

# The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

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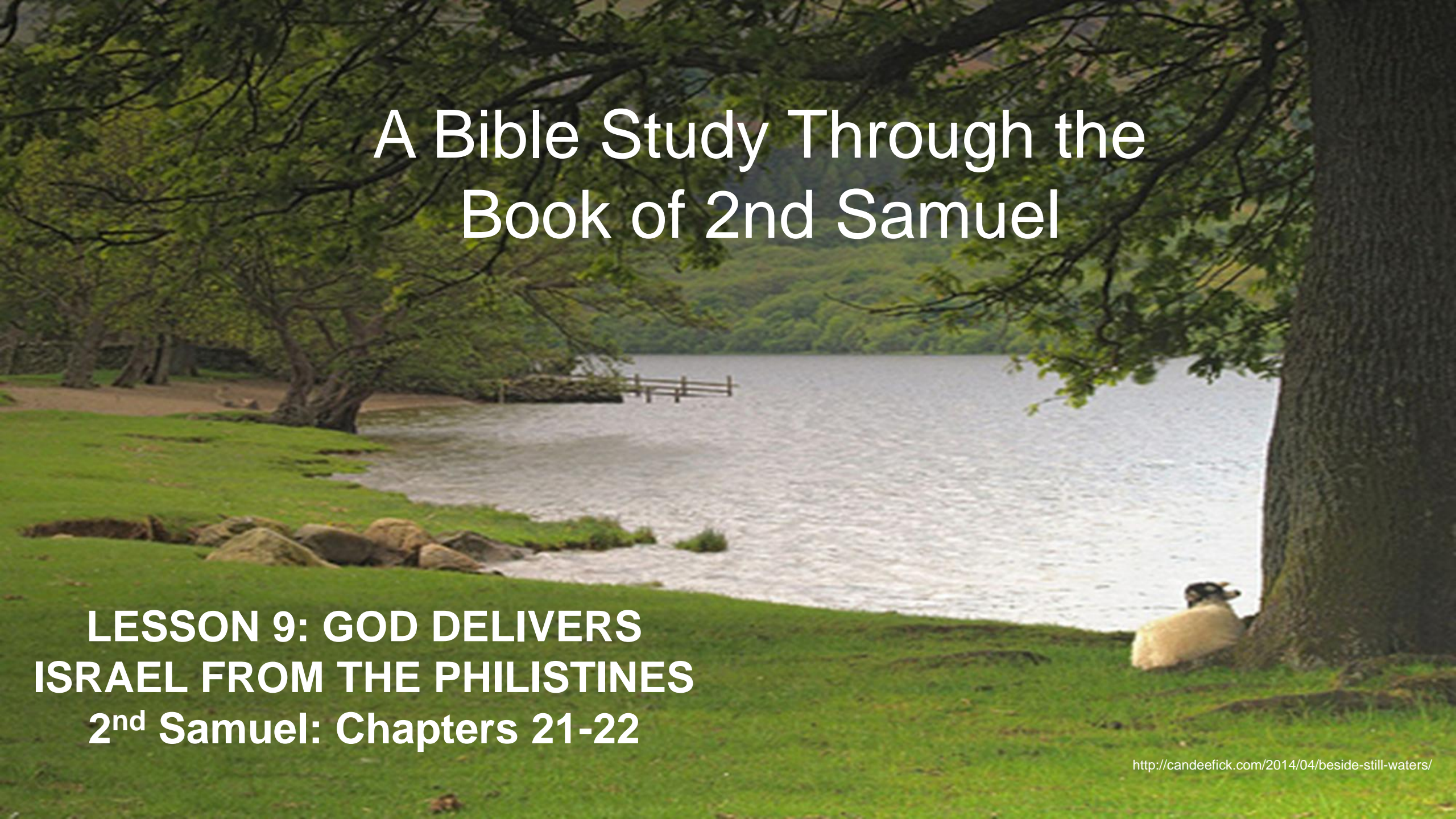
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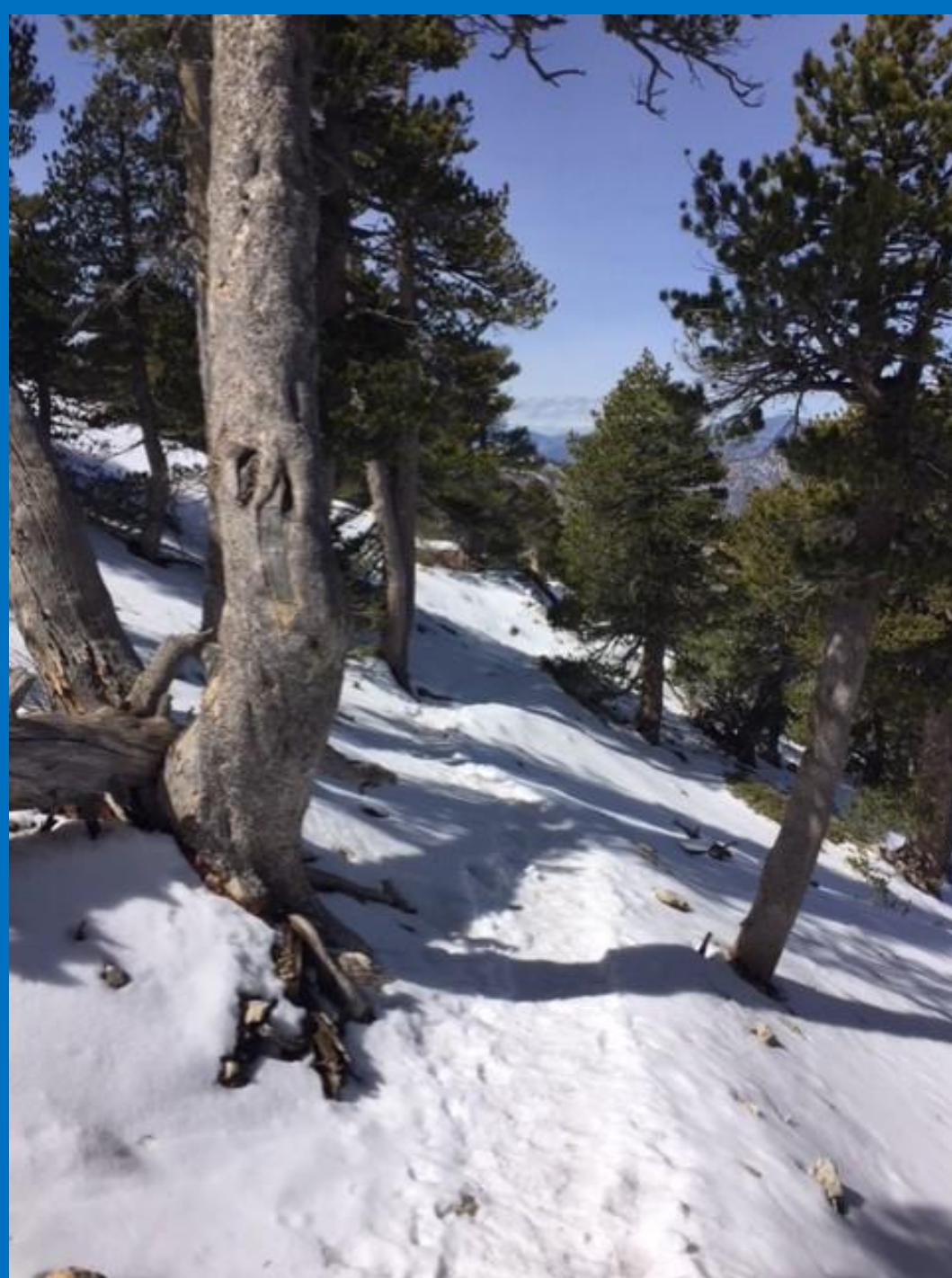
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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the middle ground, surrounded by lush green trees and a grassy foreground. A sheep is resting on the grass near a large tree on the right. The sky is overcast, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

