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(13) And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

(14) But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

(15) But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

(16) They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

(17) Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

(18) Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

(19) And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

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(13) And David said to his men, Let every man put on his sword. And every man put on his sword; and David also put on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred stayed by their stuff.

(14) But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Look, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; and he cursed at them.

(15) But the men *were* very good to us, and we were not hurt, neither have we missed anything, as long as we were friendly with them, when we were in the fields:

(16) They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

(17) Now therefore know and consider what you will do; because evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: because he *is such* a son of Belial {wickedness}^c, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

(18) Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on donkeys.

(19) And she said to her servants, Go on before me; see, I am coming after you. But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

25:17c - Belial {בליעל} - worthlessness, wickedness

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(20) And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

(21) Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

(22) So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

(23) And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

(24) And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon me let this* iniquity *be*: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

(25) Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

(26) Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

(20) And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the donkey, that she came down by the secret place of the hill, and, David and his men came down in front of her; and she met them.

(21) Now David had said, Surely in vain I have kept all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belonged* to him: and he has repaid me evil for good.

(22) So and more also may God do to the enemies of David, if I leave any males of all that *belongs* to him by the morning light.

(23) And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and climbed off the donkey, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

(24) And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon me let this sin be*: and I beg you let your handmaid speak in your hearing, and hear the words of your handmaid.

(25) I ask you, do not let not my lord, regard this man of Belial {wickedness}, *even* Nabal {fool}: because as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal {fool} *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I your handmaid did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

(26) Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, and *as* your soul lives, since the LORD {Jehovah} has withheld you from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

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(27) And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

(28) I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.

(29) Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling.

(30) And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

(31) That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

(32) And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

(33) And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

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(27) And now this blessing which your handmaid has brought to my lord, let it even be given to the young men who follow my lord.

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(34) For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

(35) So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

(36) And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

(37) But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

(38) And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

(39) And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

(34) Because as surely, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel lives, Who has kept me back from hurting you, if you had not hastened and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal any male by the morning light.

(35) So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought to him, and said to her, Go up in peace to your house; I have listened to your voice, and have accepted your person.

(36) And Abigail came to Nabal; and, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, because he *was* very drunken: therefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

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(38) And it came to pass about ten days *later*, that the LORD {Jehovah} struck Nabal, that he died.

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(40) And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

(41) And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

(42) And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

(43) David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

(44) But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

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(1) And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?

(2) Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

(3) And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

(4) David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

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(40) And when the servants of David had come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you, to take you to himself for a wife.

(41) And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Look, *let* your handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

(42) And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon a donkey, with five young women of hers went with her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

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(3) And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

(4) David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had indeed come.