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2 Samuel

2 Samuel 1

2 Samuel 1:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after the death of Saul that David returned from striking Amalek. And David remained in Ziklag two days.	*After they defeated the Amalekites, David and the men who were with him returned to the city of Ziklag. By that time, the Philistines had already killed Saul. David and his men stayed there that day and the next one without receiving any news of the battle between the Philistines and Israelites.*

What did David do after defeating the Amalekites?

David returned from defeating the Amalekites and remained in Ziklag for two days without receiving any news of the battle between the Philistines and Israelites.

2 Samuel 1:2

ULT	UST
And it happened on the third day that, behold, a man came from the camp, from with Saul, and his clothes were torn, and dirt was on his head. And it happened, when he came to David, that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.	*But on the day after that, a young man unexpectedly arrived there who had been in the camp where Saul's soldiers had set up their tents. He had torn his clothes and put dust on his head to show that he was grieving. He came to David and knelt down and lay flat on the ground to show respect for him.*

On the third day, who came to David from Saul's camp?

On the third day, a man with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head came to David.

2 Samuel 1:4

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "How was the matter? Declare to me, please." And he said that the people had fled from the battle, and also many from the people had fallen and died, and also Saul and Jonathan his son had died.	*David asked him, "What happened? Please tell me about the battle!" The man replied, "The Philistines defeated our army so badly that our soldiers ran away. The Philistines killed many of them. They even killed King Saul and his son Jonathan."*

What did the young man say about Saul and Jonathan?

The young man said that Saul and his son Jonathan were killed.

2 Samuel 1:6

ULT	UST
And the young man, the one declaring to him, said, "Happening to be, I happened to be on the mountain of Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the masters of the horsemen had overtaken him.	*The young man replied, "As it happened, I was on Mount Gilboa where the Israelites had fled from the Philistines. I saw Saul. He was wounded and leaning on his spear for support. I noticed that the Philistine chariot drivers and the commanders of their soldiers on horseback had seen him, and they all were rushing toward him.*

Where did the young man say he found Saul?

The young man said he was on Mount Gilboa, and Saul was there leaning on his spear.

2 Samuel 1:8

ULT	UST
And he said to me, 'Who are you?' And I said to him, 'I am an Amalekite.'	*He asked me, 'Who are you?' I replied, 'I am an Amalekite.'*

What did the young man say Saul asked him to do?

The young man said Saul asked him to stand over him and kill him.

2 Samuel 1:9

ULT	UST
And he said to me, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for agony has seized me, for my life is still whole in me.'	*Then he said to me, 'I can no longer fight, because I am in such pain from my many wounds. But those wounds will not kill me. So please use one of the weapons here to kill me yourself.'*

Why did Saul ask the young Amalekite man to kill him?

Saul asked the young Amalekite man to kill him because great agony had seized him, but his life was still in him.

2 Samuel 1:10

ULT	UST
So I stood over him and killed him, for I knew that he would not live after his having fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."	*I knew that the Philistines would soon come and kill him, so he was not going to live anyway. So I used one of the weapons there to kill him. Then I took the crown he had been wearing and his armband. Here they are for you to see, sir."*

After the young man killed Saul, what did he take from Saul?

The young man took the crown that was on Saul's head and the band that was on his arm.

2 Samuel 1:11-12

What did David and his men do when they heard about the deaths of Saul and Jonathan?

David and his men tore their clothes, and they mourned, wept, and fasted until evening.

2 Samuel 1:12

ULT	UST
And they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of Yahweh and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.	*They felt very sad, and they cried. They did not eat anything for the rest of that day. This was to honor and remember Saul and his son Jonathan and all of the Israelite soldiers whom the Philistines had killed in the battle. They were also very sorry for all of the Israelite people, who had lost their king and many of their men and much of their territory.*

For whom else were David and his men mourning?

David and his men also mourned for the people of Yahweh and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

2 Samuel 1:14-15

Why did David have the young Amalekite man killed?

David had the young Amalekite man killed because the man's own words testified that he had killed Yahweh's anointed.

2 Samuel 1:16

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for your mouth answered against you, saying, 'I myself killed the anointed of Yahweh.'"	*David said to the Amalekite, "You yourself said, 'I killed the man whom Yahweh appointed to be the king.' So you admitted that you were guilty and deserved to die!"*

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2 Samuel 1:17-18

Where is the funeral song that David sang for Saul and Jonathan written?

The song is written in the Book of Jashar.

2 Samuel 1:19

ULT	UST
“The splendor of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!	*“You Israelite people, the Philistines have pursued your great warriors even onto the mountains and killed them there! It is very sad that these strong soldiers have died!*

What was slain on Israel’s high places?

The splendor of Israel was slain there.

2 Samuel 1:20

ULT	UST
May they not declare it in Gath, may they not proclaim it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.	*Do not let anyone who lives in cities such as Gath and Ashkelon find out about this! Otherwise, the women among the pagan Philistines will have victory celebrations.*

Why did David not want the news of the defeat proclaimed in Gath or Ashkelon?

He did not want the daughters of the Philistines to rejoice or triumph.

2 Samuel 1:21

ULT	UST
Mountains in Gilboa, may not dew and may not rain be upon you, nor fields of offerings, for there the shield of the mighty was loathed, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.	*The shield of Saul, that mighty king, remains on the ground on Mount Gilboa. No one is caring for it by rubbing it with olive oil. So I hope there will never be rain or dew there again so that the shield does not rust. I hope that there is so little rain that the fields do not even produce the small amount of grain that someone would bring as an offering.*

Where does the shield of the Saul, the mighty king, remain?

The shield of the mighty king remains on ground on Mount Gilboa.

2 Samuel 1:24

ULT	UST
Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, the one having clothed you in scarlet with delights, the one having put an ornament of gold on your clothing.	*You women in Israel should mourn for Saul. He made Israel a safe and prosperous place in which you had beautiful scarlet clothes and expensive jewelry and gold ornaments to wear.*

What did Saul do for the daughters of Israel?

He made Israel a safe and prosperous place in which they had beautiful scarlet clothes and expensive jewelry and gold ornaments to wear.

2 Samuel 1:26

ULT	UST
It is narrow to me concerning you, my brother Jonathan! You were very pleasant to me. Your love was more wonderful to me than the love of women.	*Jonathan, my dear friend, I grieve for you. You were very dear to me. You loved me in a wonderful way. It was much better than the fleeting feelings of romance that men and women have for each other.*

How did David describe his love for Jonathan?

David said Jonathan’s love for him was more wonderful than the love of women.

2 Samuel 2

2 Samuel 2:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah?" And Yahweh said to him, "Go up." And David said, "Where shall I go up?" And he said, "To Hebron."	*Sometime after that, David asked Yahweh, "Should I return to Judah and live in one of the cities there?" Yahweh replied, "Yes, return to Judah." Then David asked, "To which city should I go?" Yahweh replied, "You should go to Hebron."*

What did David ask Yahweh, and what was the reply?

David asked if he should go up to one of the cities of Judah, and Yahweh told him to go up.

When David inquired further, to which city did Yahweh tell David to go?

Yahweh told David to go to Hebron.

2 Samuel 2:2-3

Who went up with David to Hebron?

David went up to Hebron with his two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, and all his men and their families.

2 Samuel 2:4

ULT	UST
And the men of Judah came, and they anointed David there as king over the house of Judah. And they declared to David, saying, "It was the men of Jabesh Gilead who buried Saul."	*Then the men who were the leaders of the tribe of Judah came to Hebron. One of them poured olive oil on David's head to show they were appointing him to be the king of the tribe of Judah. Someone told David how soldiers from the city of Jabesh in the region of Gilead had recaptured Saul's body from the wall of Beth Shan and how the people of that city had buried his body honorably.*

What did the men of Judah do when they came to David?

The men of Judah came and anointed David as king over the house of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:8

ULT	UST
But Abner, the son of Ner, the commander of the army that was to Saul, took Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim.	*But instead, Abner son of Ner, who had been Saul's army commander, brought Ish Bosheth son of Saul across the Jordan River to the city of Mahanaim.*

Who was Abner?

Abner was the son of Ner and the commander of Saul's army.

2 Samuel 2:8-9

What did Abner do with Ishbosheth, the son of Saul?

Abner took Ishbosheth to Mahanaim and made him king of all the territory that would later be the northern kingdom of Israel.

2 Samuel 2:11

ULT	UST
And the number of the days that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.	*David ruled them for seven and a half years while he was living in Hebron.*

How long was David king in Hebron over the house of Judah?

David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah for seven years and six months.

2 Samuel 2:12-13

Where did Joab's men and Abner's men meet?

They met near the large pool of Gibeon, staying on opposite sides of the pool.

2 Samuel 2:15

ULT	UST
So they arose and crossed over, 12 by number to Benjamin and to Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, and 12 from the servants of David.	*So Abner chose 12 men from his own tribe of Benjamin to fight on behalf of Ish Bosheth son of Saul. They went over to the other side of the pool and fought against 12 soldiers whom Joab chose to fight on behalf of David.*

How many young men fought before Joab and Abner?

Twelve men from Benjamin for Ishbosheth and twelve men from David's soldiers fought.

2 Samuel 2:17

ULT	UST
And the battle was severe to extremity on that day. And Abner and the men of Israel were struck to the face of the servants of David.	*Then the two whole groups of soldiers started fighting each other. It was a very fierce battle. But as they fought, David's soldiers defeated Abner and the soldiers from the other tribes of Israel.*

Who won the battle that day?

The soldiers of David defeated Abner and the soldiers from the other tribes of Israel.

2 Samuel 2:19

ULT	UST
And Asahel pursued after Abner, and he did not turn aside to go to the right or to the left from after Abner.	*When Abner fled from the battle, Asahel chased him. No matter which way Abner went to try to escape, Asahel kept following him.*

Which son of Zeruiah pursued Abner?

Asahel pursued Abner.

2 Samuel 2:22

ULT	UST
And Abner continued still, saying to Asahel, "Turn aside for yourself from behind me. Why should I strike you to the ground? Then how would I lift my face to Joab your brother?"	*So Abner shouted at him again, "Stop chasing me! Do not make me fight you, because I would kill you. Then I could never again have a peaceful relationship with your brother Joab, because he would want to get revenge against me."*

How did Abner try to convince Asahel to stop pursuing him?

Abner warned Asahel that if he had to strike him down, he could never again have a peaceful relationship with Asahel's brother Joab.

2 Samuel 2:23

ULT	UST
But he refused to turn aside, so Abner struck him with the back end of the spear in the stomach, and the spear came out from his back. And he fell there, and he died under him. And it happened, every one coming to the place where Asahel fell there and died, that they stood.	*But Asahel refused to stop chasing Abner. So Abner let Asahel nearly catch him, then he suddenly stopped and swung the butt end of his spear into Asahel's stomach as he was still running fast toward him. The force was so great that the end of the spear went right through Asahel's stomach and came out his back. Asahel was wounded so badly that he fell down and died right there. When other soldiers came to the place where Asahel's dead body was lying in the roadway, they all stopped and stood there.*

What happened to Asahel when he refused to stop pursuing Abner?

Abner struck him in the stomach with the butt end of his spear, and the spear went right through his stomach and came out of his back, so Asahel fell and died there.

2 Samuel 2:24

ULT	UST
But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner, and the sun was coming in, and they themselves came to the hill of Ammah, which is on the face of Giah, the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.	*But when Joab and Abishai saw what had happened, they ran off in pursuit of Abner. At sunset they came to the hill of Ammah, which is near the town of Giah along the road that leads into the desolate area near Gibeon.*

To what location did Joab and Abishai pursue Abner?

Joab and Abishai pursued Abner to the hill of Ammah, which is near Giah on the way to the wilderness of Gibeon.

2 Samuel 2:26-27

What did Abner say to stop Joab from pursuing him?

Abner called out to Joab that they should not continue this deadly battle any longer. He told Joab to realize that if they continue fighting, many people will suffer great harm. He said that they are all Israelites, and asked Joab to please tell his soldiers right now to stop chasing Abner and his soldiers.

2 Samuel 2:29

ULT	UST
And Abner and his men walked through the Arabah all of that night, and they crossed the Jordan, and they walked all of the morning, and they came to Mahanaim.	*That night Abner led his soldiers back through the Jordan River valley. They crossed the river and marched all the next morning. Then they finally arrived back at Mahanaim.*

Where did Abner and his men travel?

Abner and his men marched back to Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 2:32

ULT	UST
And they took up Asahel, and they buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men walked all of the night, and it became light for them at Hebron.	*Some of Joab's soldiers carried Asahel's body from the battlefield to the town of Bethlehem and buried it in the same tomb where people had buried his father. Then Joab and his soldiers marched all through the night, and at dawn they arrived back home at Hebron.*

Where did Joab and his men travel?

Joab and his men traveled to Hebron to bury Asahel's body in the tomb of his father at Bethlehem. Then they marched all night, going back to Hebron, their home.

2 Samuel 3

2 Samuel 3:1

ULT	UST
And the war was long between the house of Saul and between the house of David. And David was going and strong, but the house of Saul were going and weak.	*After that, the people who wanted Saul's son to be the next king fought a long war against those who wanted David to be the king. As the war continued, more people began to support David, while fewer people supported Saul's son.*

In the war between the house of Saul and the house of David, who grew stronger and who grew weaker?

The house of David grew stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker.

2 Samuel 3:2-3

Who were David's first three sons born to him in Hebron?

Amnon, Chileab, and Absalom were the first three sons born to David in Hebron.

2 Samuel 3:7-8

What did Ishbosheth accuse Abner of doing?

Ishbosheth accused Abner of doing something wrong by having sexual relations with his father Saul's concubine.

2 Samuel 3:9-10

ULT	UST
	Yahweh solemnly promised David that he would make him the next king instead of one of Saul's descendants. He promised to make David the ruler not just of the tribe of Judah but also of all the other tribes of Israel. He promised that David would rule all the territory extending from the city of Dan far in the north to the city of Beersheba far in the south. I am going to make that happen! If I do not, may God take away my position and my possessions and do even worse things to me."

After Ishbosheth's accusation, what did Abner swear he would do?

Abner swore that he would transfer the kingdom from Saul's house to David and establish David's throne over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 3:13

ULT	UST
And he said, "Good, I, I will cut a covenant with you. Only one thing I am asking from you, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless you bring Michal, the daughter of Saul, to my face when you come to see my face.'"	*David told the messengers to tell Abner. "All right, I am willing to make an agreement with you. But there is one thing you must do. Otherwise, I will not meet with you so that we can make that agreement in person. When you come to meet with me, you must bring my wife Michal, Saul's daughter, to me."*

What was David's one condition for making a covenant with Abner?

Abner had to bring his wife Michal, Saul's daughter, when he came to see David.

2 Samuel 3:14

ULT	UST
And David sent messengers to Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself with 100 foreskins of Philistines."	*Abner agreed to get Michal for David. So David sent messengers to Ish Bosheth to tell him, "I killed 100 Philistine soldiers and cut off their foreskins to give to Saul to pay for Michal to be my wife. So now, give her back to me!"*

What price had David paid for Michal to be his wife?

David had paid the price of 100 Philistine foreskins for Michal.

2 Samuel 3:17-18

What did Abner tell the elders of Israel to do?

Abner told the elders to make David their king, since Yahweh spoke about David, saying that by the hand of his servant David my servant, he would save his people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all of their enemies.

2 Samuel 3:20

ULT	UST
And Abner came to David in Hebron, and with him were 20 men. And David made a feast for Abner and for the men who were with him.	*Abner respectfully brought 20 of his soldiers with him when he went to see David at Hebron. David served a feast to all of them.*

What did David do for Abner when Abner and his twenty men arrived in Hebron?

David made a feast for Abner and his men.

2 Samuel 3:21

ULT	UST
Then Abner said to David, "Let me arise and go and gather to my lord the king all of Israel so they may cut a covenant with you so you may reign over all that your soul desires." And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.	*After they had eaten, Abner said to David, "Sir, I know that you have wanted to be the king of all the Israelites. Let me now go and get leaders from all the tribes of Israel and bring them here so they can make an agreement with you to be their king." David agreed, and he allowed Abner and his men to leave safely.*

What did Abner tell David he planned to do?

Abner said he would gather all of Israel to David so they could make a covenant with him, and so David could reign over all that he desired.

2 Samuel 3:23

ULT	UST
And Joab and all of the army that was with him came, and they declared to Joab, saying, "Abner, the son of Ner, came to the king, and he sent him away, and he went in peace."	*When Joab and the soldiers who were with him arrived, someone told Joab that Abner had come there and talked with the king and that the king had allowed Abner to leave safely.*

How did David and Abner part ways?