**LESSON 9: GOD DELIVERS  
ISRAEL FROM THE PHILISTINES**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel: Chapters 21-22**



Proverbs 3:5-6  
[ ]



2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel  
22:34;  
Habakkuk  
3:19 [ ]

# CHAPTER 21: JUDGMENTS UPON ISRAEL AND THE FEATS OF DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

## Vs. 1-14: God Sends a Famine Upon Israel

- Chapters 21-24 do not list the events in chronological order but characterize them as an appendix to the book and records certain events that occurred during David's reign.



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- Sometime during David's reign, God sent a famine upon Israel for three years. The famine resulted from King Saul killing the Gibeonites (No Biblical account records this action).



- 400 years prior to King Saul's action, Joshua had made a covenant with the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:1-27). [ ]
- God told Joshua to destroy all the heathen tribes in Canaan.



- The Gibeonites, fearing their destruction, disguised themselves as a people from a far and distant country who wanted to make a covenant (a peace treaty) with Joshua.
- Joshua believed the Gibeonites, and he made the covenant with them. Joshua *did not* inquire of the Lord whether he should make the treaty.





- Joshua learned of the deception but could not break the covenant. This covenant remained as an everlasting agreement.
- 400 years later, Saul killed some of the Gibeonites. Saul possibly *assumed* he had fulfilled the will of God by ridding the land of heathen tribes.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22 states, “...Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...”
- To stop the famine, David asked the Gibeonites what they desired as retribution. The Gibeonites requested David give them seven men to hang from Saul’s family.

