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(53) And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

(54) And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

(55) And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, *As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.*

(56) And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling *is*.

(57) And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

(58) And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

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(56) And the king said, Inquire whose son the youth *is*.

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(2) And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

(3) Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

(4) And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

(5) And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

(6) And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

(7) And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

(8) And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

(9) And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

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(3) Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

(4) And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his clothes, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his belt.

(5) And David went out wherever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

(6) And it came to pass as they came, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music.

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(10) And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand.

(11) And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

(12) And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

(13) Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

(14) And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

(15) Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

(16) But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

(17) And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

(18) And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

(10) And it came to pass in the morning, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand.

(11) And Saul cast the javelin; because he said, I will strike David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

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(19) But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

(20) And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

(21) And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.

(22) And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

(23) And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a light thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

(24) And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

(25) And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

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(22) And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, See, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you: now therefore be the king's son-in-law.

(23) And Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Does it seem to you *a light thing* to be a king's son-in-law, since I *am* but a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

(24) And the servants of Saul told him, saying, This is what David said.

(25) And Saul said, This you shall say to David, The king does not desire any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

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(26) And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

(27) Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

(28) And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

(29) And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

(30) Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

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(1) And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

(2) But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself:

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(26) And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law: and the days were not expired.

(27) Therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and killed of the Philistines two hundred men^a; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full amount to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to be his wife.

(28) And Saul saw and knew that the LORD {Jehovah} *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

(29) And Saul was even more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

(30) Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was highly admired.

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(2) But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeks to kill you: I ask you now therefore, take heed to yourself until the morning, and stay in a secret *place*, and hide yourself:

18:27a – 200 Philistines – twice as many as Saul had asked for [18:25]

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(3) And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

(4) And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good:

(5) For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

(6) And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

(7) And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

(8) And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

(9) And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.

(3) And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you *are*, and I will commune with my father concerning you; and what I see, that I will tell you.

(4) And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works *have been* very good towards you:

(5) Because he put his life in his hand, and killed the Philistine, and the LORD {Jehovah} brought a great salvation for all Israel: you saw *it*, and rejoiced: why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?

(6) But Saul did not listen to the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, he shall not be killed.

(7) And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

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(9) And the evil spirit from the LORD {Jehovah} was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played {his harp} with *his* hand.

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(10) And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

(11) Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

(12) So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

(13) And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.

(14) And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.

(15) And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

(16) And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster.

(17) And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

(18) So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

(10) And Saul sought to strike David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he threw the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

(11) Saul also sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be killed.

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(20) And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

(21) And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

(22) Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.

(23) And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

(24) And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

Chapter 20

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(21) And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

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(2) And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? *it is not so.*

(3) And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.*

(4) Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do *it* for thee.

(5) And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.*

(6) If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for *there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.*

(7) If he say thus, *It is well;* thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

(8) Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

(2) And he said to him, God forbid; you shall not die: look, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will tell it to me {first}: and why should my father hide this thing from me? *it is not so.*

(3) And David swore, and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes; and he said, Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.*

(4) Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do *it* for you.

(5) And David said to Jonathan, Look, tomorrow *is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day at evening.*

(6) If your father at all misses me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: because *there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.*

(7) If he says, *It is well;* your servant shall have peace: but if he is very angry, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

(8) Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant; because you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} with you: nevertheless, if there is in me sin, then kill me yourself; because why should you bring me to your father?

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(9) And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

(10) Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly?

(11) And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

(12) And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and, behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

(13) The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

(14) And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

(15) But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

(16) So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies.

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(11) And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

(12) And Jonathan said to David, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, when I have sounded out my father about tomorrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and, see, *if there is* good towards David, and I do not send to you, and reveal it to you;

(13) The LORD {Jehovah} do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it pleases my father *to do* you evil, then I will tell it to you, and send you away, that you may go in peace: and the LORD {Jehovah} be with you, as He has been with my father.

(14) And you shall show me the kindness of the LORD {Jehovah} not only while I yet live, that I not die:

(15) But *also* you shall not cut off your kindness from my family forever: no, not when the LORD {Jehovah} has cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

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(17) And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.
(18) Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.
(19) And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.
(20) And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark.
(21) And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth.
(22) But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.
(23) And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.
(24) So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.
(25) And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

(17) And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: because he loved him as he loved his own soul.
(18) Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.
(19) And *when* you have stayed three days, *then* you shall go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself when the business was *in hand*, and shall remain by the stone Ezel {departure}^a.
(20) And I will shoot three arrows beside it, as though I shot at a mark.
(21) And, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad, See, the arrows *are* on this side of you, take them; then come: because *there is* peace to you, and no harm; as the LORD {Jehovah} lives.
(22) But if I say this to the young man, Look, the arrows *are* beyond you; go your way: because the LORD {Jehovah} has sent you away.
(23) And *concerning* the matter which you and I have spoken of, the LORD {Jehovah} is between you and me forever.
(24) So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon had come, the king sat down to eat meat.
(25) And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

20:19a – Ezel – departure – became a memorial to Jonathan's and David's friendship

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(26) Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

(27) And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

(28) And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Bethlehem:

(29) And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

(30) Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

(31) For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

(26) Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day: because he thought, Something has happened to him, that he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

(27) And it came to pass on the morning, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why has the son of Jesse not come to eat meat, neither yesterday, nor today?

(28) And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Bethlehem:

(29) And he said, I ask you to let me go; because our family has a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he has commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favor in your eyes, I ask you to let me get away, and see my brothers. Therefore he is not coming to the king's table.

(30) Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own confusion, and to the confusion of your mother's nakedness?

(31) Because as long as the son of Jesse lives upon the ground, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Therefore now send and fetch him to me, because he shall surely die.

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(32) And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

(33) And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

(34) So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

(35) And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

(36) And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

(37) And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

(38) And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

(39) But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

(40) And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

(32) And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, Why shall he be killed? what has he done?

(33) And Saul cast a javelin at him to strike him: by that Jonathan knew that his father had determined to kill David.

(34) So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no meat the second day of the month: because he was grieved for David, because his father had shamed him.

(35) And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

(36) And he said to his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

(37) And when the lad had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond you?

(38) And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, hasten, do not delay. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

(39) But the lad did not know anything: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

(40) And Jonathan gave his bow and arrows to his lad, and said to him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

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(41) *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.
(42) And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

Chapter 21

(1) Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?
(2) And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.
(3) Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is present.
(4) And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

King James Paraphrase

(41) *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* towards the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept with one another, until David exceeded.
(42) And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, since we have sworn both of us in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} is between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan returned to the city.

Chapter 21

(1) Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said to him, Why *have* you come alone, and no man is with you?
(2) And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has sent me on a secret business, and has said to me, Let no man know anything of the about the business of which I am sending you, and what I have commanded you: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.
(3) Now therefore what do you have? give *me* five *loaves of* bread, or whatever you have present.
(4) And the priest answered David, and said, *I have* no common bread, but there is holy bread; if the young men have at least kept themselves from women.