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(5) And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

(6) Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

(7) So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

(8) Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.

(9) And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?

(10) David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

(11) The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

(5) And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had camped: and David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people camped all around him.

(6) Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you.

(7) So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his head: but Abner and the people lay all around him.

(8) Then Abishai said to David, God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day: now therefore, I ask you, let me strike him, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *strike* him the second time.

(9) And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him: because who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD {Jehovah}'s anointed, and be guiltless?

(10) David furthermore said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, the LORD {Jehovah} shall strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

(11) The LORD {Jehovah} forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the LORD {Jehovah}'S anointed: but, I ask you, take now the spear that is at his head, and the bottle of water, and let us go.

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(12) So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

(13) Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:

(14) And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?

(15) And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

(16) This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye *are* worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD'S anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is*, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

(17) And Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

(18) And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?

(12) So David took the spear and the bottle of water from beside Saul's head; and they left, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awakened: because they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD {Jehovah} had fallen upon them.

(13) Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:

(14) And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *are* you *who* cries out to the king?

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(19) Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

(20) Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

(21) Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

(22) And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

(23) The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.

(24) And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

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(23) The LORD {Jehovah} render to every man His righteousness and His faithfulness: because the LORD {Jehovah} delivered you into *my* hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the LORD {Jehovah}'s anointed.

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(25) Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

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(1) And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

(2) And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

(3) And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

(4) And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

(5) And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

(6) Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

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