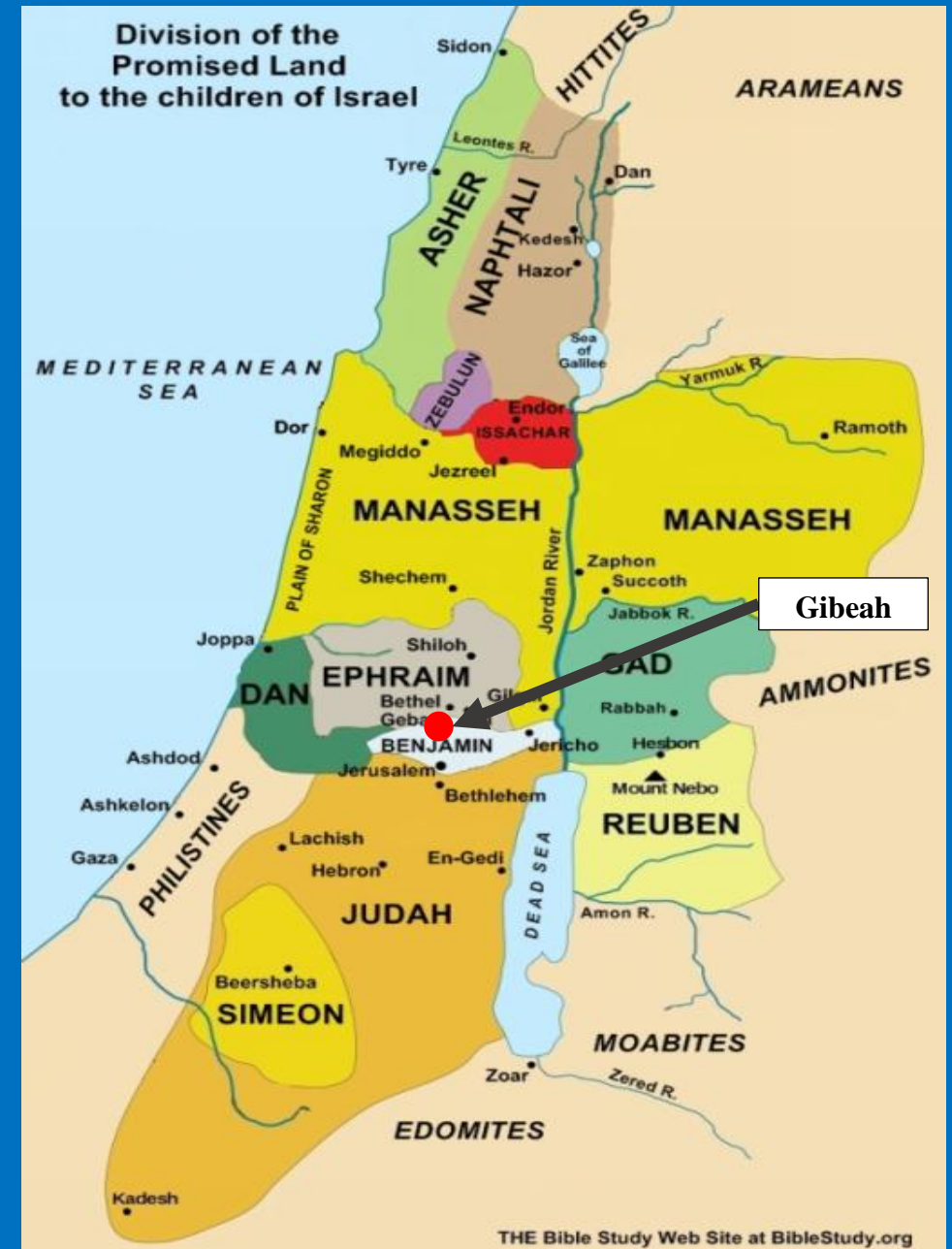


- David spared *Mephibosheth* because of the oath he made to Jonathan. However, he gave two sons from Rizpah (Saul's concubine), and five sons of Merab (daughter of Saul).
- As an interesting note, Saul had originally promised Merab to David after he killed Goliath (1st Samuel 18:17-19). [ ]
- Note that Michal, David's wife and daughter of Saul, had no children (2 Samuel 6:21-23).

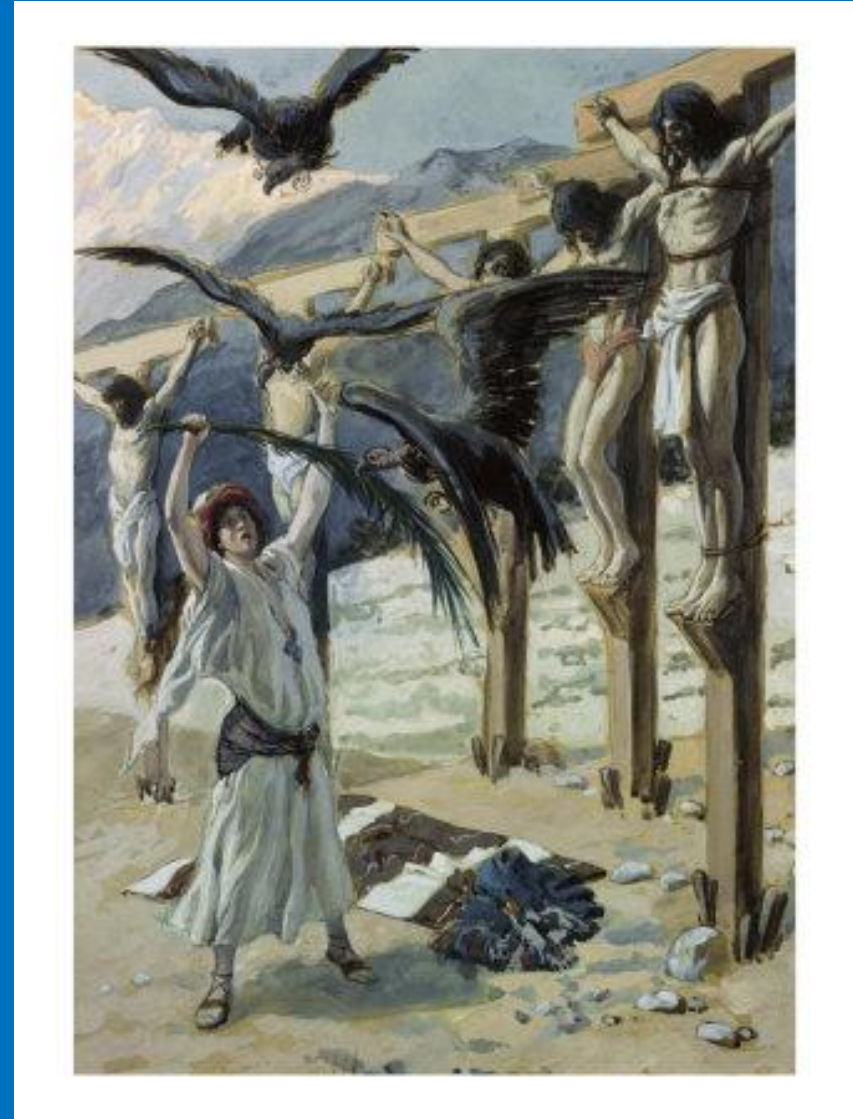
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- The children of Merab and Michael could have faced execution had David fathered them. As a result, neither Merab or Michael produced children for David.
- The Gibeonites took the seven men and hung them in Gibeah. Possibly, these seven men had participated in the slaughter of the Gibeonites (Deuteronomy 24:16). [ ]