David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

2 Samuel 3:25

ULT	UST
You know 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 are doing!”	*You know what kind of person Abner son of Ner is! He only pretended that he wanted to make an agreement with you. He really wanted to find out how you lead your armies and what plans you were making!”*

What did Joab accuse Abner of doing?

Joab accused Abner of coming to deceive David and to learn all about his plans.

2 Samuel 3:27

ULT	UST
And Abner returned to Hebron, and Joab turned him aside to the middle of the gate to speak with him in quiet. And he struck him there in the stomach, and he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.	*When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab pretended he wanted to speak with him privately. He led him into the shaded area between the inner and outer gate in the city wall. But there he stabbed Abner in the stomach and killed him. Joab did that to get revenge against Abner for killing his brother Asahel.*

What did Joab do after he had Abner brought back to Hebron?

To avenge the death of his brother Asahel, Joab took Abner aside to the middle of the gate and struck him in the stomach, and he died.

2 Samuel 3:29

ULT	UST
May it writhe on the head of Joab and to all of the house of his father, and may not be cut off from the house of Joab one discharging or one stricken with leprosy or one holding onto a staff or one falling by the sword or a destitute of bread.”	*May Yahweh punish Joab and his relatives instead. I hope that there will always be someone in his family who has sores or who is a leper or who cannot walk without a crutch or who dies in battle or who does not have enough food to eat!”*

After Joab killed Abner, what curse did David pronounce on Joab’s family?

David pronounced a curse that the guilt for Abner’s blood would be on Joab and his father’s house forever. He asked that there will always be someone in Joab’s family who has sores or who is a leper or who cannot walk without a crutch or who dies in battle or who does not have enough food to eat.

2 Samuel 3:29-30

Why did David curse Joab for murdering Abner?

Joab and Abishai his brother had murdered Abner because he had killed Asahel their brother at Gibeon in the battle. They should not have taken revenge.

2 Samuel 3:31

ULT	UST
And David said to Joab and to all of the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and mourn to the face of Abner." And King David was walking behind the bier.	*Then David told Joab and all of his soldiers, "I want you to tear your clothes and wear rough cloth to show that you are sad that Abner has died!" When men carried Abner's body to his grave in a casket, King David walked right behind it to honor him.*

What did David tell Joab and all the people with him to do?

David told them to tear their clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.

2 Samuel 3:35

ULT	UST
Then all of the people came to make David eat bread while it was still day, but David swore, saying, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, that if to the face of the coming in of the sun I taste bread or any of a thing."	*Later that day some people came and invited David to join in the customary funeral meal. But David refused since he wanted to go without eating to show how sad he was that Abner had died. He said, "I swear that I will not even taste any kind of food for the rest of this day on which we buried Abner! If I do, I hope that God will make very bad things happen to me."*

What did David swear when the people urged him to eat?

David swore an oath that he would not taste bread or anything else for the rest of this day.

2 Samuel 3:37

ULT	UST
So all of the people and all of Israel knew on that day that it had not been from the king to kill Abner, the son of Ner.	*Because he had mourned deeply and sincerely for Abner, the people of the tribe of Judah and the people of all the other tribes of Israel realized then that King David had not wanted Joab to kill Abner.*

What did all the people of Israel understand from David's mourning for Abner?

They understood that the king had not wanted Joab to kill Abner.

2 Samuel 3:38

ULT	UST
And the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a commander and great has fallen this day in Israel?	*King David told his officials, "I hope you realize that a great leader has now died in Israel.*

What did the king say to his servants about Abner?

The king told his servants that a commander and a great man had fallen that day in Israel.

2 Samuel 3:39

ULT	UST
And I am weak today, though anointed king. For these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are more harsh than I. May Yahweh repay the one doing evil according to his evil."	*Even though Yahweh appointed me to be the king, I now feel weak. These two sons of Zeruiah, Joab and Abishai, are very violent. I cannot control them. So I hope that Yahweh will punish them as they deserve for this wicked thing that they have done!"*

What did David hope for the sons of Zeruiah?

David hoped that Yahweh would repay the evildoer according to his evil.

2 Samuel 4

2 Samuel 4:1

ULT	UST
And the son of Saul heard that Abner had died in Hebron, and his hands dropped, and all of Israel was terrified.	*When Saul's son Ishbosheth heard that Joab had killed Abner at Hebron, he lost his courage. The people of the Israelite tribes he ruled worried greatly about what would happen next.*

What caused Ishbosheth's hands to become weak?

When Ishbosheth heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became weak.

2 Samuel 4:2

ULT	UST
Now two men, commanders of troops, were to the son of Saul. The name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the second was Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, from the sons of Benjamin, for Beeroth is also reckoned to Benjamin.	*Two of the officers who led groups of soldiers for Ishbosheth were brothers whose names were Baanah and Rechab. Their father was Rimmon. They came from the city of Beeroth. People considered them to be Benjaminites because Beeroth is within the territory that Joshua assigned to the tribe of Benjamin.*

What were the names of two of Ishbosheth's commanders?

The names of two of his commanders were Baanah and Rechab.

2 Samuel 4:4

ULT	UST
Now to Jonathan, the son of Saul, was a son, lame of feet. He was a son of five years when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. And his nurse picked him up and fled. And it happened, when she hurried to flee, that he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.	*Saul's son Jonathan had a son whose name was Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was five years old when Saul and Jonathan died in the battle at Jezreel. When people came to Gibeah and told what had happened, Mephibosheth's nursemaid picked him up and ran away to escape from the Philistines. She ran so fast that she dropped him. That injured his legs, so that he could no longer walk well.*

What was the name of Jonathan's son who was crippled in his feet?

The name of Jonathan's son who was crippled in his feet was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:6

ULT	UST
And behold, they came to the midst of the house, takers of wheat, and they struck him in the stomach. And Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.	

How did Rechab and Baanah get into Ishbosheth's house?

They went into the middle of the house as if they were getting wheat.

2 Samuel 4:7

ULT	UST
For they entered the house, and he was lying on his bed in the chamber of his bed, and they struck him, and they killed him, and they removed his head. And they took his head, and they walked the way of the Arabah all of the night.	

What did Rechab and Baanah do once they were inside Ishbosheth's house?

They went to his private bedroom and they stabbed and killed him as he was lying asleep on his bed, and then they removed his head.

2 Samuel 4:8

ULT	UST
And they brought the head of Ish Bosheth to David at Hebron, and they said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy who sought your life. Now Yahweh has given to my lord the king vengeance this day against Saul and against his seed."	*so they could go to Hebron. When they got there, they presented Ish Bosheth's head to David. They told him, "Here is the head of Ish Bosheth, the son of your enemy Saul, who tried to kill you! Your Majesty, today Yahweh has allowed you to get revenge on Saul and his descendants."*

Where did Rechab and Baanah go after they killed Ishbosheth?

They brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron.

2 Samuel 4:11

ULT	UST
How much more, when wicked men have murdered a righteous man in his house on his bed! And now, shall I not seek his blood from your hand and consume you from the earth?”	*If I punished him by killing him, I should certainly do the same to you. You two evil men murdered a man who had done nothing wrong, and you killed him while he was sleeping on his bed in his own house! Because you murdered him, it is right for me to punish you by executing you. I am going to remove you completely from the earth!”*

What did David say about Rechab and Baanah?

David said they were wicked men who had murdered a righteous man in his own house on his bed.

2 Samuel 4:12

ULT	UST
And David commanded the young men, and they killed them, and they cut off their hands and their feet, and they hung them beside the pool in Hebron. But the head of Ish Bosheth, they took and buried in the grave of Abner in Hebron.	*Then David gave orders to his soldiers, and they killed Rechab and Baanah. They cut off their hands and their feet and hung them near the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ish Bosheth and buried it respectfully in the tomb of Abner, there at Hebron.*

On David’s orders, what did the young men do to Rechab and Baanah?

The young men killed Rechab and Baanah, cut off their hands and feet, and hung them beside the pool at Hebron.

What did David have done with the head of Ishbosheth?

David had the head of Ishbosheth buried in Abner’s grave in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

2 Samuel 5:2

ULT	UST
Both yesterday and the third day, when Saul was king over us, you, you were the one bringing out and bringing in Israel. And Yahweh said to you, 'You, you will shepherd my people Israel, and you, you will become the ruler over Israel.'"	*Previously, even though Saul was our king, you were the one who led our soldiers into battle. Yahweh promised you, 'You will be the leader of the Israelite people, who belong to me. You will be their king.'"*

What did the tribes of Israel say Yahweh had promised David?

They said Yahweh had promised that David would shepherd his people Israel and become their ruler.

2 Samuel 5:3

ULT	UST
Then all of the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David cut for them a covenant in Hebron to the face of Yahweh. And they anointed David as king over Israel.	*Then, with Yahweh as their witness, all the leaders of the people of Israel came and made an agreement with David at Hebron that he would be their king. They poured olive oil on his head to show that he was now the king of the Israelites.*

Who came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel?

All the elders of Israel came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5:5

ULT	UST
In Hebron, he reigned over Judah seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem, he reigned 33 years over all of Israel and Judah.	*In Hebron, he had ruled over the tribe of Judah for seven and a half years. He would then rule over all the people of Judah and Israel for 33 more years in Jerusalem.*

How many years did David reign in Jerusalem over all Israel and Judah?

David reigned in Jerusalem for 33 years over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 5:6-7

By what other names was Jerusalem called?

The stronghold of Zion was also called the City of David.

From whom did David capture the stronghold of Zion?

David captured the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites.

2 Samuel 5:10

ULT	UST
And David went, going and becoming great, for Yahweh, the God of Armies, was with him.	*David continued to become more and more powerful because Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, was helping him.*

Why did David become greater and greater?

David became greater and greater because Yahweh, the God of Armies, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:11

ULT	UST
And Hiram, the king of Tyre, sent messengers to David, and trees of cedar and craftsmen of wood and craftsmen of stone of wall. And they built a house for David.	*One day Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, sent ambassadors to make a peace treaty with David. Hiram agreed to provide cedar trees to make lumber, and he also agreed that he would send carpenters and stone masons to build a palace for David.*

What did Hiram, king of Tyre, send to David?

Hiram sent messengers, cedar trees, carpenters, and stonemasons to David to build a house for David.

2 Samuel 5:14-16

How many sons were born to David in Jerusalem?

Eleven sons were born to David in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 5:17

ULT	UST
And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David as king over Israel, and all of the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and he went down to the stronghold.	*When the Philistines learned that the Israelites had made David their king, they assembled their army, and it marched toward Jerusalem to try to capture David. But David learned that they were coming, so he left the city and went to another place where he would be safe.*

What did the Philistines do when they heard that David had been anointed king over Israel?

When the Philistines heard David had been anointed king, they marched toward Jerusalem to try to capture David.

2 Samuel 5:19

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" And Yahweh said to David, "Go up, for giving, I will give the Philistines into your hand."	*David asked Yahweh, "Should I lead my soldiers to attack the Philistine army? Will you enable us to defeat them?" Yahweh replied, "Yes, attack them, because I will definitely enable your army to defeat them."*

What did Yahweh tell David when David asked if he should attack the Philistines?

Yahweh told David to go up because he would definitely enable David's army to defeat them.

2 Samuel 5:20

ULT	UST
So David came to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there. And he said, "Yahweh has broken through my enemies to my face like the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.	*So David led his army to where the Philistine army was, and they defeated them there. Then David said, "Yahweh enabled us to break through the enemy battle lines just as a flood of water breaks through a dam!" So David named that place Baal Perazim.*

Where did David attack the Philistines, and what was the outcome?

David attacked the Philistines at Baal Perazim and defeated them there.

2 Samuel 5:23

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, and he said, "You shall not go up. Go around to behind them, and you shall come to them from opposite the balsam trees.	*So David asked Yahweh again what he should do. Yahweh replied, "Do not attack their battle lines directly. Tell your soldiers to go around them and attack them from the back. Come through the grove of balsam trees.*

When the Philistines came up a second time, how did Yahweh tell David to attack them?

Yahweh told David not to go up to attack them from the front, but to circle around behind them and attack from opposite the balsam trees.

2 Samuel 5:24

ULT	UST
And it will be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act determinedly, for then Yahweh will go out to your face to strike the camp of the Philistines."	*You will hear the sound of an army marching in the tops of the balsam trees. When you do, you will know that I am going ahead of you to enable your army to defeat the Philistine army. So when you hear that sound, attack them right away."*

What sound did Yahweh tell David to listen for before attacking the Philistines?

Yahweh told David to attack when he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees.

2 Samuel 5:25

ULT	UST
And David did thus, just as Yahweh commanded him. And he struck the Philistines from Geba to your coming to Gezer.	*So David did what Yahweh told him to do. His soldiers defeated the Philistine soldiers and chased them from the city of Geba all the way west to the city of Gezer.*

What was David's response to Yahweh's command?

David did just as Yahweh had commanded him.

What was the outcome of this battle against the Philistines?

David's soldiers defeated the Philistine soldiers and chased them from the city of Geba all the way west to the city of Gezer.

2 Samuel 6

2 Samuel 6:1-2

Why did David gather all the chosen men of Israel?

David gathered the chosen men of Israel to bring up the Box of God from Baalah of Judah.

2 Samuel 6:3

ULT	UST
And they mounted the Box of God on a new cart, and they bore it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart.	*They went to the hilltop house of Abinadab. They used a new cart to carry the chest from there. Two oxen were pulling the cart, and Abinadab's two sons Uzzah and Ahio were guiding them.*

On what did they set the Box of God?

They set the Box of God on a new cart pulled by two oxen.

Who was guiding the new cart?

Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart.

2 Samuel 6:6

ULT	UST
And they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, and Uzzah reached out to the Box of God and held it, for the oxen stumbled.	*But when they came to the place in the area of Nacon where people threshed grain, the oxen tripped. Because that made the cart tilt so that the sacred chest might have fallen off of it, Uzzah put his hand on the sacred chest to steady it.*

What happened at the threshing floor of Nacon?

The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out to steady the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:7

ULT	UST
And the nose of Yahweh burned against Uzzah, and God struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the Box of God.	*Yahweh immediately became very angry with Uzzah for touching the chest. God killed him right there next to it.*

What did God do in response to Uzzah's action?

God became angry and struck Uzzah for his fault, and Uzzah died there by the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:8-9

How did David feel about what Yahweh had done to Uzzah?

David was angry because Yahweh had broken out against Uzzah. Then David became afraid of Yahweh, and he said that it was too dangerous for him to try to bring the sacred chest to where he lived in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 6:10-11

What did David do with the Box of God after Uzzah died?

David decided not to bring the sacred chest to the City of David. Instead, he had the people take it into the house of Obed Edom, there by the road.

2 Samuel 6:12

ULT	UST
And it was declared to King David, saying, "Yahweh has blessed the house of Obed Edom and all who are to him for the sake of the Box of God." So David went, and he brought up the Box of God from the house of Obed Edom to the City of David with joy.	*After that time, people told King David, "Because Obed Edom is taking care of the sacred chest, Yahweh is making good things happen for his family and all of his servants!" When David heard that, he gathered many of the Levites and went to Obed Edom's house. Together they very joyfully brought the sacred chest from there to the City of David.*

Why did David bring the Box of God from Obed Edom's house to the City of David?

David brought it because he was told that Yahweh had blessed the house of Obed Edom because of the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:14

ULT	UST
And David danced to the face of Yahweh with all of his strength. And David was girded with an ephod of linen.	*David was wearing just a plain linen robe. He danced to honor Yahweh, leaping as high as he could and whirling around fast.*

What did David do as the Box of God was being brought up?

As the Box of God was being brought up, David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before Yahweh with all his strength.

2 Samuel 6:16

ULT	UST
and the Box of Yahweh was entering the City of David. But Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down through a window, and she saw King David leaping and dancing to the face of Yahweh, and she despised him in her heart.	*While they were bringing the sacred chest into the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul, his wife, was on an upper floor of her house. She looked through a window down onto the street. She saw her husband King David leaping and whirling to honor Yahweh. That made her feel disgusted with him because she did not think a king should dress and act that way.*

What was Michal's response when she saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh?

When Michal saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:17

ULT	UST
And they brought the Box of Yahweh, and they set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to the face of Yahweh.	*David had put up a tent for the sacred chest, and the Levites carried the sacred chest into it and set it up there. Then David made some offerings to Yahweh that he completely burned on an altar. He made other offerings whose meat the people could share at a meal to celebrate this happy occasion.*

After the Box of Yahweh was set in its place, what offerings did David make to Yahweh?

David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 6:19

ULT	UST
And he distributed to all of the people, to all of the multitude of Israel, to man and to woman, to a man one cake of bread and one date cake and one raisin cake. And all of the people went, a man to his house.	*Then he gave special gifts of food to all the Israelites who had come for the celebration. To each man and woman he gave a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then they all returned to their homes.*

What did David distribute to all the people?

