

David spares Saul's life

- 1 Samuel 24:12

me down to take my life. 12 May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.
13 As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.

David spares Saul's life again

- 1 Samuel 26:22

22 “Here is the king’s spear,” David answered. “Let one of your young men come over and get it. **23** The LORD rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD’s anointed. **24** As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble.”

How are the mighty fallen!

- II Samuel 1:22-27

19 “A gazelle^[a] lies slain on your heights, Israel.
How the mighty have fallen!

20 “Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

21 “Mountains of Gilboa,
may you have neither dew nor rain,
may no showers fall on your terraced fields.^[b]
For there the shield of the mighty was despised,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

22 “From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

23 Saul and Jonathan—
in life they were loved and admired,
and in death they were not parted.

They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

24 “Daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

25 “How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.

26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.

Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.

27 “How the mighty have fallen!
The weapons of war have perished!”

Tell it not in Gath

- Do not reveal your misfortunes to your enemies
- “Tell this not in Gath, lest the Scots rejoice that they have at length found a parallel instance among their neighbours, to that barbarous deed which demolished Arthur’s Oven” (Sir Walter Scott, *Ivanhoe*, 1819).

Ark brought to Israel

• II Samuel 7

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

5 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’

establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me^b; your throne will be established forever.”

Abigail

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

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

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

Bathsheba

- Uriah – Bathsheba

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 15 In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”

- Letter (his own death warrant)

Thou art the man

2 Samuel 12 King James Version (KJV)

12 And the L ORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the L ORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the L ORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

- **Parable**
- a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

David's punishment

2 Samuel 12:10-12 New International Version (NIV)

10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

11 "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. **12** You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

- David fell his eyes on a woman—Bathsheba
- Amnon fell his eyes on a woman—Tarma

Absalom

- Amnon—Tamar (half brother and sister)
- Absalom — Tamar (full brother and sister)

Absalom's hair

2 Samuel 14:24-26 New International Version (NIV)

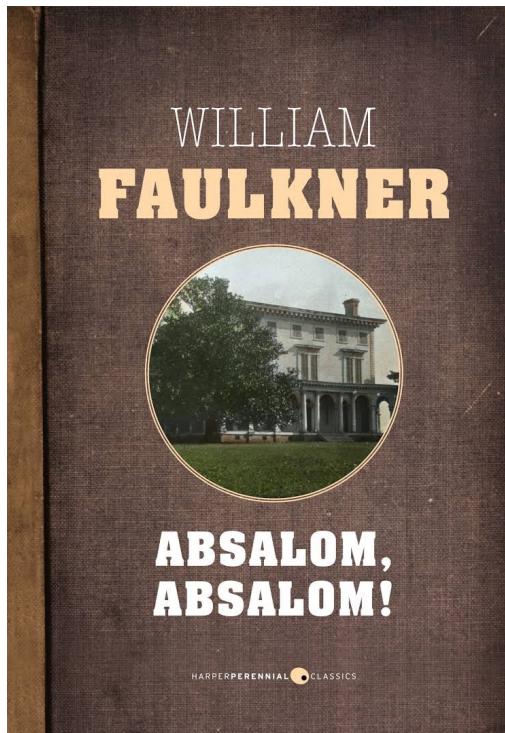
24 But the king said, “He must go to his own house; he must not see my face.” So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king.

25 In all Israel there was not a man so highly praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the top of his head to the sole of his foot there was no blemish in him. **26** Whenever he cut the hair of his head—he used to cut his hair once a year because it became too heavy for him—he would weigh it, and its weight was two hundred shekels^a by the royal standard.

9 Now Absalom happened to meet David’s men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom’s hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.

10 When one of the men saw what had happened, he told Joab, “I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree.”

Absalom, Absalom !



2 Samuel 18:32

The king asked the Cushite, “Is the young man **Absalom** safe?” The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.”

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2 Samuel 18:33

The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: “O my son **Absalom!** My son, my son **Absalom!** If only I had died instead of you—O **Absalom,** my son, my son!”