- The Gibeonites exposed the bodies which brought great dishonor. Rizpah, not wanting the birds or wild animals to ravage the bodies, protected them for 6 months until the rains came (from the barley harvest of April to the early rains of October). *Where was Merab?* (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 21:10) Romans 8:26-27 [ ]

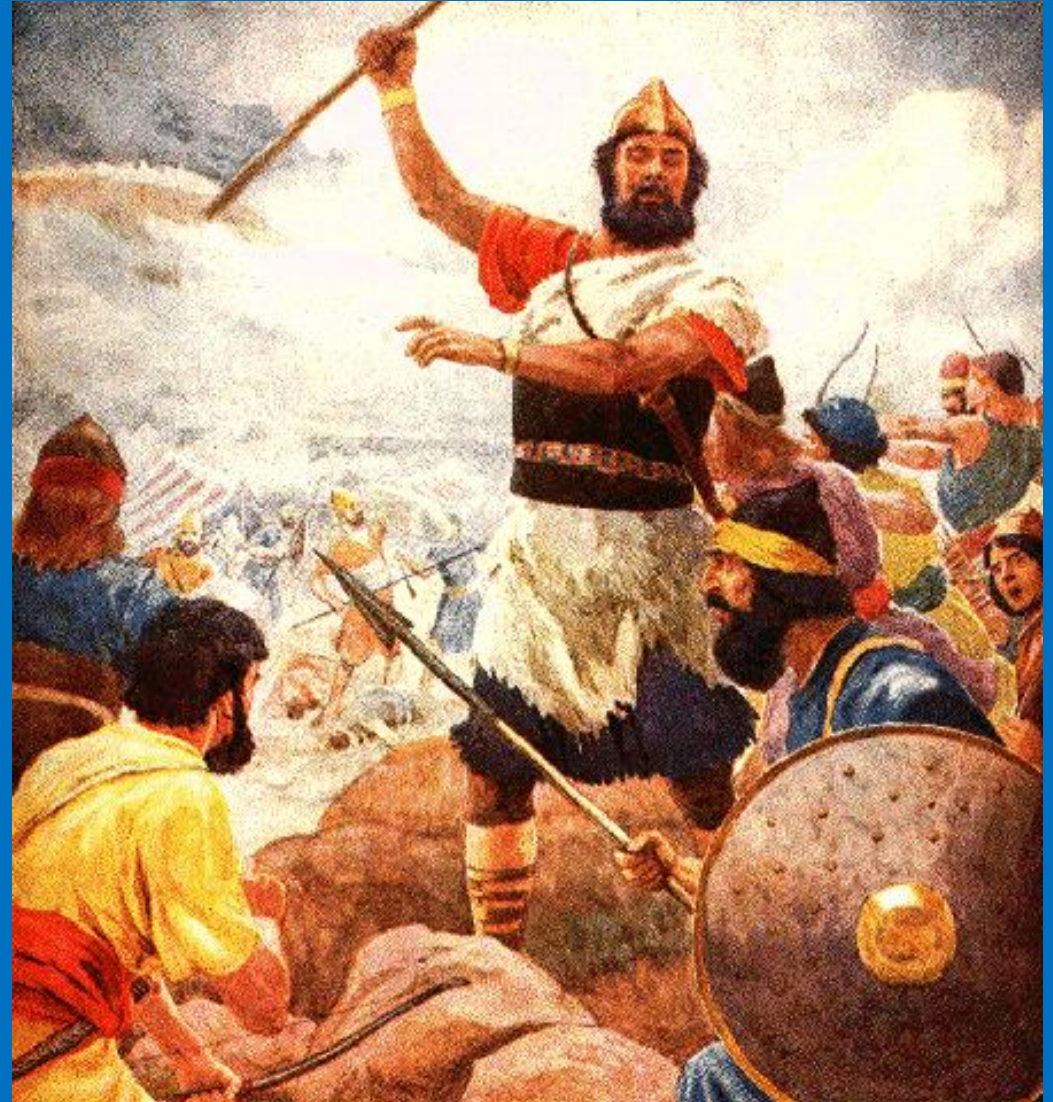


- News came to David about the protection Rizpah gave to the bodies. David gathered the bones of Saul and Jonathan from Jabesh-gilead and the bones from those hung and properly buried them. (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 16:9) [ ]