He distributed a cake of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake to each person.

2 Samuel 6:20

ULT	UST
Then David returned to bless his house. And Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David, and she said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, who uncovered himself today to the eyes of the female servants of his servants, as uncovering himself, one of the worthless uncovers himself!"	*Then David went home to ask Yahweh to do good things for his family. His wife Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him. She told him, "As the king of Israel, you should not have acted so disgracefully today! You took off almost all of your clothes, and you let the female servants of your officials see you that way! Only immoral men take off their clothes in public as you did."*

What did Michal say to David when he returned home?

She sarcastically asked how the king of Israel had honored himself by uncovering himself before the eyes of his servants' female servants, like a worthless person.

2 Samuel 6:21-22

What was David's response to Michal's rebuke?

David said that he celebrated before Yahweh, who chose him as leader. He said he would humble himself even more, and that the female servants would honor him.

2 Samuel 7

2 Samuel 7:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the king dwelled in his house and Yahweh gave rest to him from all around, from all of his enemies,	*King David was living in his palace, and Yahweh caused the enemy people groups that surrounded the Israelites to stop attacking them.*

What did Yahweh give David?

Yahweh gave David rest from all his surrounding enemies.

2 Samuel 7:2

ULT	UST
that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See, please, I am dwelling in a house of cedars, but the Box of God is dwelling in the midst of a curtain."	*So one day David said to the prophet Nathan, "Consider that I live in a palace that King Hiram's craftsmen built for me from cedar wood. But the sacred chest is only in a tent rather than a splendid temple!"*

What did the king say to Nathan the prophet?

The king said to Nathan that he was living in a house of cedar, but the Box of God was dwelling in a tent.

2 Samuel 7:3-4

What did Nathan tell David before the word of Yahweh came to him?

Nathan told David to do all that was in his heart, because Yahweh was with him.

2 Samuel 7:7

ULT	UST
In any place where I went about with all of the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the scepters of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built for me a house of cedars'?"'	*I went with the Israelites wherever they traveled, but I never told any of the leaders whom I appointed to rule them that they should have built a temple for me out of cedar wood.*

What question did Yahweh ask about the leaders of Israel?

Yahweh asked if he had ever commanded one of the leaders of Israel to build him a house of cedars.

2 Samuel 7:8-9

What did Yahweh say he had done for David?

Yahweh said he took David from the pasture to be ruler over Israel, had been with him everywhere, and had cut off all his enemies from before him.

2 Samuel 7:10

ULT	UST
And I have established a place for my people, for Israel, and I will plant him that he may dwell under him, and he will not tremble anymore, and the sons of wickedness will not continue to afflict him as at first,	

What did Yahweh say he was going to do for Israel?

Yahweh said he had established a place for them and will plant them so they could live in their own place and not be afflicted by wicked people anymore.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

Who did Yahweh say would build a house for his name?

Yahweh said he would raise up David's own offspring after him, and that offspring would build a house for his name.

2 Samuel 7:16

ULT	UST
And your house and your kingdom will be confirmed to forever to your face. Your throne will be established to forever.”’”	*So assure David that his descendants will continually rule the kingdom of Israel after him. No other family will ever replace them as the royal family.”*

What did Yahweh say about David's house and kingdom?

Yahweh said David's descendants would continually rule the kingdom of Israel after him.

2 Samuel 7:18-20

After Nathan told David all the words Yahweh had said, what did David do?

David went in and sat before Yahweh and prayed to him.

2 Samuel 7:20

ULT	UST
And what more shall David add to say to you? But you, you know your servant, my Lord Yahweh.	*Yahweh my Lord, I am not able to say anything further to you. But you know me so well that you know what I would say if I could say it.*

After hearing the prophecy, what did David say about Yahweh?

David said that Yahweh knew his servant so well.

2 Samuel 7:21

ULT	UST
For the sake of your word and according to your heart, you have done all this greatness, to make your servant know this.	*You are going to do a wonderful thing and make my descendants kings after me. You are going to do this because you promised to make me a king, and because it is what you really want to do. It was also wonderful for you to tell me about this now.*

Why did David say Yahweh had done this great thing and revealed it to him?

David said Yahweh had done it for the sake of his word and according to his own heart.

2 Samuel 7:23

ULT	UST
And who is like your people, like Israel, the one nation on earth whose God went to redeem a people for himself and to make for himself a name and to do greatness for you and things being feared for your land, from the face of your people whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, nations and its gods?	*No other nation in the world is like us, your Israelite people. None of the gods that other people groups worship rescued them so that those people would belong to them. You rescued us from being slaves in Egypt. You also rescued us from enemy nations here in Canaan that thought their gods would enable them to defeat us. You did miracles to enable us to settle in this land. Because of the powerful things you have done, people throughout the world now respect you.*

Why did God go to redeem Israel?

God redeemed Israel to make them a people for himself and to make a name for himself.

2 Samuel 7:27

ULT	UST
For you, Yahweh of Armies, are the God of Israel. You have uncovered the ear of your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' Therefore, your servant has found his heart to pray this prayer to you.	*I am confident that you will do this, because you, Yahweh, have chosen us Israelites to be your people. You have revealed to me that you will make some of my descendants kings. For that reason, I have been bold enough to pray like this to you.*

Why did David say he had been bold enough to pray like this to Yahweh?

David said he found the heart to pray because Yahweh had revealed that he would build a house for David.

2 Samuel 7:28

ULT	UST
And now, my Lord Yahweh, you are he, God, so your words are true. And you have spoken concerning this good your servant.	*So now, Yahweh my Lord, because you are God, we can trust that you will do what you promise. You have promised to do these good things to me.*

What did David say about Yahweh's words?

David said that Yahweh's words are true.

2 Samuel 7:29

ULT	UST
And now, take pleasure and bless the house of your servant to be to your face forever. For you, my Lord Yahweh, you have spoken and from your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever."	*So now I pray that it will please you to do good things for my descendants. Please enable them to keep ruling your Israelite people. Yahweh my Lord, you have promised these things, and so I know that you will always keep doing good things for my descendants."*

What did David ask Yahweh to do?

David asked Yahweh to be pleased to bless his house so that it would continue forever before him.

2 Samuel 8

2 Samuel 8:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this, that David struck the Philistines, and he subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.	*Some time later, David and his army defeated the Philistine army. They captured Metheg Ammah and made the Philistines subject to the Israelites.*

What did David gain by attacking and subduing the Philistines?

They captured Metheg Ammah and made the Philistines subject to the Israelites.

2 Samuel 8:2

ULT	UST
And he struck Moab, and he measured them with a rope, making them lie on the ground. And he measured two ropes to kill and the fullness of the rope to let live. And Moab became servants to David, lifters of tribute.	*David and his army also defeated the Moabite army. Afterwards, David forced their soldiers to lie down on the ground close to each other in a long line. His soldiers went down the line and measured two lengths of a rope. They killed all of the Moabite soldiers in that part of the line. Then they measured one length of that rope and let the Moabite soldiers in that part of the line live. They continued to do this all the way down the line. The rest of the Moabites had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded.*

How did David decide which Moabite soldiers would live or die?

He made them lie on the ground and measured them with a rope, measuring two rope lengths to be killed and one full rope length to be kept alive.

What happened to the Moabites who were left alive?

The rest of the Moabites had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded.

2 Samuel 8:3-4

What did David capture from Hadadezer?

David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 men on foot.

2 Samuel 8:5

ULT	UST
And Aram of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, the king of Zobah. And David struck 22, 000 men among Aram.	*Then an army of Arameans from the kingdom whose capital was the city of Damascus came to help King Hadadezer's army. But David's soldiers killed 22, 000 of those Arameans.*

What did David do to the Arameans of Damascus when they came to help Hadadezer?

David struck 22,000 men among the Arameans.

2 Samuel 8:6

ULT	UST
And David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and Aram became servants to David, lifters of tribute. And Yahweh saved David in every place where he went.	*Then David stationed groups of his soldiers in that kingdom. Those Arameans had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded. Each time David led his soldiers into battle, Yahweh enabled them to win victories over their enemies.*

Why was David victorious?

Each time David led his soldiers into battle, Yahweh enabled them to win victories over their enemies.

2 Samuel 8:10

ULT	UST
And Toi sent Joram his son to King David to ask about him regarding peace and to bless him because he had fought with Hadadezer and had struck him. For Hadadezer had been a man of war of Toi. And in his hand were vessels of silver and vessels of gold and vessels of bronze.	*he sent his son Joram to make a peace treaty with King David and to congratulate him for defeating Hadadezer's army. Toi congratulated David because Hadadezer's army had fought many times against his own army. Joram brought David many articles of gold, silver, and bronze as gifts.*

What did Toi, king of Hamath, do when he heard that David had defeated Hadadezer's army?

Toi sent his son Joram to greet and bless David, and Joram brought vessels of silver, gold, and bronze.

2 Samuel 8:11

ULT	UST
King David also consecrated them to Yahweh, with the silver and the gold that he consecrated from all of the nations that he had subdued,	*King David dedicated all those items to Yahweh, just as he had dedicated the silver and gold that his army had captured from the nations they had conquered.*

What did David do with the silver and gold from the nations he had subdued?

David consecrated the silver and gold to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 8:13

ULT	UST
And David made a name when he returned from his striking Aram in the Valley of Salt, 18, 000.	*David became even more famous after his army killed 18, 000 Aramean soldiers in a battle in the Valley of Salt.*

Where did David strike the Arameans?

David killed 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt.

2 Samuel 8:15

ULT	UST
And David was king over all of Israel. And it happened, David did justice and righteousness for all of his people.	*So David ruled over all the Israelite people. As king, he decided the people's cases, and he judged them fairly.*

What did David do for all his people?

David did justice and righteousness for all his people.

2 Samuel 8:18

ULT	UST
And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, both the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David were priests.	*Benaiah son of Jehoiada was the commander of David's elite corps of bodyguards. David's sons were his advisors.*

How did David's sons serve his kingdom?

David's sons were his advisors.

2 Samuel 9

2 Samuel 9:1

ULT	UST
And David said, “Is it that there is still one who remains to the house of Saul, that I may do covenant faithfulness with him for the sake of Jonathan?”	*One day David asked some of his officials, “Are there any descendants of Saul still living? I promised Jonathan that I would act kindly toward his family, and I would like to do that if I can.”*

Why did David want to show covenant faithfulness to anyone left in Saul’s house?

David wanted to show covenant faithfulness for the sake of Jonathan.

2 Samuel 9:3

ULT	UST
And the king said, “Is there no longer a man to the house of Saul, that I may do with him the covenant faithfulness of God?” And Ziba said to the king, “A son is still to Jonathan, lame of feet.”	*Then King David asked him, “Is there anyone still alive in Saul’s family toward whom I can act kindly, as I promised God that I would do?” Ziba replied, “Yes, there is one son of Jonathan who is still alive. But he is not able to walk.”*

How did Ziba answer the king when he was asked if anyone was left in Saul’s house?

Ziba told the king that one son of Jonathan was still alive but not able to walk.

2 Samuel 9:6

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and he fell on his face, and he prostrated himself. And David said, “Mephibosheth.” And he said, “Behold your servant.”	*When Mephibosheth came to David, he knelt down with his face on the ground, to show respect. Then David said, “Mephibosheth.” He replied, “What may I do for you, your Majesty?”*

Who was left in Saul’s house?

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was left.

2 Samuel 9:7

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Do not fear, for doing, I will do covenant faithfulness with you for the sake of Jonathan your father. And I will restore to you all of the field of Saul your father, and you yourself will eat bread at my table continually."	*David said to him, "Do not be afraid. You can be sure that I am going to be kind to you because Jonathan your father was my friend. I will give back to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul. And I want you to always eat meals with my family in the royal palace."*

What kindness did David show Mephibosheth for Jonathan's sake?

David restored to Mephibosheth all the land of his grandfather Saul, and he had Mephibosheth eat meals with his family continually.

2 Samuel 9:10

ULT	UST
And you shall work the land for him, you and your sons and your servants, and you shall bring, that there will be bread for the son of your master, that he may eat it. And Mephibosheth, the son of your master, shall eat bread continually at my table." (Now to Ziba were 15 sons and 20 servants.)	*You and your sons and your servants must plow the land and plant crops and harvest them for Mephibosheth's family. That way they will have food to eat. Mephibosheth will eat meals regularly with me in my palace." (Ziba had 15 sons and 20 servants.)*

What did David tell Ziba to do for Mephibosheth?

David told Ziba that he, his sons, and his servants were to work the land for Mephibosheth and bring in the harvest.

2 Samuel 9:13

ULT	UST
But Mephibosheth dwelled in Jerusalem, for he was continually eating at the table of the king. And he was lame, the two of his feet.	*So Mephibosheth came to live in Jerusalem, since he always ate meals with David's family in the royal palace. He was still not able to walk, because he had injured both of his legs.*

Where did Mephibosheth live after David showed him kindness?

Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem because he ate meals with David's family in the palace.

What physical problem did Mephibosheth have?

Mephibosheth was lame in both of his feet.

2 Samuel 10

2 Samuel 10:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that the king of the sons of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in place of him.	*Sometime later, Nahash, the king of the Ammonites, died. His son Hanun became the next Ammonite king.*

Who became king of the Ammonites after the former king died?

Hanun his son became the new king.

2 Samuel 10:2

ULT	UST
And David said, "I will do kindness with Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father did kindness with me." And David sent by the hand of his servants to console him concerning his father. And the servants of David entered the land of the sons of Ammon.	*David thought to himself, "Nahash was kind to me, so I will be kind to his son Hanun." So David sent some of his officials to tell Hanun that David was sorry that Hanun's father had died. When those messengers arrived in the land of Ammon,*

How did David show kindness to Hanun?

David sent his servants to console Hanun concerning the death of his father.

2 Samuel 10:3

ULT	UST
And the commanders of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun their master, "In your eyes, is David honoring your father, since he has sent consolers to you? Is it not in order to explore the city and to spy on it and to overthrow it that David has sent his servants to you?"	*the Ammonite military leaders said to King Hanun, "You should not think that when David sent these men to tell you he is sorry that your father died, he did that to honor your father. He sent them here to look around the city to determine how his army can conquer us!"*

What did the Ammonite commanders say about David's show of kindness to Hanun?

The commanders told Hanun that David had sent his servants to explore the city in order to spy on it and overthrow it.

2 Samuel 10:4

ULT	UST
So Hanun took the servants of David, and he shaved half of their beard, and he cut their garments in the middle, to their buttocks, and he sent them away.	*Hanun believed what they said. So he commanded some of his soldiers to seize David's officials and insult them by shaving off one side of their beards. He also had them cut off the lower part of their robes so that their buttocks would show. Then he made them leave Ammon and go back to Israel.*

What did Hanun do to David's servants?

He commanded his soldiers to seize David's officials and insult them by shaving off one side of their beards and cut off the lower part of their robes so that their buttocks would show. Then he sent them back to Israel.

2 Samuel 10:6

ULT	UST
And the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves stink to David. So the sons of Ammon sent and hired Aram of Beth Rehob and Aram of Zoba, 20, 000 footsoldiers, and the king of Maacah, 1, 000 men, and a man of Tob, 12, 000 men.	*Then the Ammonite leaders realized that they had greatly insulted David. So they sent some men to hire some soldiers from other nearby areas to help defend them. They hired 20, 000 soldiers from the Aramean regions of Beth Rehob and Zobah. They also hired 1, 000 soldiers from the army of the king of Maacah and 12, 000 soldiers from the region of Tob.*

Why did the Ammonites hire soldiers from other nations?

The Ammonites hired soldiers because they saw that they had greatly insulted David.

2 Samuel 10:6-8

Where did the Ammonites and their hired soldiers position themselves for battle?

The Ammonites formed a battle line at their city gate, while their hired soldiers from Aram, Tob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

2 Samuel 10:7

ULT	UST
And David heard, and he sent Joab and all of the army, the mighty.	*When David heard about that, he sent Joab with all of the best Israelite soldiers to fight against them.*

What did David do when he heard that the Ammonites had hired soldiers?

When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of mighty men to fight against them.

2 Samuel 10:9-10

How did Joab prepare for the battle?

Joab chose some of the best men of Israel and arrayed them to meet the Arameans, and he put the rest of the people in the hand of his brother Abishai to meet the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 10:14

ULT	UST
And the sons of Ammon saw that Aram had fled, and they fled from the face of Abishai, and they entered the city. Then Joab returned from against the sons of Ammon, and he came to Jerusalem.	*When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans were running away, they also ran away from Abishai and the soldiers he was commanding. They retreated back inside their city. So Joab and his army stopped fighting against them and went back to Jerusalem.*

What did the Ammonites do when they saw that the Arameans had fled from Joab?

