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(7) And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?
 (8) Then was Abner very wroth for the words of *Ishbosheth*, and said, *Am* I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?
 (9) So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;
 (10) To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba.
 (11) And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.
 (12) And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.
 (13) And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

King James Paraphrase

(7) And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?
 (8) Then Abner was very angry because of the words of *Ishbosheth*, and said, *Am* I a dog's head, I who show kindness this day to the house of Saul your father against Judah, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David, that you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?
 (9) So God do to Abner, and more also, if I do not do to David as the LORD {Jehovah} has sworn to him;
 (10) To transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba.
 (11) And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.
 (12) And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also*, Make your league {alliance} with me, and, indeed, my hand *will be* with you, to bring about all Israel to you.
 (13) And he {David} said, Well; I will make a league with you: but one thing I require of you, that is, You shall not see my face, except you first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face.

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(14) And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.
(15) And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son of Laish.
(16) And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.
(17) And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you:
(18) Now then do *it*: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.
(19) And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.
(20) So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that *were* with him a feast.

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(17) And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, You sought for David in times past *to be* king over you:
(18) Now then do *it*: because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken of David, saying, *By the hand of My servant David I will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.*
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3:14b – I Sam. 18:25-27
3:15c – I Sam. 25:44

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(21) And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

(22) And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

(23) When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

(24) Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?

(25) Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

(26) And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not.

(21) And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a league {alliance} with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

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(24) Then Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? Abner came to you; why *is* it *that* you have sent him away, and he is quite gone?

(25) Do you not know that Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do.

(26) And when Joab had left David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David did not know *it*.

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(27) And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

(28) And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:

(29) Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

(30) So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

(31) And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier.

(32) And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

(33) And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

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(27) And when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, to avenge the blood of Asahel his brother.^d

(28) And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD {Jehovah} forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:

(29) Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls on the sword, or who lacks bread.

(30) So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

(31) And David said to Joab, and to all the people who *were* with him, tear your clothes, and clothe yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the stretcher which carried the dead body.

(32) And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

(33) And the king cried greatly over Abner, and said, Did Abner die as a fool dies?

3:27d – II Sam. 2:23

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(34) Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

(35) And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.

(36) And all the people took notice *of it*, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.

(37) For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

(38) And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

(39) And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

Chapter 4

(1) And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

(2) And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin:

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(34) Your hands *were* not bound, nor your feet put into fetters: as a man falls before wicked men, *so* you fell. And all the people wept again over him.

(35) And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David swore, saying, So God do to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or anything else, until the sun goes down.

(36) And all the people took notice *of it*, and it pleased them: as whatever the king did pleased all the people.

(37) Because all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner.

(38) And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that a great man and a prince has fallen this day in Israel?

(39) And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *are* too hard for me: the LORD {Jehovah} shall reward the one who does evil according to his wickedness.

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(1) And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.^a

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4:1a – II Sam. 2:8

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(3) And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

(4) And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was lame of his feet*. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth.

(5) And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

(6) And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth *rib*: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

(7) For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

(8) And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

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(3) And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and lived there until this day.)

(4) And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *who was lame in his feet*. He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel,^b and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth {dispeller of shame}.^c

(5) And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

(6) And they came there into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they struck him under the fifth *rib*: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

(7) Because when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they struck him, and killed him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and fled away through the plain all night.

(8) And they brought the head of Ishbosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, Look, the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul your enemy, who sought your life; and the LORD {Jehovah} has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his offspring.

4:4b - Jezreel - I Samuel 29 - 31 - the place of the Saul and Jonathan's last battle with the Philistines

4:4c - Mephibosheth {מפּיבּוֹשֶׁת} - dispeller of shame

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(9) And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

(10) When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

(11) How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

(12) And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

Chapter 5

(1) Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

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(9) And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

(10) When one told me who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his news: , saying, Saul is dead, I took hold of him, and killed him in Ziklag.

(11) How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

(12) And David commanded his young men, and they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried *it* in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.

Chapter 5

(1) Then all the tribes of Israel came to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Look, we *are* your bone and your flesh.

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(2) Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

(3) So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

(4) David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.

(5) In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

(6) And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

(7) Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David.

(8) And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain*. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

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(2) Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel: and the LORD {Jehovah} said to you, **You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be a captain over Israel.**^a

(3) So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league {alliance} with them in Hebron before the LORD {Jehovah}: and they anointed David king over Israel.

(4) David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign {3063 A.H./C-979 B.C.},^{b*} *and* he reigned forty years.

(5) In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah {3070 A.H./C-972 B.C.}.^{c**}

(6) And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, those who lived in the land: who spoke to David, saying, Except you take away the blind and the lame, you shall not come in here: thinking, David cannot come in here.

(7) Nevertheless David took the fortress of Zion: which *is* the city of David.

(8) And David said on that day, Whoever goes up to the gutter, and kills the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *who are* hated by David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain*. Therefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

5:2a – I Sam. 16:1,12; I Chr. 11:2f

5:4b – David was thirty years old when he began to reign as king over Judah at Hebron
[3063 A.H./C-979 B.C.]

5:5c-David at age 37 begins reign over all Israel at Jerusalem [3070 A.H./C-972 B.C.]
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David age 30 begins reign over Judah at Hebron
[*3063 A.H./C-979 B.C.]

David at age 37 begins reign over all Israel at Jerusalem

[**3070 A.H./C-972 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)