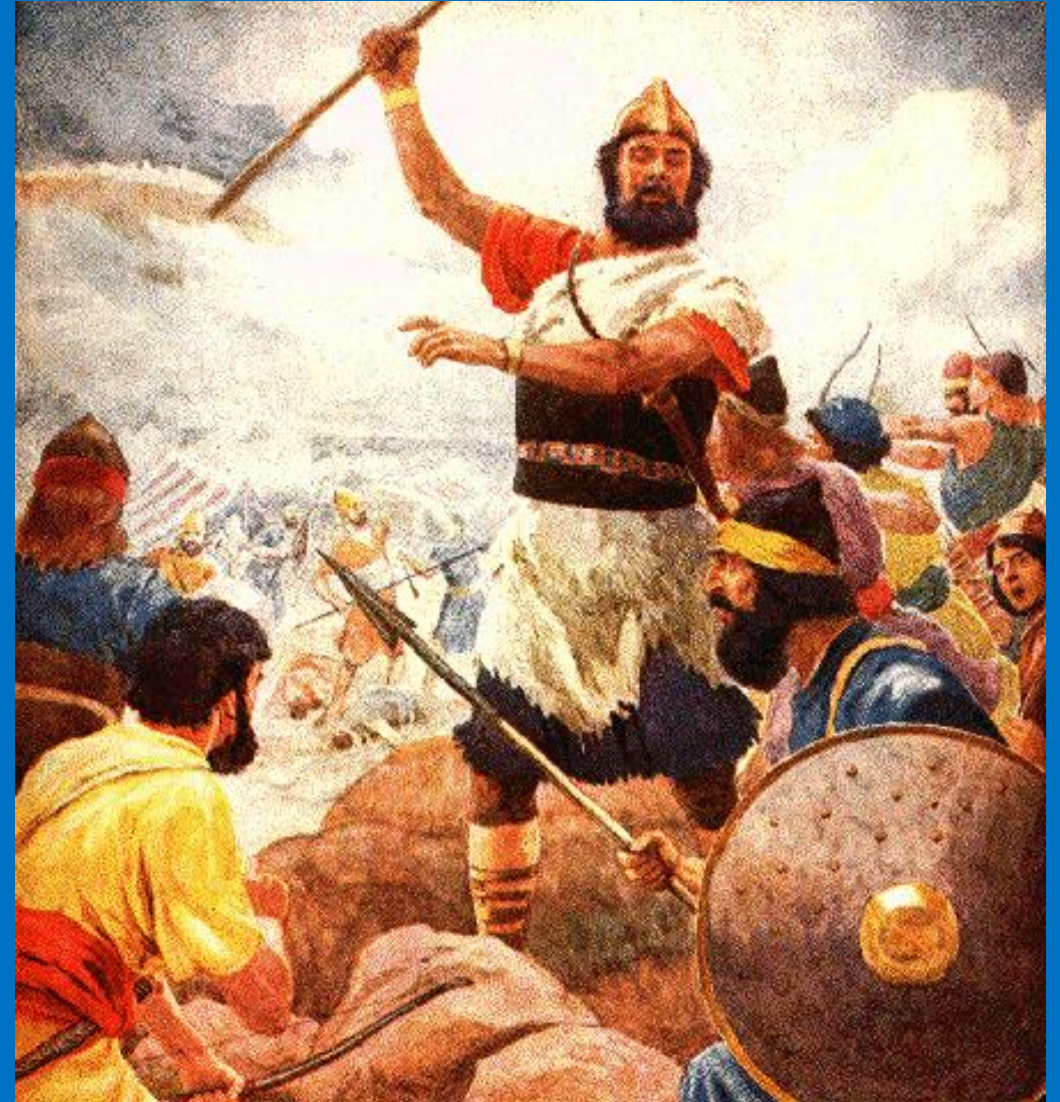


## Vs. 15-22: Exploits by David's Mighty Men

- The Philistines started another war with Israel.
- During one campaign against the Philistines, David grew very tired. Ishbi-benob [Ish-bye'-bee'-nob], a descendant of Goliath, intended to kill David.