When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and went into the city.

2 Samuel 10:15-16

What did the Arameans do when they saw they had been defeated by Israel?

The Arameans gathered themselves together again at Helam, and Hadadezer sent for many troops from Aramean kingdoms beyond the Euphrates River.

2 Samuel 10:17

ULT	UST
And it was declared to David, and he gathered all of Israel, and he crossed the Jordan, and he came toward Helam. And Aram arrayed themselves to meet David, and they fought with him.	*When David learned about this, he gathered all of the Israelite fighting men and led them across the Jordan River. They marched to Helam. The Aramean army formed a battle line there, and the two armies fought.*

What did David do when he heard that the Arameans had gathered again?

David gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, and came toward Helam to fight the Arameans.

2 Samuel 10:19

ULT	UST
And all of the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they had been struck to the face of Israel, and they made peace with Israel, and they served them. And Aram feared to save the sons of Ammon anymore.	*Then all the kings who has been Hadadezer's subjects thought about how the Israelites had defeated their combined armies. They decided to make a peace treaty with the Israelites. They agreed to accept David as their king. The Arameans would not help the Ammonites anymore after that, because they were afraid of Israel.*

What did all the kings who were servants of Hadadezer do when they saw they were defeated by Israel?

They made peace with Israel and served them. The Arameans would not help the Ammonites anymore after that, because they were afraid of Israel.

2 Samuel 11

2 Samuel 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, at the return of the year, at the time of the going out of kings, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all of Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon, and they besieged against Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.	*The following spring, at the time when kings usually led their armies to fight against their enemies, David sent out his commander Joab with his officers and the rest of the Israelite army. They fought the Ammonites and severely defeated them. Then they surrounded Rabbah, their capital city, and tried to capture it. But David himself stayed in Jerusalem.*

When did kings normally go out to war?

Kings normally went out to war at the return of the year, in the spring.

Where was King David at this time?

David sent out his commander Joab with his officers and the rest of the Israelite army, but David himself stayed in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-3

Who did David see one evening when he was walking on the roof of his palace?

David saw a very beautiful woman bathing, and her name was Bathsheba.

2 Samuel 11:3

ULT	UST
And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"	*David sent someone to find out who she was. He returned and told David, "That woman is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam. She is the wife of Uriah the Hittite."*

Who was Bathsheba's husband?

Bathsheba's husband was Uriah the Hittite.

2 Samuel 11:4-5

What did David do with Bathsheba?

David sent for her, he had sexual relations with her, and she became pregnant.

2 Samuel 11:6

ULT	UST
And David sent to Joab, "Send Uriah the Hittite to me." So Joab sent Uriah to David.	*So David sent a message to Joab. He said, "Tell Uriah the Hittite to come back to Jerusalem so that I can speak with him." So Joab sent Uriah to go and speak with David.*

After David found out Bathsheba was pregnant, what did he do?

He told Joab to send Uriah the Hittite to him.

2 Samuel 11:8

ULT	UST
And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out from the house of the king, and a gift from the king went out after him.	*Then David told Uriah, "Now go home and relax for a while." So Uriah left, and David sent someone to bring some special food to Uriah for him to enjoy.*

When Uriah came to David, what did David try to get him to do?

David tried to get Uriah to go down to his house and relax for a while.

2 Samuel 11:9

ULT	UST
But Uriah lay down at the entrance of the house of the king with all of the servants of his master, and he did not go down to his house.	*But Uriah did not go home. Instead, he slept at the palace entrance with the palace guards.*

What did Uriah do after David told him to go to his house?

Uriah did not go to his house, but instead slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his master.

2 Samuel 11:11

ULT	UST
And Uriah said to David, "The Box and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my master Joab and the servants of my master are camping on the face of the field. And I, shall I go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? Your life, and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing!"	*Uriah replied, "The soldiers of Israel and Judah are camping in the open fields. Even our commander Joab and his officers are sleeping in tents like the rest of us. We brought the sacred chest with us, and it is also in a tent. As a soldier who is part of this military campaign, it would not be right for me to go to my home, enjoy food and drink, and have sexual relations with my wife. I swear by your life that I would never do such a thing!"*

Why did Uriah say he would not go to his own house?

Uriah said he would never go to his house to eat, drink, and lie with his wife while the Box, Israel, and Judah were dwelling in tents, and Joab and his men were camping in the open field.

2 Samuel 11:15

ULT	UST
And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Put Uriah in the front of the face of the strongest battle, and turn them back from behind him so he will be struck and die."	*In the letter, he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line at the place where he will be in the greatest danger. Then command the soldiers who are supporting him to retreat. That way our enemies will wound him so badly that he will die."*

What did David's letter to Joab say?

The letter said to put Uriah in the front of the strongest battle and then to retreat from him so he would be struck and die.

2 Samuel 11:19-20

What did Joab think might happen when his messenger brought news of the war to David?

Joab thought David might become angry because he had allowed the Ammonites to kill some of his soldiers.

2 Samuel 11:20

ULT	UST
it will be, if the heat of the king rises and he says to you, 'Why did you draw near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?	*David may become angry because we allowed the Ammonites to kill some of our soldiers. He may tell you, 'Your soldiers should not have gone so close to the city to fight! You should have known that the Ammonite soldiers would shoot arrows at you from the top of the city wall!*

What news did Joab think David might be angry about?

Joab thought David might be angry that soldiers got so close to the city to fight because the Ammonite soldiers would shoot arrows at them from the top of the city wall.

2 Samuel 11:21

ULT	UST
Who struck Abimelech, the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw a piece of a millstone onto him from the wall, and he died in Thebez? Why did you draw near to the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead.'"	*You must remember how Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth died! A woman who lived in Thebez threw a heavy millstone onto him from the top of a tower, and that killed him. So our troops should not have gone near the city wall!' If the king says this, then tell him that his soldier Uriah the Hittite also died in the battle."*

What did Joab tell the messenger to say if David got angry?

Joab told the messenger to say that his servant Uriah the Hittite was also dead.

2 Samuel 11:25

ULT	UST
And David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'May this matter not be bad in your eyes, for like this and like this the sword devours. Strengthen your battle against the city and destroy it.' So strengthen him."	*David said to the messenger, "Go back to Joab and tell him, 'Do not feel badly about what happened, because no one ever knows who might die in a battle. Make an even stronger attack against the city and conquer it.' Encourage Joab by telling him those things."*

What did David tell the messenger to say to Joab?

David told the messenger to encourage Joab by telling him to not feel badly since no one ever knows who might die in a battle. David advised him to strengthen his battle against the city and destroy it.

2 Samuel 11:26

ULT	UST
And the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her man had died. And she lamented for her husband.	*When Uriah's wife Bathsheba heard that her husband had died, she mourned for him.*

What did Uriah's wife do when she heard that her husband was dead?

When she heard her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

2 Samuel 11:27

ULT	UST
And the mourning passed, and David sent and gathered her to his house, and she became a wife to him, and she bore a son to him. But the thing that David had done was bad in the eyes of Yahweh.	*After her time of mourning ended, David sent messengers to bring her to the palace, and he married her. She later gave birth to a son whose father was David. But Yahweh was very displeased with what David had done.*

What happened to Bathsheba?

After her mourning passed, David sent for her, and she became his wife, and she bore him a son.

Who was displeased with what David had done?

Yahweh was very displeased with what David had done.

2 Samuel 12

2 Samuel 12:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and he said to him, "Two men were in one city, one rich and one poor.	*Yahweh told the prophet Nathan what David had done, and he sent Nathan to correct David. Nathan came and told him a story to help him recognize that he had done was very wrong. He said, "Once there were two men in a certain city. One man was rich and the other was poor.*

Why did Nathan go to David?

Nathan went to David because Yahweh sent him.

2 Samuel 12:1-3

What was Nathan's story about?

The story was about a rich man with many flocks and herds and a poor man who had only one little ewe lamb that was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12:4

ULT	UST
Now a traveler came to the rich man, and he spared to take from his flock or from his herd to prepare for the wayfarer having come to him, but he took the ewe of the poor man, and he prepared it for the man having come to him."	*One day a visitor came to see the rich man. The rich man did not want to take one of his own sheep or cattle and kill it to prepare a meal for his guest. Instead, he sent men to take the poor man's lamb. Then he had someone kill it and prepare it as a meal for his guest."*

What did the rich man do with the poor man's lamb?

When a traveler came to the rich man, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it as a meal for his guest.

2 Samuel 12:5

ULT	UST
And the nose of David burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "The life of Yahweh, that the man having done this is a son of death!	*When David heard that, he became very angry with the rich man. He told Nathan, "I swear by Yahweh that I want to execute the man who did that!*

What was David's reaction to Nathan's story?

David was very angry and said that he wanted to execute the man who did that.

2 Samuel 12:7

ULT	UST
And Nathan said to David, "You are the man. Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'I, I anointed you as king over Israel, and I, I delivered you from the hand of Saul.	*Nathan said to David, "You have acted like the man I told you about. Now this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you: 'I was the one who chose you to be the king of Israel. When Saul was trying to kill you, I was the one who rescued you.*

What did Nathan tell David after David reacted in anger?

Nathan told David, "You are the man."

2 Samuel 12:9

ULT	UST
Why have you despised the word of Yahweh to do evil in my eyes? You struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and you took his wife for yourself as a wife, and you murdered him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.	*But you have not taken seriously what I commanded when I said that my people must not commit adultery or murder. You have done things that I consider to be very evil! You arranged for Uriah the Hittite to die in battle, and after the Ammonite soldiers killed him, then you took his wife as your own wife!*

What did Yahweh say David had done?

Yahweh said David had struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, had taken his wife to be his own wife, and had murdered him with the sword of the Ammonites. Yahweh said that David did not take seriously what he commanded when he said that his people must not commit adultery or murder. David did things that Yahweh considers to be very evil!

2 Samuel 12:10-11

What did Yahweh say would happen because David despised him and took Uriah's wife?

Yahweh said that he would make someone from David's own family cause disaster for him. Yahweh would take David's wives away from him and give them to that person instead. He will have sexual relations with them in public.

2 Samuel 12:13

ULT	UST
And David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yahweh." And Nathan said to David, "Yahweh has also taken away your sin. You will not die.	*David replied, "I have sinned against Yahweh." Nathan said to David, "Yahweh has forgiven you for sinning. He is not going to punish you by killing you for committing this sin.*

After he confessed his sin, what did Nathan say would happen to David?

Nathan told David that Yahweh had taken away his sin and that he would not die.

2 Samuel 12:14

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, because spurning, you have spurned the enemies of Yahweh with this thing, also the son born to you dying, will die."	*But you have shown great contempt for Yahweh by doing this. So the son you have just had is going to die."*

What did Nathan say would happen to the son born to David?

Nathan said that because David had shown great contempt for Yahweh by doing this, the son born to him would surely die.

2 Samuel 12:16-17

What did David do when the child was very sick?

David prayed to God that the child would not die, fasted, and went in and slept on the floor of his room.

2 Samuel 12:18

ULT	UST
And it happened on the seventh day that the child died, and the servants of David were afraid to declare to him that the child had died, for they said, "Behold, while the child was living, we spoke to him, but he did not listen to our voice. So how shall we say to him, 'The child has died'? For he will do harm."	*After a week, the baby died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that. They said to each other, "Consider that while the baby was still alive, we encouraged him to take better care of himself, but he refused. Now if we tell him that the baby has died, he may do something to hurt himself!"*

When did the child die?

The child died on the seventh day.

2 Samuel 12:20

ULT	UST
Then David arose from the ground, and he washed, and he anointed himself, and he changed his clothes, and he entered the house of Yahweh, and he prostrated himself. Then he went to his house, and he asked, and they set out bread for him, and he ate.	*Then David got up from the floor. He bathed himself, put olive oil on his hair and skin, and put on different clothes. Then he went to Yahweh's sacred tent and worshiped him there. After that, he came home. He asked his servants to bring him some food, and when they did, he ate it.*

What did David do once he knew the child was dead?

David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, changed his clothes, and went to the house of Yahweh and prostrated himself. Then he asked his servants for food and he ate it.

2 Samuel 12:23

ULT	UST
But now, he is dead. Why is this, that I should fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I am going to him, but he, he will not return to me."	*But now that the baby is dead, there is no reason for me to go without food anymore. I cannot bring him back to me. Someday I will go to where he is, but he will not return to me."*

Why did David stop fasting after the child died?

David reasoned that there was no reason to fast since he could not bring the child back again.

2 Samuel 12:25

ULT	UST
And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jedidiah because of Yahweh.	*Yahweh told the prophet Nathan to tell David to name the baby boy Jedidiah, since he loved him.*

Why did Yahweh send word through Nathan to name the new son Jedidiah?

Yahweh said to name him Jedidiah because of Yahweh.

2 Samuel 12:26

ULT	UST
And Joab fought with Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and he captured the city of the kingdom.	*Meanwhile, Joab's soldiers were still fighting to conquer Rabbah, the Ammonite capital city. They captured the part of the city where the king had his palace.*

Against whom was Joab fighting at this time?

Joab was fighting against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:28

ULT	UST
And now, gather the rest of the people and encamp against the city and capture it, lest I myself capture the city and my name be called to it."	*Now assemble all the rest of our soldiers. Come and attack the fortress that is on higher ground and capture it. If you do not do that, my soldiers will capture the fortress, and then people will give the whole city a new name, The City of Joab."*

Why did Joab tell David to gather the rest of the army and capture the city?

Joab did not want to capture the city himself, because if he did, it would renamed to honor him and not King David.

2 Samuel 12:31

ULT	UST
But the people who were in it, he brought out, and he set them with the saw and with picks of iron and with axes of iron, and he made them pass through at the brick kiln. And thus he did to all of the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all of the people returned to Jerusalem.	*Then the Israelite soldiers brought the Ammonite people out of the city and forced them to work for them using saws, iron picks, and iron axes. David's troops also forced them to make bricks. David's soldiers made the people who lived in the other Ammonite cities work for them in the same way. Then David and all of his army returned to Jerusalem.*

What did David make the people of Rabbah do after he captured the city?

David brought out the people and set them to work with saws, iron picks, and iron axes. David's troops also forced them to make bricks.

2 Samuel 13

2 Samuel 13:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that to Absalom, the son of David, was a beautiful sister, and her name was Tamar, and Amnon, the son of David, loved her.	*After this, the trouble that Nathan had announced began in David's family. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar. Another of David's sons, Amnon, wanted to have sexual relations with her.*

To whom was Amnon, the son of David, attracted?

Amnon loved his beautiful half-sister Tamar, who was the sister of Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:4

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Why are you so weak, son of the king, by morning, by morning? Will you not declare to me?" And Amnon said to him, "I am loving Tamar, the sister of Absalom my brother."	*One day Jonadab said to Amnon, "Even though you are the king's son, every day when I see you, you seem depressed. Please tell me why." Amnon replied, "I feel sexual desire toward Tamar, the sister of my half-brother Absalom."*

How did Amnon respond when Jonadab asked him why he was so weak?

Amnon told Jonadab that he loved Tamar, his brother Absalom's sister.

2 Samuel 13:6

ULT	UST
So Amnon lay down, and he pretended to be sick. And the king came to see him, and Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come, and let her make to my eyes a couple of pancakes, and I will eat from her hand."	*So Amnon lay down and pretended that he was sick. When King David came to visit him, Amnon told him, "I might eat something if someone made a couple of pancakes for me while I was watching and then served them to me directly. Please allow my half-sister Tamar to come and do that for me."*

What did Amnon do to get to see Tamar?

Amnon pretended to be sick, and when David came to see him, he asked David to let Tamar come and make food for him so he could eat from her hand.

2 Samuel 13:11

ULT	UST
And she brought them near to him to eat, and he seized her, and he said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."	*But when she brought them close for him to eat them, he grabbed her and told her, "I want to have sex with you!"*

What did Amnon do when Tamar came to feed him?

When Tamar came to feed him, he seized her and told her to come and lie with him.

2 Samuel 13:12-14

What did Amnon do when Tamar begged him not to force her?

He refused to do what she said he should do. He was stronger than she was, so he forcibly had sexual relations with her.

2 Samuel 13:15

ULT	UST
Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, go."	*Afterwards, Amnon felt great hatred toward her. He hated her much more than he had desired her. He told her, "Now I want you to leave!"*

How did Amnon feel toward Tamar after he raped her?

Amnon hated her with a very great hatred that was greater than the love with which he had loved her.

What did Amnon command Tamar to do?

Amnon commanded Tamar to leave.

2 Samuel 13:17

ULT	UST
And he called his young man, the one attending him, and he said, "Now send this one away from me outside, and lock the door behind her."	*Instead, he summoned his personal servant and told him, "Take this woman outside, away from me, and lock the door so that she cannot come in again!"*

What did Amnon order his servant to do?

