:9 And Yo'ab gave
the number itself נא of the census
of the people to the king.
And there were in Yisra'el eight hundred thousand
men of force drawing the sword.
And the men of Yahudah were five hundred thousand men.

24:10 And the heart of David struck he himself נא
after he had numbered the people themselves נא.

And David said to **YAHWEH**,
"I have offended exceedingly by what I have done.
But now, **YAHWEH**, please pass over
the moral wrong itself נא of Your servant
because I have been exceedingly foolish."

24:11 And David got up at dawn.
And the word of **YAHWEH** came to the prophet Gad,
David's seer, saying,

24:12 "Go!
And you are to speak to David,
'Thus said **YAHWEH**,
'I lift up three *things* before you.
Choose for yourself one of them and I will do it to you.' "

24:13 And Gad went to David.

And he declared it to him.
And he said to him,
“Should there come for you
seven years of famine in your land,
or three months of fleeing before your adversaries,
while they are pursuing you?
Or should there be three days’ of pestilence in your land?
Now know and see what word I am to return
to The One sending me.”

24:14 And David said to Gad,
“The distress for me is great.
Please let us fall into the hand of **YAHWEH**.
Indeed, His compassions are abundant.
But into the hand of man do not let me fall.”

24:15 And **YAHWEH** sent
a pestilence upon Yisra’el
from the morning even until the appointed time.
And from Dan to Be’ersheba
seventy thousand men from the people died.

24:16 And the messenger stretched out His hand
toward Yerushalaim for the sake of destroying it.
But **YAHWEH** was sorry concerning the harm.
And He said to the messenger,
the destroyer of the people,
“Enough now!
Ease Your hand!”

And the messenger of **YAHWEH** was beside
the threshing floor of Araunah, the Yebusite.

Araunah means strong.

24:17 And David spoke to **YAHWEH** as he saw
the messenger *himself* **הוא** striking the people.
And he said, “Behold!
I have offended!
And I have done wrong!
But these sheep, what have they done?
Please let Your hand be against me
and against my father’s house.”

24:18 And Gad came that day to David.
And he said to him, “Go up!
Establish to **YAHWEH** a slaughter site
on the threshing floor of Araunah, the Yebusite!”

24:19 And David went up
according to the word of Gad
as **YAHWEH** had directed.

24:20 And Araunah looked.
And he saw the king *himself* **הוא**
and his servants *themselves* **הוא**
passing over before him.

And Araunah went out.
And he prostrated himself before the face of the king
with his face to the ground.

24:21 And Araunah said,
“Why has my sovereign the king come to his servant?”

And David said,

“To procure from you the threshing floor itself **nx**
for the sake of building a slaughter site to **YAHWEH**
and to restrain the pestilence from upon the people.”

24:22 And Araunah said to David,
“Let my sovereign the king take it
and lift up what is good in his eyes.
And behold!

Here are oxen for an olah and threshing implements
and equipment for the oxen for wood.
24:23 All of these, king, Araunah has given to the king.”
And Araunah said to the king,
“May **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, be pleased with you!”

24:24 And the king said to Araunah, “No!
I am procuring, procuring It from you yourself **nx** at a price!
And I will not offer to **YAHWEH**, my Elohim,
olahs without cost.”

And David procured the threshing floor itself **nx**
and the oxen themselves **nx** with fifty shekels of silver.

24:25 And David built there
a slaughter site to **YAHWEH**.
And he offered olahs and shelem offerings.

And **YAHWEH** was interceded concerning the land.
And the pestilence was restrained from upon Yisra’el.