- Abishai, the brother of Joab, came to David's aid and killed the Giant. Due to this close encounter, the Israelites would not let David go out and fight. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Samuel 21:15-17) [ ]





- The Philistines made another attack at Gob.
- Sibbecai, one of David's warriors, struck down Saph, another descendent of Goliath.
- Elhanan killed Goliath (Lahmi-1 Chronicles 20:5 at Gob. [ ]

Gob



- A fourth descendant of Goliath died at Gath. We have no record of his name. However, he had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. When he defied Israel, Jonathan-David's nephew-killed him. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 21:20-22 [ ]

Gath



# Who Killed Goliath?

## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:50

- David killed Goliath
- David was not king
- Goliath was killed between Socho and Azekah

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 21:19

- Elhanan killed Goliath
- David was king
- Goliath was killed at Gob

## 1 Chronicles 20:5

- Elhanan killed brother of Goliath (Lahmi)
- David was king
- This does not say where the brother was killed

Matthew 5:18 [ ]

# CHAPTER 22: THE SONG OF DAVID

## Vs. 1-4: David Describes the Lord's Attributes

- David wrote this song after the Lord delivered him from all his enemies. This song parallels Psalm 18:1-3 [ ]



- David looked to the Lord as his rock, fortress, deliverer, refuge, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold, and savior.



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# Vs. 5-8: David's Cry for Help (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 22: 5-7)

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- David cried to the Lord for help.
- The waves of death surrounded David.
- Destruction surrounded David.
- Death surrounded David.
- David's cry for help reached God's ears.



## Vs. 8-21: The Lord's Response

- The earth shook and quaked.
- The foundations of heaven trembled due to the Lord's anger.
- Smoke went up from His nostrils and fire came from His mouth and kindled coals.



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- He bowed the heavens and came down.
- God rode on a cherub and flew; He appeared on the wings of the wind.
- The brightness before God kindled coals of fire.



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- The Lord thundered from heaven, as He uttered His voice.
- He sent out arrows and lightening and scattered the enemies.



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- At the blast of His breath, He laid bare the foundations of the world and the channels of the sea appeared.
- The Lord took David out from many waters and **delivered** him from his strong enemy and from those who hated him.



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# Vs. 20-24: David Presents Reasons for His Deliverance

- The Lord delighted in David and rescued him.
- The Lord saw David as righteous, possibly for his repentance with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:13). [ ]



- David kept the ways of the Lord
- David kept God's laws before him.



## Vs. 25-49: The Lord's Help

- The Lord saves the afflicted, but He does not save the haughty.
- David saw the Lord as his lamp illuminating the darkness.