He ordered his servant to send Tamar outside and to lock the door behind her.

2 Samuel 13:19

ULT	UST
And Tamar put ashes on her head, and she tore the long robe that was on her, and she put her hand on her head, and she went, going and she cried out.	*But to show how distressed she was, Tamar put ashes on her head. She tore the long robe that she was wearing. She also placed her hand on her head. As she went away, she kept screaming.*

What did Tamar do after she was put out of Amnon's room?

Tamar tore the long robe that she was wearing. She put ashes on her head, and she put her hand on her head. As she went away, she kept screaming.

2 Samuel 13:21

ULT	UST
And King David heard all of these things, and it burned to him greatly.	*When King David learned what had happened, it made him very angry but he did not do anything about it.*

What was King David's response when he heard about these things?

When King David heard all these things, it made him very angry, but he did nothing about it.

2 Samuel 13:22

ULT	UST
But Absalom did not speak with Amnon to evil or to good, for Absalom hated Amnon for the reason that he had humbled Tamar his sister.	*Absalom hated Amnon because he had forcibly had sexual relations with his sister Tamar. But he did not say anything to Amnon about this, because he did not want Amnon to suspect that he wanted to kill him.*

How did Absalom feel toward Amnon after he raped Tamar?

Absalom hated Amnon because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:23-24

Whom did Absalom invite to visit him at Baal Hazor?

Absalom invited the king and all the king's sons to visit him.

2 Samuel 13:25

ULT	UST
And the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, please let not all of us go, and let us not be heavy to you." Then he urged him, but he was not willing to go, but he blessed him.	*But the king replied, "No, my son, it would not be good for all of us to come. That would be too great an expense for you." Absalom kept inviting him, but King David finally refused. Instead, he said that he hoped that God would make them happy while they celebrated.*

What did the king say in response to Absalom's invitation?

The king said they should not all go because they would be a heavy burden to Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:26

ULT	UST
And Absalom said, "If not, may Amnon my brother please go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"	*Then Absalom said, "If you will not come, please send my half-brother Amnon the crown prince with us as your representative." But the king replied, "You do not need to invite him to the celebration either."*

What did David say when Absalom asked him to let Amnon go with them?

But the king replied, "You do not need to invite him to the celebration either."

2 Samuel 13:27

ULT	UST
But Absalom urged him, so he sent Amnon and all of the sons of the king with him.	*But Absalom insisted, and finally King David agreed to let Amnon go with Absalom. He sent all of his other sons with him.*

Who went with Absalom?

Absalom urged David, so he sent Amnon and all the king's sons with him.

2 Samuel 13:28

ULT	UST
And Absalom commanded his young men, saying, "See, now, when Amnon is good of heart with wine, and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then you shall kill him. Do not fear. Is it not that I, I have commanded you? Be courageous and be sons of valor."	*At the celebration, Absalom told his servants, "Pay attention to these instructions. Once Amnon has become a bit drunk from the wine, I will shout out, 'Kill Amnon!' When I say that, you must kill him. Do not be afraid. You will be doing this only because I told you to do it. So be very brave and do it!"*

What did Absalom command his servants to do to Amnon?

Absalom commanded his servants to kill Amnon when Amnon began to be drunk with wine.

2 Samuel 13:29

ULT	UST
And the young men of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. And all of the sons of the king arose, and they rode, a man on his mule, and they fled.	*So Absalom's servants did what Absalom told them to do. They killed Amnon. When the rest of David's sons saw what had happened, they left the celebration. They got onto their mules and escaped by riding away fast.*

What did the king's sons do after Absalom's servants killed Amnon?

All the king's sons arose, and they got onto their mules and escaped by riding away fast.

2 Samuel 13:30

ULT	UST
And it happened, they were on the road, and the report came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck all of the sons of the king, and not one of them is left."	*While they were still on their way home, someone who had fled when the servants first killed Amnon rushed back and reported incorrectly to David, "Absalom has killed all of your other sons! None of them is still alive!"*

What was the first news David heard about the incident?

The first report to David said that Absalom had killed all the king's sons and not one was still alive.

2 Samuel 13:32

ULT	UST
But Jonadab, the son of Shimeah the brother of David, answered and said, "May my lord not say, 'All of the young men, the sons of the king, have been killed,' for Amnon alone has died. For it was placed on the mouth of Absalom from the day of his humbling Tamar his sister.	*But Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah, said, "Your Majesty, please do not believe that Absalom has killed all your sons. I am sure that only Amnon is dead. I say this because Absalom has wanted to kill him ever since the day that Amnon raped his sister Tamar.*

What did Jonadab say had happened and why?

Jonadab said that only Amnon is dead. Absalom has been determined to kill him ever since the day that Amnon raped his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:37

ULT	UST
But Absalom fled, and he went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son all of the days.	*Absalom fled for safety to the kingdom of Geshur, where his grandfather Talmai son of Ammihud was the king. King David mourned continually for his son Amnon.*

Where did Absalom go after having Amnon killed?

Absalom fled to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur.

2 Samuel 13:38

ULT	UST
And Absalom fled, and he went to Geshur, and he was there three years.	*When Absalom fled to the kingdom of Geshur, he stayed there for three years.*

How long was Absalom in Geshur?

Absalom was in Geshur for three years.

2 Samuel 13:39

ULT	UST
And it ceased, David the king to go out against Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon, that he had died.	*King David had intended to attack Absalom to capture him and punish him for killing Amnon. But by the end of those three years, David was not grieving as severely that Amnon had died, so he no longer planned to attack Absalom.*

What did King David intend to do?

King David had intended to attack Absalom and punish him for killing Amnon.

2 Samuel 14

2 Samuel 14:1-2

What did Joab do when he knew the king's heart was against Absalom?

Joab sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there to act as if she had been in mourning for a long time.

2 Samuel 14:2-3

What did Joab want the wise woman to do?

Joab wanted the wise woman to pretend to be a mourner and to go speak to the king the words Joab told her to say.

2 Samuel 14:5

ULT	UST
And the king said to her, "What is to you?" And she said, "Truly I am a woman, a widow, for my husband has died.	*The king replied, "What is your problem?" She replied, "Sadly I am a widow. My husband died some time ago.*

When the wise woman went to the king, whom did she say she was?

The wise woman told the king she was a widow.

2 Samuel 14:6

ULT	UST
And to your maidservant were two sons. But the two of them fought in the field, and there was no deliverer between them. And the one struck him, the one, and he killed him.	*I had two sons. But one day they quarreled with each other while they were working out in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one of them hit the other one so hard that he killed him.*

What did the wise woman tell the king her two sons had done?

She told the king that her two sons fought in a field, and one struck the other and killed him.

2 Samuel 14:7

ULT	UST
And behold, all of the clan has arisen against your maidservant, and they have said, 'Give the one having struck his brother, and we will kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and let us destroy the heir also.' And they would quench my coal that remains, without leaving to my husband a name or remnant on the face of the ground."	*Now, all of my extended family has come to me and insisted that I surrender to them my son who is still alive. They want to kill him to punish him for killing his brother. But if they do that, I will not have any son to inherit my late husband's land and the family will take it. My son is the only relative I have left. If they kill him, my husband will have no living descendants to preserve our family's name."*

What did the wise woman tell the king she was afraid would happen to her remaining son?

She said she was afraid the whole clan would kill her remaining son, destroying her heir and leaving no descendants to preserve her family's name.

2 Samuel 14:11

ULT	UST
And she said, "May the king please remember Yahweh your God, from the increasing of the avenger of blood to destroy. Then they will not destroy my son." And he said, "The life of Yahweh, if from the hair of your son should fall to the ground!"	*Then the woman said, "Your Majesty, please swear by Yahweh your God that you will do this. That way the relative who would be responsible to kill my son if he had actually murdered his brother will not kill him and cause someone further to die in my family." David replied, "I swear by Yahweh that I will not allow anyone to hurt your son at all."*

Why did the wise woman ask the king to remember Yahweh his God?

She asked the king to remember Yahweh so that the avenger of blood would not destroy her son.

Who did the king swear by when he told the woman that not one hair of her son would fall to the ground?

The king swore by the life of Yahweh.

2 Samuel 14:13

ULT	UST
And the woman said, "Then why have you devised like this against the people of God? For from speaking this word, the king is like the guilty, in that the king has not brought back his banished one.	*The woman said, "You have been acting badly toward God's people. Based on the judgment you have just given, you have been doing the wrong thing. Since you take circumstances into account when judging cases of manslaughter, you should allow your son Absalom, our crown prince, to return home.*

Why did the woman say the king had been doing the wrong thing?

The woman said the king was acting badly because he had not brought back his own banished son.

2 Samuel 14:14

ULT	UST
For dying, we will die, and like water spilled on the ground that is not gathered. But God does not take away life, but he devises devices so that the banished will not be banished from him.	*Consider that all of us are going to die. Like water that no one can pick up from the ground once someone has spilled it, death is permanent so you should reconcile with Absalom while you are both still alive. And it is not God who makes people die even to punish them when they have done wrong things. Instead, God forgives people who have sinned against him so that they can once more be in a good relationship with him.*

What did the woman say God does instead of taking away life?

She said that God forgives people who have sinned against him so that they can once more be in a good relationship with him.

2 Samuel 14:15-16

Why did the woman say she came to speak to the king?

She said she came because the people had frightened her, and she hoped the king would listen and deliver her.

2 Samuel 14:17

ULT	UST
Then your maidservant said, 'Now the word of my lord the king will be for rest, because like an angel of God, so is my lord the king, to understand good and evil. And may Yahweh your God be with you!'"	*And I decided, 'What the king says will comfort me, because he is like an angel of God. He knows how to determine what is right and what is wrong.' I pray that Yahweh your God will help you."*

What did the woman say about the king?

She said that what the king says will comfort her, because he is like an angel of God, and he knows how to determine what is right and what is wrong.

2 Samuel 14:19

ULT	UST
And the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all of this?" And the woman answered and said, "The life of your soul, my lord the king, if there is turning to the right or turning to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab, he, he commanded me, and he, he put all of these words in the mouth of your maidservant.	*The king said, "Did Joab arrange for you to do all this?" She replied, "I swear by your life, Your Majesty, that it is not possible to say otherwise than you have said! Yes, it was in fact Joab who told me to come here, and he was the one who told me what to say.*

What did the king ask the woman?

The king asked the woman if Joab arranged for her to do all this.

2 Samuel 14:20

ULT	UST
In order to turn the face of the matter, your servant Joab did this thing. But my master is wise like the wisdom of an angel of God, to know everything that is in the land."	*Joab did that to try to get you to feel differently about this matter. But Your Majesty, you seem to be as wise as one of God's angels. You know what is happening throughout your kingdom, and that is how you knew that Joab sent me here."*

Why did Joab have the woman go to the king?

Joab did that to try to get David to feel differently about this matter.

2 Samuel 14:22

ULT	UST
And Joab fell on his face to the ground, and he prostrated himself, and he blessed the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your eyes, my lord the king, that the king does the word of his servant."	*Joab got down and lay flat out in front of David to honor him. Then he asked God to do good things for him. Then Joab said, "Your Majesty, now I know that you are pleased with me, since you have agreed to do what I asked."*

What did Joab do when the king told him to bring Absalom back?

Joab lay facedown on the ground in honor and gratitude to the king.

2 Samuel 14:24

ULT	UST
Now the king had said, "He may return to his house, but my face he shall not see." So Absalom returned to his house, but the face of the king he did not see.	*But King David had said that while Absalom could live in his own house again, he could not come and speak with him. So Absalom lived in his own house, but he did not go and speak with the king.*

What instructions did the king give about Absalom?

The king said that Absalom could return to his own house but could go and speak with the king.

2 Samuel 14:25-26

What was notable about Absalom's appearance?

He was so handsome that people throughout Israel praised Absalom for being a very handsome man. He did not seem to have any flaws in any part of his body. His hair was long, thick, and heavy.

2 Samuel 14:28

ULT	UST
And Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years, days, but the face of the king he did not see.	*Even though Absalom had lived in Jerusalem for two entire years, David had still not allowed him to come and speak with him.*

How long did Absalom live in Jerusalem without seeing the king's face?

Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years, during which David still did not allow Absalom to come and speak with him.

2 Samuel 14:30

ULT	UST
So he said to his servants, "See, the property of Joab is to my hand, and barley is to him there. Go and burn it with fire." So the servants of Absalom burned the property with fire.	*Then Absalom told his servants, "Here is what I want you to do. Joab owns a piece of land next to my land, and he has barley growing there. Go over and start a fire there to burn up the barley." So Absalom's servants went over and started a fire, and it burned up all the barley.*

What did Absalom tell his servants to do after Joab refused to come to him?

Absalom told his servants to go and burn Joab's barley field with fire.

2 Samuel 14:32

ULT	UST
And Absalom said to Joab, "Behold, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, saying, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there."' And now, let me see the face of the king, but if iniquity is in me, then let him kill me."	*Absalom replied, "I had them do that because when I sent messengers to ask you to come and speak with me, you refused. I wanted you to go to the king and tell him on my behalf that it seemed useless for me to have come here from Geshur and that I thought it would have been better for me to stay there. Now please get the king to allow me to come and speak with him. Tell him that if he is keeping me away to punish me for doing something wrong, he can go ahead and execute me!"*

What did Absalom want Joab to do?

Absalom wanted Joab to go to the king and ask why he had come from Geshur, and to say that he wanted to come and speak with him.

2 Samuel 14:33

ULT	UST
So Joab came to the king, and he declared to him. And he called to Absalom, and he came to the king, and he prostrated himself to him on his nose to the ground to the face of the king. And the king kissed Absalom.	*So Joab went to the king and told him what Absalom had said. Then the king sent messengers to bring Absalom to the royal court. Absalom came to the king and, to honor him, he knelt down in front of him with his face touching the ground. Then the king indicated that Absalom could get up, and he kissed Absalom on the cheek to show that he was no longer hostile to him.*

What did the king do when Absalom bowed before him?

The king kissed Absalom on the cheek to show that he was no longer hostile to him.

2 Samuel 15

2 Samuel 15:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that Absalom made for himself a chariot and horses and 50 men running to his face.	*Soon afterwards, Absalom got a chariot and horses to pull it. He hired 50 men to run in front of him while he was riding around Jerusalem in the chariot.*

What did Absalom prepare for himself?

Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself.

Who ran before Absalom's chariot?

He hired fifty men to run in front of his chariot.

2 Samuel 15:2

ULT	UST
And Absalom would arise early, and he would stand at the hand of the way of the gate. And it happened, when any man to whom was a dispute came to the king for judgment, then Absalom would call to him, and he would say, "Where from this city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."	*And Absalom would also go and stand by the city gate starting early each morning. When a person came toward the gate so they could go into the city and ask the king to decide a case for him, Absalom would call out to him. He would ask what city he was from. Then the person would tell him what city and tribe he was from.*

Whom would Absalom call to as he stood by the gate?

Absalom would call to any man who had a dispute and was coming to the king for judgment.

2 Samuel 15:3

ULT	UST
Then Absalom would say to him, "See, your matter is good and right, but there is not a hearer for you from with the king."	*Then Absalom would ask the person about his case and tell him, "It certainly seems to me that you deserve to win your case. But the king is not able to decide everyone's case, and he has not appointed anyone else to judge cases for people like you."*

What would Absalom say about the cases of the men who came for judgment?

Absalom would say to them that their matter was good and right, but the king is not able to decide everyone's case, and he has not appointed anyone else to judge cases for people like you.

2 Samuel 15:4

ULT	UST
And Absalom would say, "Who will appoint me a judge in the land, that every person to whom was a dispute and a judgment would come to me, and I would do him justice?"	*Absalom would then add, "I should really be a judge for all the Israelites. That way anyone who had a legal case could come to me, and I would decide it fairly."*

Why did Absalom say he wished he were a judge in the land?

Absalom said he wished he were a judge so that every person with a dispute could come to him and he would give them justice.

2 Samuel 15:5

ULT	UST
And it happened, when a man approached to prostrate himself to him, that he would stretch out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.	*And whenever anyone approached Absalom and started to bow respectfully in front of him, Absalom would reach out and hold him up and kiss him on the cheek.*

What did Absalom do when a man approached to prostrate himself?

Absalom would stretch out his hand, hold the man up, and kiss him on the cheek.

2 Samuel 15:6

ULT	UST
And Absalom acted according to this matter for all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. And Absalom stole the heart of the men of Israel.	*Absalom acted this way toward every Israelite who came to King David to ask him to judge a case. As a result, the Israelites began to wish that Absalom were their king instead of David.*

What did Absalom steal from the men of Israel?

Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. The Israelites began to wish that Absalom were their king instead of David.

2 Samuel 15:7

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of 40 years that Absalom said to the king, "Please may I go, and may I fulfill in Hebron my vow that I vowed to Yahweh.	*After four years, Absalom went to King David and said, "I made a promise to Yahweh. Please allow me to go to the city of Hebron so that I can do what I promised.*

What reason did Absalom give the king for needing to go to Hebron?

Absalom said he had to go to Hebron to fulfill a vow he had made to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 15:10

ULT	UST
Then Absalom sent spies among all of the tribes of Israel, saying, "When you hear the sound of the shofar, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'"	*But while he was there, he secretly sent messengers throughout the territory of all the tribes of Israel. The messengers told people, "When you hear the sound of people blowing rams' horns, shout, 'Absalom has become the king at Hebron!'"*

What did the spies that Absalom sent throughout Israel say?

The spies said that when people heard the sound of the shofar, they should say that Absalom has become the king at Hebron.

2 Samuel 15:11

ULT	UST
Now 200 men from Jerusalem had gone with Absalom, called and walking in their innocence, and they did not know any of the matter.	*There were 200 men who came from Jerusalem to Hebron with Absalom. But they came because he had invited them to the feast he was going to host there. They were not part of his conspiracy. They knew nothing about what he was planning to do.*

Did the two hundred men who went with Absalom to Hebron know of his plans?

No, the two hundred men came because he had invited them to the feast he was going to host there. They were not part of his conspiracy. They knew nothing about what he was planning to do.

2 Samuel 15:14

ULT	UST
And David said to all of his servants who were with him in Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, for there will not be for us an escape from the face of Absalom. Hurry to go, lest he hurry and overtake us and bring harm upon us and strike the city to the mouth of the sword."	*So David told all the officials in his royal court, "We must leave immediately if we want to escape from Absalom! We must go quickly, before he and his men arrive. If we do not do that, they will kill us and everyone else in the city!"*

What did David tell his servants to do after a messenger told him that the hearts of the men of Israel were behind Absalom?

David told his servants in Jerusalem to arise and flee, because there would be no escape from Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:16

ULT	UST
And the king went out, and all of his house was at his feet. And the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house.	*So King David quickly left Jerusalem. His family and officials went with him. But David left ten of his secondary wives at the palace to take care of it.*

Whom did the king leave behind in Jerusalem to keep the house?

The king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house.

2 Samuel 15:18

ULT	UST
And all of his servants were passing by at his hand. And all of the Cherethites and all of the Pelethites and all of the Gittites, the 600 men who had come at his foot from Gath, were passing by to the face of the king.	*David stepped out of the roadway so that his officials could walk past him. He also let his elite corps of bodyguards go in front of him to lead the way. The 600 men who had been David's soldiers when he fled to the city of Gath also walked by in front of him.*

Who marched with the king as he left Jerusalem?

All his servants, all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites—600 men from Gath—marched with him.

2 Samuel 15:21

ULT	UST
But Ittai answered the king and said, "The life of Yahweh and the life of my lord the king, surely in the place where my lord the king will be there, whether to death, whether to life, that there your servant shall be."	*But Ittai replied, "Your Majesty, I swear by Yahweh and I swear by your own life that I will go wherever you go. I will fight to defend you even if I have to die doing that."*

What did Ittai the Gittite tell the king after the king told him to return?

Ittai swore that he would go wherever the king would go, and he would fight to defend David even if he had to die doing that.

2 Samuel 15:23

ULT	UST
And all of the land was weeping with a great voice, and all of the people were crossing, and the king was crossing, over the Valley of Kidron, and all of the people were crossing to the face of the way of the wilderness.	*All the people who lived along the road cried loudly when they saw King David and the people with him walking by. Since Absalom would be coming from the southwest, the king and the others crossed the Kidron Valley and then went up the hill on the road that goes through the desolate area east of Jerusalem.*

Which way did David and all those with him go as they left Jerusalem?

Since Absalom would be coming from the southwest, the king and the others crossed the Kidron Valley and then went up the hill on the road that goes through the desolate area east of Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 15:25

ULT	UST
And the king said to Zadok, "Bring back the Box of God to the city. If I find favor in the eyes of Yahweh, then he will bring me back, and he will make me see it and his habitation.	*Then the king told Zadok, "I want you to take the sacred chest back into Jerusalem. If Yahweh chooses to be kind to me, someday he will allow me to return and see the sacred chest in the place where he is especially present.*

What did the king tell Zadok the priest to do with the Box of God?

The king told Zadok to take the Box of God back to the city.

2 Samuel 15:28

ULT	UST
See, I will be waiting at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to declare to me."	*This will be the plan. I will wait in the wilderness at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River until you send a message to me telling me what I should do."*

Why was David going to wait at the fords of the wilderness?

He was going to wait there until a word came from the priests to tell him what to do.

2 Samuel 15:31

ULT	UST
And to David one declared, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "Please, Yahweh, make foolish the counsel of Ahithophel."	*Then someone told David that Ahithophel had joined the Israelites who were rebelling against David and supporting Absalom as their king. So David prayed, "Yahweh, please make Ahithophel give Absalom bad advice!"*

What did David pray when he was told that Ahithophel was with Absalom?

David prayed that Yahweh would make Ahithophel give Absalom bad advice.

2 Samuel 15:32

ULT	UST
And it happened, David came to the top, where one would prostrate himself to God there, and behold, meeting him was Hushai the Archite. His robe was torn, and dirt was on his head.	*When they arrived at the top of the hill, where there was a place where people worshiped God, David unexpectedly met Hushai the Archite. To show that he was very sad, Hushai had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head.*

Who did David meet at the top of the Mount of Olives?

David unexpectedly met Hushai the Archite, who had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head to show that he was very sad.

2 Samuel 15:34

ULT	UST
But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'I am your servant, O king. I was the servant of your father, and as I was previously, and now, so I will be your servant,' then you will break up the counsel of Ahithophel for me.	*But if you return to the city, you can help me by telling Absalom, 'Your Majesty, I will be your advisor. In the past, I was your father's advisor. But just as I advised him then, so I will advise you now.' If you do that, you will be able to help me by countering any good advice that Ahithophel gives to Absalom.*

What did David want Hushai the Archite to do for him?

David wanted Hushai to return to the city and offer to be Absalom's servant so he would be able to counter any good advice that Ahithophel would give to Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:35

ULT	UST
Will not Zadok and Abiathar the priests be with you there? And may it be, every word that you hear from the house of the king, declare to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests.	*Zadok and Abiathar the priests are already there. Whatever you hear people say in the king's palace, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar.*

To whom did David want Hushai to report everything he heard in the king's palace?

David wanted Hushai to report everything to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

2 Samuel 16

2 Samuel 16:1

ULT	UST
And David passed over a little from the top, and behold, meeting him was Ziba, the young man of Mephibosheth, and a pair of saddled donkeys, and on them 200 loaves of bread and 100 clusters of raisins and 100 summer fruit and a skin of wine.	*When David and the others had gone a little way past the top of the hill, he unexpectedly met Mephibosheth's servant Ziba. He had two donkeys with him that were carrying 200 loaves of bread, 100 bunches of raisins, 100 bunches of fresh figs, and a leather bag full of wine.*

What did Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, bring to David?

Ziba brought a pair of saddled donkeys, 200 loaves of bread, 100 clusters of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2 Samuel 16:3

ULT	UST
And the king said, "And where is the son of your master?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today, the house of Israel will return the kingdom of my father to me.'"	*The king said, "Where is Mephibosheth, the grandson of your former master Saul?" Ziba answered, "You should know that he has remained in Jerusalem, because he thinks that now the Israelites will allow him to rule their kingdom as his grandfather Saul did."*

According to Ziba, why did Mephibosheth stay in Jerusalem?

Ziba said Mephibosheth stayed because he said that the house of Israel would return the kingdom of his father to him that day.

2 Samuel 16:4

ULT	UST
And the king said to Ziba, "Behold, to you is all that was to Mephibosheth." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself. May I find favor in your eyes, my lord the king."	*The king said to Ziba, "In that case, everything that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." Ziba replied, "Your Majesty, I will humbly serve you. I hope that you will always be pleased with me."*

What did the king say now belonged to Ziba?

The king told Ziba that all that belonged to Mephibosheth was now his.

2 Samuel 16:5-6

What did Shimei do to David and all the king's officials?

Shimei came out cursing, and he threw stones at David and all the servants of King David.

2 Samuel 16:7-8

What did Shimei call David?

Shimei called David a man of blood and a man of wickedness.

2 Samuel 16:12

ULT	UST
Perhaps Yahweh will look at my affliction, and Yahweh will return good to me in place of his cursing this day."	*Perhaps Yahweh will see how much trouble I am having and decide to make good things happen to me instead of the curses that this man is shouting at me today."*

What did David hope Yahweh would do in response to Shimei's cursing?

David hoped that Yahweh would look at his affliction and return good to him in place of the cursing.

2 Samuel 16:16

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, the friend of David, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "May the king live! May the king live!"	*Then David's friend Hushai came to Absalom and said, "May you, the king, live a long time!"*

When Absalom came to Jerusalem, what did Hushai say to him?

Hushai said to Absalom, "May the king live! May the king live!"

2 Samuel 16:18

ULT	UST
And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom Yahweh has chosen, and this people, and every man of Israel, to him I will be, and with him I will stay.	*Hushai replied, "Yahweh has chosen you to be the king. So have all these people here, and so have all the other Israelites. So I will now be loyal to you and stay here in Jerusalem with you.*

To whom did Hushai tell Absalom he would belong?

Hushai told Absalom that he would belong to the one whom Yahweh, the people, and every man of Israel had chosen.

2 Samuel 16:21

ULT	UST
And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to the concubines of your father whom he left to keep the house, and all of Israel will hear that you have made yourself stink with your father, and the hands of all who are with you will become strong."	*Ahithophel replied, "Your father left some of his secondary wives in the palace to take care of it. I advise you to have sexual relations with them. When people throughout Israel hear that you have done that, they will realize that you will never be able to reconcile with your father. Then all of the Israelites who are supporting you will fight hard to make sure that you defeat him."*

What did Ahithophel advise Absalom to do?

Ahithophel advised Absalom to go in to his father's concubines whom David had left to keep the house.

2 Samuel 16:23

ULT	UST
Now the counsel of Ahithophel that he counseled in those days was just as if one inquired of the word of God. Thus was all of the counsel of Ahithophel, both to David and to Absalom.	*In those days, people did what Ahithophel recommended just as if God himself had recommended it. That was how David had regarded what Ahithophel recommended, and Absalom regarded it in that same way.*

How was Ahithophel's counsel viewed?

The counsel of Ahithophel was viewed as if God himself had recommended it.

2 Samuel 17

2 Samuel 17:1-4

What did Ahithophel advise Absalom and all the elders of Israel about how he should attack David?

Ahithophel's advice was to let him lead a large army carry out a surprise attack on David that night, when he was weary and weak, kill only David, and bring back all the rest of the people for Absalom to rule.

2 Samuel 17:5-7

What was Hushai's opinion of Ahithophel's plan?

Hushai said that the counsel Ahithophel had given on this occasion was not good.

2 Samuel 17:9-10

Why did Hushai say the plan was not good?

Hushai said that David and his very brave warriors were probably in a safe place, and David's soldiers will certainly kill some of Ahithophel's soldiers at the start of the battle. When people hear about that, they will say that David's soldiers are slaughtering Absalom's soldiers! Then your other soldiers, even if they are as fearless as lions, will become very afraid.

2 Samuel 17:11-12

What did Hushai advise Absalom to do?

Hushai advised Absalom to gather all of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and for Absalom himself to go into the battle. He said that this great army would overwhelm David's smaller army and none of them would survive.

2 Samuel 17:14

ULT	UST
And Absalom and all of the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For Yahweh had appointed to break up the good counsel of Ahithophel for the sake of Yahweh bringing harm to Absalom.	*Absalom and the other Israelite leaders who were with him decided, "What Hushai suggests is better than what Ahithophel suggested." Yahweh led them not to accept Ahithophel's advice, which actually would have been better for Absalom. As a result, Yahweh caused a great defeat for Absalom.*

How did Absalom and the men of Israel respond to Hushai's advice?

They said the counsel of Hushai was better than the counsel of Ahithophel and they decided to do what Hushai suggested.

2 Samuel 17:16

ULT	UST
And now, send quickly and declare to David, saying, 'Do not lodge tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but also crossing over, cross over, lest the king be swallowed and all of the people who are with him.'"	*Then he said to them, "There is still a risk that Absalom might decide to do what Ahithophel suggested, so send a message quickly to David. Tell him not to stay overnight at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River. Instead, he and his soldiers must cross the Jordan River immediately. Otherwise, Absalom and his army may come and kill them."*

What message did Hushai send to David?

The message was that David should not stay at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River but should cross over immediately, because otherwise, Absalom and his army may come and kill them.

2 Samuel 17:17

ULT	UST
Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En Rogel, and a maidservant would go and declare to them, and they, they would go and declare to King David, for they were not able to be seen entering the city.	*The priests' two sons, Jonathan and Ahimaaz, were staying near En Rogel, outside Jerusalem. They did not dare to enter the city, because if someone saw them, he would report it to Absalom. Instead, they had arranged for a woman who served the two priests to come and report to them what was happening. They would then go and report it to King David.*

How was information relayed to King David?

A maidservant of the two priests would go and declare news to Jonathan and Ahimaaz, and they would go and declare it to King David.

2 Samuel 17:18

ULT	UST
But a young man saw them, and he declared to Absalom. So the two of them went in haste, and they came to the house of a man in Bahurim, and to him was a well in his courtyard, and they went down there.	*But a young man saw them at En Rogel, and he went and reported this to Absalom. They knew the young man had recognized them, so both of them left quickly and went to the house of a man who lived in the city of Bahurim. That man had a well in his courtyard, and he let Jonathan and Ahimaaz go down into the well to hide.*

What did Jonathan and Ahimaaz do when a young man saw them and told Absalom?

The two of them went quickly to the house of a man in Bahurim and went down into a well in his courtyard.

2 Samuel 17:19-20

How were the two men helped?

The man’s wife spread a covering over the well and spread grain on it, and when Absalom’s servants asked where the men were, she told them they had crossed the brook.

2 Samuel 17:21-22

After Absalom’s men left, what did the two men do?

They came up from the well, went and reported the news to King David, and told him to get all these people across the Jordan River quickly.

2 Samuel 17:23

ULT	UST
And Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not done, and he saddled his donkey, and he arose and went to his house, to his city, and he commanded about his house, and he hanged himself, and he died. And he was buried in the grave of his father.	*When Ahithophel realized that Absalom was not going to do what he had recommended, he knew that David would defeat Absalom, so he put a saddle on his donkey and returned home to his own city. He gave to his family instructions about what to do with his possessions, and then he hanged himself because he knew that otherwise David would kill him as a traitor. People buried his body in the same tomb where people had buried his father.*

What did Ahithophel do when he saw that his counsel was not followed?

Ahithophel saddled his donkey, went to his house, gave to his family instructions about what to do with his possessions, and then he hanged himself because he knew that otherwise David would kill him as a traitor.

2 Samuel 17:27-29

How were David and his people cared for in the wilderness?

Shobi, Machir, and Barzillai brought beds, basins, pottery, and all kinds of food for David and the people with him to eat.

2 Samuel 18

2 Samuel 18:2

ULT	UST
And David sent out the people, a third in the hand of Joab and a third in the hand of Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, and a third in the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "Going out, I will go out, I too, with you."	*David then sent the soldiers out in three divisions. Joab commanded one division, Joab's brother Abishai commanded a second division, and Ittai from Gath commanded the third division. Before they left, David told the soldiers, "I will go with you personally into the battle."*

What did King David tell the army?

King David told the army that he would also go out with them himself.

2 Samuel 18:3-4

What was the response from the men in the army to King David?

The men told King David not to go out, because he was worth ten thousand of them, and it was better for him to be ready to help them from the city.

2 Samuel 18:5

ULT	UST
And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Gently for me with the young man, with Absalom." And all of the people heard when the king commanded all of the commanders about the matter of Absalom.	*As they were leaving, the king ordered Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, "For my sake, do not harm that young man Absalom!" All the soldiers heard David give this order about Absalom to his three main commanders.*

What instructions did the king give his commanders about Absalom?

The king told the commanders not to harm the young man Absalom for his sake.

2 Samuel 18:6-8

What was the outcome of the battle in the Forest of Ephraim?

The people of Israel were struck down before the servants of David, and more of Absalom's soldiers died because of accidents in the forest than the number of them whom David's soldiers killed in the battle.

