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Chapter 21

(1) Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

(2) And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

(3) Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

(4) And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you.

(5) And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

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(1) Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD {Jehovah}. And the LORD {Jehovah} answered, *It is because of Saul, and because his bloody house, because he killed the Gibeonites.*

(2) And the king called the Gibeonites, and said to them; (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them^a: but Saul sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.)

(3) Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and with what shall I make the atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD {Jehovah}?

(4) And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shall you kill any man in Israel. And he said, *Whatever you shall say, that I will do for you.*

(5) And they answered the king, The man who consumed us, and who devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

21:2a - Josh. 9:3-27

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(6) Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.

(7) But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD'S oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

(8) But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:

(9) And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

(10) And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

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(9) And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hung them in the hill before the LORD {Jehovah}: and *all* seven fell together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

(10) And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and did not allow either the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

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(11) And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

(12) And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

(13) And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

(14) And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

(15) Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

(16) And Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

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(13) And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered their bones who were hung.

(14) And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son they buried in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was appeased for the land.

(15) Furthermore the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David grew faint.

(16) And Ishbibenob, who *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* {about 120 oz.; 7.4 lbs; 3^b of brass in weight, he having strapped on a new *sword*, thought to have killed David.

21:16b – shekel – 0.4 ounces; 11.4 grams – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(17) But Abishai the son of Zeruah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

(18) And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant.

(19) And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

(20) And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

(21) And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him.

(22) These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

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(17) But Abishai the son of Zeruah protected him, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall no more go out with us to battle, that you not quench the light of Israel.

(18) And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who *was* of the sons of the giant.

(19) And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, killed *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

(20) And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, who had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.

(21) And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David killed him.

(22) These four were born to the giant in Gath^b, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21:22b - See note on I Sam. 17:40

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Chapter 22

(1) And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
(2) And he said, The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
(3) The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.
(4) I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
(5) When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
(6) The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;
(7) In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.
(8) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.
(9) There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
(10) He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.

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(1) And David spoke to the LORD {Jehovah} the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD {Jehovah} had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
(2) And he said,
The LORD {Jehovah} *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
(3) The God of my rock; in Him I will trust: *He is* my shield, and the king of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Savior; You save me from violence.
(4) I will call on the LORD {Jehovah}, *Who is* worthy to be praised: so I shall be saved from my enemies.
(5) When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
(6) The sorrows of hell encircled me all around; the snares of death came upon me;
(7) In my distress I called upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and cried to my God: and He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry *entered* into His ears.
(8) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because He was angry.
(9) There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
(10) He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under His feet.

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(11) And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
(12) And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.
(13) Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
(14) The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.
(15) And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.
(16) And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
(17) He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;
(18) He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.
(19) They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.
(20) He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
(21) The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

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(12) And He made darkness pavilions all around Him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.
(13) Through the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled.
(14) The LORD {Jehovah} thundered from heaven, and the most High spoke.
(15) And He sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and destroyed them.
(16) And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were revealed, at the rebuking of the LORD {Jehovah}, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
(17) He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters;
(18) He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from those who hated me: because they were too strong for me.
(19) They confronted me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD {Jehovah} was my stay.
(20) He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
(21) The LORD {Jehovah} rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands He has repaid me.