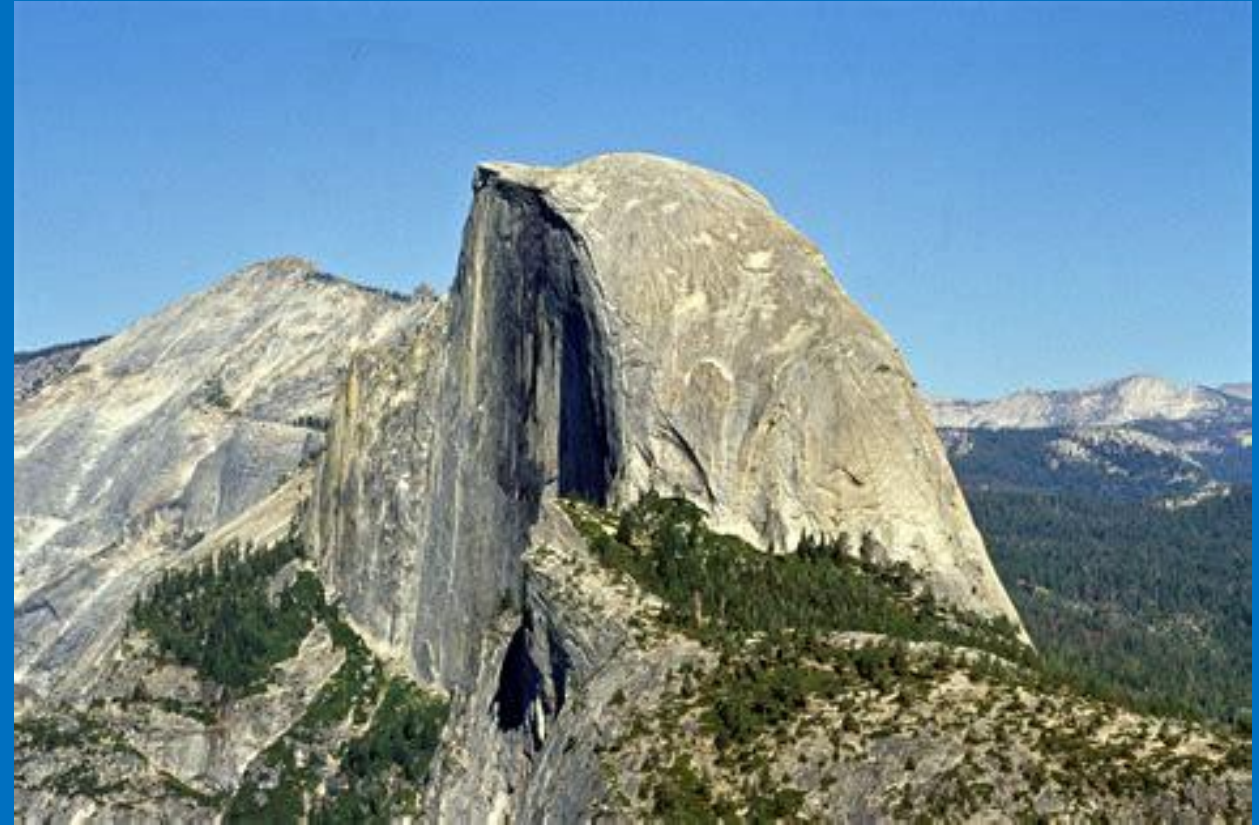


- By God's help, David could run upon a troop and leap over a wall (Matthew 19:26).  
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- God made David's feet like hinds' feet; He set David on high places; He trained his hands for battle; and kept his feet from slipping.



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- With God's help, David crushed his enemies.
- God kept David as head of the nations, and foreigners obeyed him.
- David acknowledged the living Lord and blessed Him as his rock and salvation.
- God executed vengeance and lifted David up above his enemies.



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## Vs. 50-51: David's Praise

- David offered thanks and praise to the Lord among the nations.
- David gave praise for God's tower of deliverance and for His lovingkindness toward him and his descendants forever (we makeup part of David's spiritual descendants).



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# SUMMARY

Psalm 92:1-2 states, “It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night...” It pleases God’s heart to give Him thanks. Practice giving thanks for specific things He has done. Thanksgiving can create a generous heart and can make worries and cares appear small.

End---

Joshua 9: 3-6, 14-15

3 When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also acted craftily and set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins worn-out and torn and mended, 5 and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* had become crumbled.

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- 6 They went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." 14 So the men *of Israel* took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the LORD. 15 Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore *an oath* to them. [ ]

End---

## Deuteronomy 24:16

16 "Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* sons, nor shall sons be put to death for *their* fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin." [ ]

## 2 Samuel 12:13

13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die." [ ]

Matthew 19:26

26 And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 18:17-19

17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife, only be a valiant man for me and fight the LORD'S battles." For Saul thought, "My hand shall not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him." 18 But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?" 19 So it came about at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife. [ ]

Matthew 5:18

18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. [ ]

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The Former Prophets-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

The Writings-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6:21-23

21 So David said to Michal, "*It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD.* 22 I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished." 23 Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death. [ ]

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 20:5

5 And there was war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 21:20-22

20 There was war at Gath again, where there was a man of great stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born to the giant [*or giants of Gath*]. 21 When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's [3<sup>rd</sup> oldest] brother, struck him down. 22 These four were born to the giant [*or giants*] in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 22:2-4

2 He said, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; 3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, You save me from violence. 4 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

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## Psalm 18:1-3

1 "I love You, O Lord, my strength." 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

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## Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He will make your paths straight. [ ]

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 22:34

34 He makes my feet like hinds' feet,  
And sets me on my high places.

Habakkuk 3:19

19 The Lord God is my strength,  
And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,  
And makes me walk on my high places. [ ]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 21:10

10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until it rained on them from the sky; and she allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

## Romans 8:26-27

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God [ ]



## Samuel 21:15-17

15 Now when the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary. 16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was among the descendants of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, was girded with a new sword, and he intended to kill David.

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17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “You shall not go out again with us to battle, so that you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel.” [\*]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 22: 5-8

5 For the waves of death encompassed me;

The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;

6 The CORDS of Sheol surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me.

7 In my distress I called upon the Lord,

Yes, I cried to my God;

And from His temple He heard my voice,

And my cry for help came into His ears.

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How David  
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And were shaken, because He was angry. [ ]



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