2 Samuel 18:9

ULT	UST
And Absalom was met to the face of the servants of David. Now Absalom was riding on the mule, and the mule came under the branches of a great oak tree, and his head was caught in the oak tree, and he was put between the heavens and between the earth, and the mule that was under him passed on.	*In the forest, Absalom suddenly noticed that some of David's soldiers were near him. Absalom was riding on the mule that the Israelite king rode. To get away from David's soldiers, he made the mule run away, and the mule ran under the thick branches of a large oak tree. Absalom's head got caught in the branches. The mule he was riding kept going, and that left Absalom dangling in the air.*

What happened to Absalom when the mule he was riding ran under the thick branches of a large oak tree?

Absalom's head was caught in the oak tree. The mule kept going, and that left Absalom dangling in the air.

2 Samuel 18:10-11

Why was Joab upset with the man who saw Absalom?

Joab was upset because the man did not kill Absalom immediately.

2 Samuel 18:12-13

Why did the man refuse to kill Absalom?

He refused because he had heard the king command his commanders to keep from hurting the young man Absalom.

2 Samuel 18:14

ULT	UST
And Joab said, "I will not wait thus to your face." And he took three spears in his palm, and he thrust them into the heart of Absalom, he still being alive in the heart of the oak tree.	*Joab said, "I am not going to stay here and speak with you any longer!" Then he got three spears and went to where Absalom was. Absalom was still alive, dangling from the branches of the oak tree. Joab thrust the spears into Absalom's chest.*

What did Joab do to Absalom?

Joab took three spears and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak tree.

2 Samuel 18:17

ULT	UST
And they took Absalom, and they threw him into a great pit in the forest, and they set up a very great heap of stones over him. And all of Israel fled, a man to his tent.	*They took Absalom's body and threw it into a huge pit in the forest. They covered it with a huge pile of stones. Meanwhile, all the remaining Israelite soldiers who had been supporting Absalom ran away back to their own homes.*

What was done with Absalom's body?

They threw Absalom's body into a great pit in the forest and set up a very great heap of stones over him.

2 Samuel 18:18

ULT	UST
Now while he was living, Absalom had taken and set up for himself a pillar, which was in the Valley of the King. For he said, "There is no son to me in order to make people remember my name." And he called the pillar according to his name, and it is called the Hand of Absalom to this day.	*(Absalom had no sons to preserve his family name because his sons had died while they were still young. So while Absalom was alive, he had built a monument in the Valley of Kings near Jerusalem. He thought that if he did that, people would remember him. He named the monument after himself, and people still call it Absalom's Monument.)*

Why had Absalom set up a pillar for himself in the Valley of the King while he was alive?

Absalom set up a pillar to make his name remembered, because he said he had no son to make people remember his name.

2 Samuel 18:19-20

Why did Joab tell Ahimaaz not to run to the king with the news?

Joab told him not to bring the news that day because the king's son was dead.

2 Samuel 18:21-23

Why did Ahimaaz still run and tell David the news?

Ahimaaz insisted on running after the Cushite, even though Joab told him there was no reward for the news, so Joab told him to go.

2 Samuel 18:24-25

What did the king think when the watcher reported a lone runner?

The king said that if the man was by himself, that indicates that he is bringing news.

2 Samuel 18:26

ULT	UST
And the watcher saw another man running, and the watcher called to the gatekeeper and said, "Behold, a man running by himself." And the king said, "This one is also bringing news."	*Then the watchman saw another man running. So he called down to those below, "I see another man running alone!" And King David said, "He is also coming to tell us some news."*

What did the king think when the watcher reported another lone runner?

The king said that this one was also bringing news.

2 Samuel 18:27

ULT	UST
And the watcher said, "I am seeing the running of the first like the running of Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok." And the king said, "This is a good man, and he comes with good news."	*The watchman said, "The first man seems to be Ahimaaz son of Zadok. He is running the way Ahimaaz runs." The king said, "He must be coming to tell us good news, because Joab would not have sent someone like him to tell us bad news."*

What did the king think when the watcher identified the first runner as Ahimaaz?

The king said that he was a good man and came with good news.

2 Samuel 18:28

ULT	UST
And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, "Peace!" And he prostrated himself to the king with his nose to the ground. And he said, "Blessed be Yahweh your God, who has enclosed the men who lifted their hand against my lord the king."	*When Ahimaaz got close enough, he called out to King David, "All is well!" When he arrived, he knelt down in front of him with his face on the ground to show respect. Then he said, "Your Majesty, praise Yahweh your God, who made your soldiers defeat the men who were rebelling against you!"*

What news did Ahimaaz bring to the king?

Ahimaaz told the king that Yahweh had defeated the men who had lifted their hand against the king.

2 Samuel 18:29

ULT	UST
And the king said, “Is peace to the young man, to Absalom?” And Ahimaaz said, “I saw a great tumult when Joab sent the servant of the king and your servant, but I do not know what.”	*King David asked, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” Ahimaaz did not want to answer that question, so he replied, “When Joab sent the man from Ethiopia and me to bring news to you, I saw that there was a lot of confusion, but I do not know what it was about.”*

How did Ahimaaz answer when the king asked about Absalom?

Ahimaaz said he saw a great tumult but did not know what it was about.

2 Samuel 18:32

ULT	UST
And the king said to the Cushite, “Is peace to the young man, to Absalom?” And the Cushite said, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who arise against you for harm be like the young man.”	*The king said to him, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” The man from Ethiopia replied, “Sir, I wish that what happened to him would happen to all of your enemies and to anyone who violently rebels against you!”*

What was the Cushite’s answer when the king asked about Absalom?

The Cushite said that he wished that what happened to Absalom would happen to all of David’s enemies and to anyone who rebels against him.

2 Samuel 18:33

ULT	UST
And the king trembled, and he went up to the upper room of the gate, and he wept. And thus he said as he went: “My son Absalom! My son, my son, Absalom! Who will give my dying myself in place of you? Absalom, my son, my son!”	*Realizing that he meant that Absalom was dead, David became extremely distressed. He went up to the room above the gateway and cried. As he was going up, he kept crying out, “O, my son Absalom! O, my dear son Absalom, I wish that I had died instead of you, Absalom, my dear son!”*

How did the king respond to the news of his son’s death?

The king trembled, went up to the upper room of the gate, and wept, wishing he had died in place of his son.

2 Samuel 19

2 Samuel 19:2

ULT	UST
And the victory on that day became mourning for all of the people, for the people heard on that day, saying, "The king is grieved because of his son."	*All of David's soldiers heard that he was unhappy that their army had killed Absalom. So even though they had won the battle against Absalom's soldiers, they could not celebrate that day.*

Why did the victory that day turn into mourning for all the people?

The victory turned into mourning because the people heard that the king was grieved because of his son.

2 Samuel 19:4

ULT	UST
And the king covered his face, and the king cried out with a loud voice, "My son Absalom! Absalom, my son, my son!"	*The king covered his face with part of his cloak, and he kept crying loudly, "O, my son Absalom! Absalom, my dear son!"*

What was the king's cry?

The king cried, "My son Absalom! Absalom, my son, my son!"

2 Samuel 19:6

ULT	UST
by loving the ones hating you and by hating the ones loving you. For you have declared today that the commanders and servants are nothing to you. For I know today that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, that then it would be right in your eyes.	*You seem to love those who hate you and hate those who love you! It is as if you have said that you do not care about your own commanders and your soldiers. I can see that if Absalom were still alive and all of us were dead today, you would like that better.*

What did Joab say would have pleased the king?

Joab said that he could see that if Absalom were still alive and all of David's men were dead today, David would like that better.

2 Samuel 19:7

ULT	UST
But now, arise, go out and speak to the heart of your servants, for I swear by Yahweh, if you are not going out, if a man will lodge with you tonight, and this will be more trouble for you than all of the trouble that has come on you from your youth until now."	*So now you must go out and thank your soldiers for what they did. I swear by Yahweh that if you do not do that, they will all have abandoned you by tomorrow morning. Then you will be in more trouble than you have already had in your entire life!"*

What did Joab tell the king would happen if he did not go out and speak to his servants?

Joab swore by Yahweh that if the king did not go out, all his soldiers will have abandoned him by tomorrow morning.

2 Samuel 19:8

ULT	UST
So the king arose and sat in the gate. And they declared to all of the people, saying, "Behold, the king is sitting in the gate." And all of the people came to the face of the king. But Israel had fled, a man to his tent.	*So the king went and sat at the city gate. People told the soldiers, "Look, the king is sitting at the gate!" So the soldiers came and gathered around him, and he thanked them. Meanwhile, all the remaining Israelite soldiers who had been supporting Absalom had run away back to their own homes.*

When did all the people come before the king?

All the people came before the king after they were told that the king was sitting in the gate.

2 Samuel 19:9-11

What were the people in the tribes of Israel arguing about?

The people were arguing about what they should do now that Absalom was dead and David had left Israel to escape from Absalom.

2 Samuel 19:11

ULT	UST
And King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring back the king to his house? For the word of all of Israel has come to the king, to his house.	*King David learned what the people were saying, so he sent the two priests, Zadok and Abiathar, to say to the leaders of Judah, "The king says that he has heard that the Israelite people want him to be king again. He says that you should not be the last ones to bring him back to his palace.*

Whom did King David send to speak to the elders of Judah?

David sent Zadok and Abiathar the priests to speak to the elders of Judah.

2 Samuel 19:13

ULT	UST
And to Amasa you shall say, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, if you are not the commander of the army to my face all of the years in place of Joab.'"	*He also told them to say to Amasa, "You are one of my relatives. I swear that I am going to make you my army commander from now on instead of Joab. If I do not do that, then may God not make me the king again."*

Whom did David say would be the commander of his army in place of Joab?

David said Amasa would be the commander of the army in place of Joab.

2 Samuel 19:15

ULT	UST
And the king returned, and he came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king to bring the king across the Jordan.	*So King David and his officials started back toward Jerusalem. When they arrived at the eastern shore of Jordan River, the leaders of the tribe of Judah met them. They had come to Gilgal on the western shore to escort the king and his officials across the river.*

Why did the men of Judah come to Gilgal?

The men of Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring him across the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:16-17

Who rushed to the Jordan to meet the king?

Shimei, with 1,000 men from Benjamin, and Ziba, with his 15 sons and 20 servants, rushed to the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:20

ULT	UST
For your servant knows that I, I have sinned, and behold, I have come today, the first of all of the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king."	*I acknowledge that I have sinned against you. But please consider that I have been first one from the northern tribes to come here today to welcome you back, Your Majesty."*

Why did Shimei say he was the first from the house of Joseph to meet the king?

Shimei came first because he knew that he had sinned against the king.

2 Samuel 19:23

ULT	UST
And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king swore to him.	*Then King David told Shimei, "I promise that I will not execute you," and he swore an oath that he would not execute him.*

What did the king say to Shimei after Abishai said Shimei should be put to death?

The king told Shimei that he would not die, and he swore an oath to him.

2 Samuel 19:24

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth, the son of Saul, came down to meet the king. And he had not done his feet, and he had not done his mustache, and he had not washed his clothes from the day the king went up to the day that he came in peace.	*Mephibosheth, Saul's grandson, also came to the Jordan River to welcome King David back. To show his grief, Mephibosheth had not cut his toenails or trimmed his mustache or washed his clothes from the time that the king left Jerusalem up to the time when he returned safely.*

How did Mephibosheth look when he came to meet the king?

Mephibosheth had not cared for his feet, trimmed his mustache, or washed his clothes from the day the king went away.

2 Samuel 19:26

ULT	UST
And he said, "My lord the king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said, 'Let me saddle a donkey for myself, and let me ride on it, and let me go with the king.' For your servant is lame.	*He replied, "Your Majesty, when I heard that you were leaving Jerusalem, I told my servant Ziba, 'Saddle my donkey so that I can ride on it and go with the king.' But he deceived me and left without me. I could not follow him, because I am crippled.*

What reason did Mephibosheth give for not going with the king?

Mephibosheth told the king that his servant, Ziba, had deceived him and left without him, and Mephibosheth could not follow him because he was crippled.

2 Samuel 19:27

ULT	UST
And he slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like an angel of God, so do the good in your eyes.	*He lied to you about me. But your Majesty, you are as wise as one of God's angels. So do whatever seems right to you.*

What else did Mephibosheth say Ziba had done to him?

Mephibosheth said Ziba had lied about him to the king.

2 Samuel 19:30

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take the whole, after that my lord the king has come in peace to his house."	*Mephibosheth replied to the king, "Your Majesty, Ziba may have all of the land. All that matters to me is that you have returned safely."*

How did Mephibosheth reply when the king said he and Ziba should divide the field?

Mephibosheth told the king to let Ziba take the whole field, because all that mattered to him was that the king had returned safely.

2 Samuel 19:32

ULT	UST
Now Barzillai had aged greatly, a son of 80 years. And he, he had sustained the king in his stay in Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.	*By this time Barzillai was elderly. He was 80 years old. But he was such a wealthy man that he had been able to provide all of the food that the king and his soldiers needed while they were at Mahanaim.*

What had Barzillai done for the king?

Barzillai had provided all of the food that the king and his soldiers needed while they were at Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 19:34-35

Why did Barzillai say he should not go to Jerusalem with the king?

Barzillai said he was too old, could no longer taste what he ate or drank, could not hear singers, and would be a burden to the king.

2 Samuel 19:37

ULT	UST
Please let your servant return, and let me die in my city by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold your servant Chimham. Let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what is good in your eyes."	*Instead, please allow me to return to my home. That is where I want to die, near my parents' grave so people can bury me there. But here is my son Chimham. Your Majesty, please allow him to go with you and serve you, and do for him whatever seems right to you."*

What did Barzillai request of the king?

Barzillai asked to return to his own city to die, but he asked the king to take his servant Chimham and do for him what was good in the king's eyes.

2 Samuel 19:40

ULT	UST
And the king passed on to Gilgal, and Chimham passed on with him. And all of the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half of the people of Israel.	*But Chimham stayed with King David as he continued on to Gilgal. Now the leaders of the tribe of Judah had escorted David across the Jordan River. But only some of the leaders of the other tribes arrived in time to do that with them, since the leaders of Judah did not wait for them.*

Who crossed over to Gilgal with the king?

Chimham, all the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel crossed over to Gilgal with the king.

2 Samuel 19:43

ULT	UST
And a man of Israel answered a man of Judah, and he said, "Ten hands are to me in the king, and also in David, I more than you. So why have you despised me? Was not my word first, to bring back my king to me?" But the word of a man of Judah was harsher than the word of a man of Israel.	*The men of the other Israelite tribes replied, "We represent ten of the tribes that the Israelite king rules, and you represent only one. So you should not have treated us with disrespect by bringing the king back across the Jordan River without us. We were the first ones to talk about bringing David back to Jerusalem to be our king again." But the leaders of Judah angrily disagreed with the leaders of the other tribes of Israel.*

Why did the men of Israel say they had more right to David than the men of Judah?

The men of Israel said they had more right to David because they represented ten tribes that were related to the king. The men of Judah represented only one tribe. Also, the people of Judah had started the rebellion against David.

Whose words were harsher, the men of Judah or the men of Israel?

The word of the men of Judah was harsher than the word of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 20

2 Samuel 20:1

ULT	UST
And a man of wickedness was met there, and his name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a man of Benjamin. And he blew on a shofar, and he said, "There is no portion to us in David, and no inheritance is to us in the son of Jesse. A man to his tents, Israel!"	*There was a man there at Gilgal whose name was Sheba. He was the son of Bichri. He was a man who often caused trouble. He came from the tribe of Benjamin. He blew a ram's horn and called out, "David, that son of Jesse, does not belong to us at all! So, my fellow Israelites, let us return to our homes!"*

Why was Sheba called a man of wickedness?

He was called a man of wickedness because he blew a shofar and told the men of Israel to return home; he said David did not belong to them at all.

2 Samuel 20:2

ULT	UST
And all of the men of Israel went up from after David to after Sheba, the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clung to their king from the Jordan and to Jerusalem.	*Then the leaders of the Israelite tribes decided not to escort David back to Jerusalem. Instead, they did what Sheba had said and returned to their homes. But the leaders of the tribe of Judah remained with David. They still wanted him to be their king. So they escorted him from near the Jordan River back to the city of Jerusalem.*

How was the response of the men of Judah to Sheba different from the men of Israel?

The men of Judah clung to their king, but the men of Israel did what Sheba had said and returned to their homes.

2 Samuel 20:3

ULT	UST
And David came to his house in Jerusalem, and the king took the ten concubine wives whom he had left to keep the house, and he put them in a house of keeping, and he sustained them, but he did not go in to them. And they were confined until the day of their death, a widowhood of life.	*When David arrived at the palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten secondary wives whom he had left there to take care of the palace and put them in another residence where someone guarded them. David provided what they needed, but he never had sexual relations with them again. It was as if they were widows, even though their husband was still alive. They had to stay in that residence until they died.*

How did David's relationship with his ten concubines change?

He put them in another residence where someone guarded them. They had to stay in that house until they died. David provided what they needed, but he never had sexual relations with them again.

2 Samuel 20:4-5

What did the king tell Amasa to do?

The king told Amasa to call up the men of Judah within three days and to be there himself.

2 Samuel 20:6-7

How did David respond when Amasa was delayed?

David told Abishai to take the soldiers already here and go to capture him. If not, we will no longer know where his is going, and the delay would allow him and his soldiers to go into fortified cities.

2 Samuel 20:9-10

What did Joab do when he greeted Amasa?

As Joab held Amasa's beard with his right hand to kiss him, he struck him in the stomach with the sword in his left hand.

2 Samuel 20:11-13

What did one of Joab's men do after Joab stabbed Amasa?

He stood by Amasa and called for those who delighted in Joab and David to follow Joab, and then he removed Amasa's body from the road into a field so the soldiers would not stop to look.

2 Samuel 20:14-15

What did Joab and his men do when they found Sheba in Abel Beth Maacah?

They besieged him in the city built a dirt ramp up against the outer wall of the city to batter and collapse the city wall.

2 Samuel 20:18-19

How did the wise woman describe the residents of her city of Abel to Joab?

She described the residents as peaceful and loyal Israelites.

2 Samuel 20:19

ULT	UST
I am pacified and faithful ones of Israel. You are seeking to kill a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you devour the inheritance of Yahweh?"	*We who live in this city are peaceful and loyal Israelites. But you are trying to destroy our city. Many towns and villages in this area depend on us. You should not be trying to destroy a community that belongs to Yahweh!"*

What did the woman ask Joab?

The woman asked Joab why he would try to destroy an Israelite community.

2 Samuel 20:20-21

What condition did Joab give the woman for withdrawing from the city?

Joab said that if they would give him Sheba, who is rebelling against King David, he would go away from the city.

2 Samuel 20:21-22

How did the people of the city respond to Joab's condition?

The woman came to the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba and threw it to Joab.

2 Samuel 20:24

ULT	UST
And Adoniram was over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, was the recorder.	*Adoniram supervised the men whom the king forced to work for him. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the man who reported to the people everything that David decided.*

What was Adoniram's responsibility?

Adoniram was over the forced labor.

2 Samuel 21

2 Samuel 21:1-2

Why was there a famine in the land for three years?

There was a famine because of the bloodguilt on Saul and his house. The Israelites had solemnly promised that they would not kill them, but Saul had tried to kill all of them because he wanted the people of Judah and Israel to be the only ones living in that land.

2 Samuel 21:2-3

Why did King David want to make atonement to the Gibeonites?

David wanted to make atonement so that they ask Yahweh to do good things for us Israelites again.

2 Samuel 21:4

ULT	UST
And the Gibeonites said to him, “There is no silver or gold for us with Saul or with his house. And there is not for us a man to kill in Israel.” And he said, “What are you saying I shall do for you?”	*They replied, “You cannot make up for what Saul did to us by having his family pay us any amount of money. And we do not have the right to kill any Israelites.” So David asked, “So what are you asking me to do for you?”*

What did David agree to do to atone for the injustice done to the Gibeonites?

David agreed to do whatever the Gibeonites asked him to do.

2 Samuel 21:5-6

What did the Gibeonites request from David to atone for Saul’s actions?

They requested that seven men from Saul’s sons be given to them so they could hang them before Yahweh at Gibeah.

2 Samuel 21:7-9

How did David respond to the Gibeonites’ request?

David spared Mephibosheth but gave them the two sons of Rizpah and the five sons of Michal, and the Gibeonites hanged them on the hill.

2 Samuel 21:10-11

What did Rizpah do to express her grief for her sons?

She did not allow any birds to come near the corpses during the day, and she did not allow any animals to come near them during the night from the time that people started to harvest barley until the autumn rains began.

2 Samuel 21:12

ULT	UST
And David went, and he took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the lords of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the open area of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them there on the day the Philistines struck Saul at Gilboa.	*So he went with some of his servants to Jabesh Gilead, where the leaders of that city allowed him to take the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan. The soldiers from that city had gone stealthily at night and taken their bones from the plaza in the city of Beth Shan. That was where Philistine soldiers had hung them on the day when they had killed Saul and Jonathan on Mount Gilboa.*

From whom did David take the bones of Saul and Jonathan?

David took the bones of Saul and Jonathan from the leaders of the city of Jabesh Gilead.

2 Samuel 21:15-17

How did Abishai rescue David when he was weary?

When David was weary, Abishai helped him by striking and killing the Philistine giant Ishbi Benob, who had intended to kill David.

2 Samuel 21:17

ULT	UST
But Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, helped him, and he struck the Philistine, and he killed him. Then the men of David adjured him, saying, "You shall not go out with us to battle anymore, so you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel."	*But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to help David. He attacked the giant and killed him. Then David's soldiers made David promise that he would not go with them into a battle again. They said that if enemy soldiers killed him in battle, Israel would no longer have him as king to guide them.*

Why did David's men insist that he no longer go into battle with them?

They said that if enemy soldiers killed him in battle, Israel would no longer have him as king to guide them.

2 Samuel 21:20-22

Whom did David and his servants kill in Gath?

They killed four giants who were born to Rapha in Gath.

2 Samuel 22

2 Samuel 22:1-2

When did David sing the song that Yahweh was his rock?

David sang the song on the day Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 Samuel 22:4

ULT	UST
To the one being praised I call, to Yahweh, and I am saved from my enemies.	*You deserve for people to praise you, Yahweh. When I cry to you for help, you rescue me from my enemies.*

When David calls on Yahweh, what does he say that Yahweh does?

David says when he calls on Yahweh, he is saved from his enemies.

2 Samuel 22:5-6

What did David feel like when he was surrounded by his enemies?

David felt like the waves of death and the cords of Sheol surrounded him.

2 Samuel 22:7

ULT	UST
In my distress I called to Yahweh, and to my God I called. And he heard my voice from his temple, and my cry was in his ears.	*But when I was very distressed, I cried out to you, Yahweh my God. From your temple in heaven you could hear me calling, and you listened to my prayer.*

How did David respond to his distressing circumstances?

In his distress, David called to Yahweh, and Yahweh heard his voice from his temple.

2 Samuel 22:8-9

What happened because God was angry?

The earth shook and trembled, smoke went up from his nose, and a stream of fire was flowing out from his mouth to burn up everything in its path.

2 Samuel 22:10-12

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens?

He lowered the heavens and came down, riding on a cherub and flying on the wings of the wind.

2 Samuel 22:14-15

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies?

Yahweh thundered from the heavens, sent out arrows and flashes of lightning, and panicked them.

2 Samuel 22:16

ULT	UST
And the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuke of Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of his nose.	*Then it was as if you shouted at my enemies to tell them to stop trying to kill me. It was as if you blew away all the water that was covering the bottom of the ocean and all the ground that was over the deepest part of the earth.*

How were the foundations of the world uncovered?

The foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of his nose.

2 Samuel 22:17-18

How did Yahweh rescue David from the strong enemy who hated him?

David said it was as if Yahweh reached down from heaven and grabbed him so that he could pull David up out of the deep water of the ocean.

2 Samuel 22:19-21

Why did Yahweh deliver David?

Yahweh delivered David because he delighted in him.

2 Samuel 22:22-23

How did David keep the ways of Yahweh?

David kept the ways of Yahweh and did not turn away from his statutes.

2 Samuel 22:24-25

What happened because David was blameless and kept himself from iniquity?

Yahweh gave back to him according to his righteousness and his cleanness.

2 Samuel 22:28-29

What does Yahweh do to the proud?

Yahweh is aware of people who are arrogant, and he humiliates them.

2 Samuel 22:31

ULT	UST
This God, his way is perfect. The word of Yahweh is refined. He is a shield to all of the ones taking refuge in him.	*My God, everything that you do is perfect. Everything that you say is right. You protect everyone who depends on you, as if you are a shield that defends them.*

What is Yahweh to everyone who takes refuge in him?

Yahweh is a shield to all who take refuge in him.

2 Samuel 22:32-33

Why did David say God was his rock and fortress?

David said God was his rock, the only real God, because God is where he can go to be safe. He said God was his fortress of strength because, to David, God is like a very secure place where he could go to hide from danger.

2 Samuel 22:37

ULT	UST
You enlarge my step under me, and my feet do not slip.	*You have given me many ways to respond to each situation. As a result, I have been able to carry out my plans successfully.*

Why had David's feet not slipped?

David says that God gave him many ways to respond to each situation, so that his enemies were not able to trap him.

2 Samuel 22:43

ULT	UST
And I beat them like the dust of the earth. Like the mud of the streets, I pulverize them, I stomp them.	*I defeated them so completely that they were no longer any threat to me, no more than tiny particles of dust would be. It was as if I had flattened them smoothly on the ground like the mud on the streets.*

What did David do to his enemies when they looked for a savior?

David defeated them so completely that they were no longer any threat to him no more than tiny particles of dust would be.

2 Samuel 22:44

ULT	UST
And you rescue me from the disputes of my people. You keep me as the head of nations. People I did not know serve me.	*You rescued me from the Israelites who tried to rebel against me. You preserved me as the ruler of many nations. Foreign people are now my subjects.*

What did Yahweh do for David?

Yahweh rescued David from the disputes of his people and kept him as the head of nations.

2 Samuel 22:47-49

What did Yahweh do on behalf of David?

Yahweh enabled David to conquer enemies, protecting him from being captured by them. Yahweh kept David safe when people rebelled against him and rescued hm from men who tried to harm him.

2 Samuel 22:50-51

Why did David sing praises to the name of Yahweh?

David said he thanks Yahweh so that all people groups will know that Yahweh is the one who has helped him. He sings to praise Yahweh for the great things he has done, faithfully showing kindness to David and to his descendants in the future.

2 Samuel 23

2 Samuel 23:1-2

What are the last words of David said to be?

They are the oracle of David, the man raised to a high position, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the one who wrote beautiful songs for the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 23:3-4

What did the God of Israel say to David?

The God of Israel said that a righteous one ruling over man in the fear of God is like the light of morning when the sun rises.

2 Samuel 23:6-7

Why will the wicked be like a thorn thrown away?

God will remove people who disrespect him, just as people throw away thorns that hurt their hands when they try to pick them up.

2 Samuel 23:9-10

How did Eleazar defeat the Philistines?

When other Israelites retreated in fear, Eleazar arose and struck the Philistines until his hand cramped and he could not let go of his sword, Yahweh won a great victory for the Israelites on that day.

2 Samuel 23:11-12

What did Shammah defend against the Philistines?

When other Israelite soldiers ran away from the battle, Shammah stationed himself in the middle of the field full of ripe lentils and fought and killed the Philistines, who wanted to steal the lentils. And so Yahweh won a great victory for the Israelites.

2 Samuel 23:15-16

What did the three mighty warriors do when they heard David express his desire for water from the well of Bethlehem?

The three warriors broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well, and brought it to David.

2 Samuel 23:16-17

Why did David refuse to drink the water from the well of Bethlehem?

David said it would not be right to drink it because he said that would be like drinking the blood of these men who were willing to die to get it for him.

2 Samuel 23:18-19

For what was Abishai known?

He once fought against 300 enemy soldiers and killed them all. As a result, he became famous like the three very greatest soldiers.

2 Samuel 23:20-21

How did Benaiah kill a huge Egyptian soldier?

Benaiah went down against the Egyptian with a staff, seized the spear from the Egyptian’s hand, and killed him with his own spear.

2 Samuel 24

2 Samuel 24:1-2

What did David ask Joab to do?

David asked Joab to go through all the tribes of Israel and count the men who could fight as soldiers.

2 Samuel 24:2-4

Why was Joab reluctant to count the people?

Joab did not understand why David wanted to count the people, and he did not think it was a good idea to count how many soldiers they had.

2 Samuel 24:8

ULT	UST
So they went about in all of the land. And they came, at the end of nine months and twenty days, to Jerusalem.	*It took them nine months and 20 days to finish going throughout the land and counting the people. After that, they returned to Jerusalem.*

How long did it take for Joab to go throughout all the land and return to Jerusalem?

It took nine months and twenty days for Joab to go throughout all the land and return to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 24:9

ULT	UST
And Joab gave the number of the mustering of the people to the king. And Israel was 800, 000 men of valor drawing the sword, and the men of Judah were 500, 000 men.	*They reported to King David the number of men that they had counted. There were 800, 000 men in Israel and 500, 000 men in Judah who were fit to serve as soldiers in the army.*

How many fighting men did Joab count?

They reported to David that there were 800,000 men in Israel and 500,000 men in Judah who were fit to serve as soldiers in the army.

2 Samuel 24:10

ULT	UST
But the heart of David struck him after this, he had counted the people. And David said to Yahweh, "I have sinned greatly by what I have done. But now, Yahweh, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."	*But after David's officers had counted the fighting men of Israel, David felt very badly that he had told them to do that. He confessed to Yahweh, "When I ordered them to do that, I committed a very serious sin. Please forgive me. But now, Yahweh, I admit that what I did was very foolish."*

Why did David feel very badly after he had counted the people?

David realized that he had committed a very serious sin, confessed it to Yahweh, and asked Yahweh to forgive him for his foolish act.

2 Samuel 24:11-12

What message did Yahweh give to David through the prophet Gad?

Yahweh told David that he must choose one of three punishments.

2 Samuel 24:13

ULT	UST
And Gad came to David, and he declared to him. Then he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land, or three months of your fleeing to the face of your enemies and he is pursuing you, or three days of plague being in your land? Now, know and see what word I shall return to the one having sent me."	*So Gad went to David and told him that Yahweh had said he would need to choose one of three punishments. He then told David, "You can choose for there to be seven years of famine in Israel. You can choose for your enemies to keep defeating you so badly over the course of three months that your army keeps running away from them. Or you can choose for there to be a plague here in Israel for three days. I will go back and tell Yahweh your answer. So think carefully about what you will choose."*

What three choices of punishment did God give to David?

God offered a choice of seven years of famine, three months of fleeing from his enemies, or three days of plague in the land.

2 Samuel 24:15-16

Why did not more than 70,000 people die in the plague?

Yahweh grieved about punishing any more people, and told the angel to lower his hand.

2 Samuel 24:17

ULT	UST
And David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel, the striker among the people, and he said, "Behold, I, I have sinned, and I, I have committed iniquity. But these sheep, what have they done? Please, let your hand be against me and against the house of my father."	*When David saw the angel who was causing the people to become sick and die, he spoke to Yahweh. He said, "Truly, I am the one who has committed the sin. I have done a very wicked thing, but these people are as innocent as sheep. They have certainly not done anything that is wrong. So you should punish me and my family, not these people!"*

What did David request of Yahweh when he saw the angel?

David said that he had sinned, and he asked that Yahweh's hand be against him and his father's house, not against the people.

2 Samuel 24:18-20

What did Gad the prophet tell David to do?

Gad told David to go up and set up an altar for Yahweh on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

2 Samuel 24:21

ULT	UST
And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy from you the threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh, that the plague may be restrained from against the people."	*Araunah said, "Your Majesty, may I ask why you have come to me?" David replied, "I have come to buy this ground where you thresh grain. That way I can build an altar here to Yahweh and offer sacrifices on it so that he will stop the plague that has been killing so many Israelites."*

What was David's purpose for going to Araunah?

David wanted to buy the threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh so that he will stop the plague that has been killing so many Israelites.

2 Samuel 24:24

ULT	UST
And the king said to Araunah, "No, but buying, I will buy it from you for a price. For I will not offer to Yahweh my God burnt offerings for nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for silver, 50 shekels.	*But the king said to Araunah, "No, I will not accept these things as a gift. I will pay you for them. I will not take things that have cost me nothing and burn them completely on an altar as offerings to Yahweh." So David paid 50 shekels of silver to Araunah for the oxen and the ground.*

Why did David insist on buying Araunah's threshing floor for a price?

David insisted on buying it because he would not offer to Yahweh burnt offerings that cost him nothing.

2 Samuel 24:25

ULT	UST
And David built an altar there for Yahweh, and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And Yahweh was entreated for the land, and the plague was restrained from against Israel.	*Then David built an altar there to Yahweh. He burned the oxen completely on the altar as an offering. He also offered fellowship sacrifices. Then Yahweh answered David's prayers for the people of his land, and he ended the plague that had been killing so many Israelites.*

How did David stop the plague in Israel?

David built an altar for Yahweh and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then Yahweh answered David's prayers, and he ended the plague that had been killing so many Israelites.