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2 Samuel 19:1

Joab was told, “The king is weeping and mourning for **Absalom.**”

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2 Samuel 19:4

The king covered his face and cried aloud, “O my son **Absalom!** O **Absalom,** my son, my son!”

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Solomon

- Son of David and Bathsheba
- public works, temple, palaces in Jerusalem
- Solomon built the house of the Lord
- Solomon in all his glory
- Under one's vine and fig-tree--peace and prosperity
- Dream—wisdom
- As wise as Solomon
- A judgment of Solomon
- Solomon's mine
- Song of songs/song of Solomon

- As wise as Solomon

- Behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before, nor shall any like you arise after you. *I Kings:3 12*



The Judgment of Solomon-- **Raphael** 1518-19 Fresco

- Under one's vine and fig tree

- And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. *I Kings 4: 25*

- Solomon in all his glory/splendor
- **Matthew 6:29**
- Yet I tell you that not even **Solomon in all his splendor** was dressed like one of these.

II Kings

- “I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, ‘There shall my Name be”. (23:27)

- Elijah—“the Lord is my God”
- Elisha— “God is salvation”

Elijah

•Elijah fed by ravens

1 Kings 17 King James Version (KJV)

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the **LORD** God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the **LORD** came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the **LORD**: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

- Cloud no bigger than a man's hand

- I Kings 18: 44-45 (KJV)

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

- Having defeated the prophets of Baal, Elijah eagerly awaits the coming of rain in response to his prayers. The rain duly arrives after Elijah has dispatched his servant to keep watch from Mount Carmel a seventh time.
- Cloud no bigger than a man's hand: a relatively insignificant portent of something much greater about to happen.

• Still small voice

1 Kings 19:11-13 King James Version (KJV)

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

- still small voice: soft whisper of God; guidance of God; conscience; an inner sense of right and wrong

Allusion in Context

The following paragraph is taken from Shelli Johnson's book *Start Where You Are Weight Loss*:

Sometimes I look at past decisions I've made and I just want to shake my younger self and shout, "Listen! Listen! For Pete's sake, Listen!" because what I used to do all the time (& still catch myself doing on occasion) is charge ahead (think bull in a china shop) when I should have been stopping to check my gut & my intuition. Every (& I do mean *every*) major mistake in my life (ones that caused me lots of suffering) came from me not listening when that still small voice inside me said: *Don't do this. This is a bad idea.* Every missed opportunity came from me not listening when that same voice inside me said: *Say yes, even if you're scared, do that.*

- **Beelzebub**

2 Kings 1 King James Version (KJV)

1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

Matthew 10:25

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house **Beelzebub**, how much more shall they call them of his household?

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Matthew 12:24

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by **Beelzebub** the prince of the devils.

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Matthew 12:27

And if I by **Beelzebub** cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

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Mark 3:22

And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath **Beelzebub**, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

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Luke 11:15

But some of them said, He casteth out devils through **Beelzebub** the chief of the devils.

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Luke 11:18

If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through **Beelzebub**.

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Luke 11:19

And if I by **Beelzebub** cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

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2 Kings 1:2

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2 Kings 1:3

But the angel of the **Lord** said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of **Baalzebub** the god of Ekron?

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2 Kings 1:6

And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the **Lord**, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of **Baalzebub** the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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2 Kings 1:16

And he said unto him, Thus saith the **Lord**, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of **Baalzebub** the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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- **Beelzebub:** Name of a demon (chief of demons) in NT
 - Possibly a variant form of "**Baal Zebub**," the god of Ekron, in OT: commonly explained as “lord of flies”(according to St. Jerome)
 - In John Milton’s Paradise Lost: Beelzebub is next to Satan in power and crime
 - In John Milton’s Paradise Lost: Belial is one of the highest demons
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- **Belial:** the wicked or worthless (“sons of Belial”, “daughter of Belial”), later personified as devil.

•Chariot of fire

2 Kings 2:10-12 King James Version (KJV)

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

- Chariot of fire: an apparent miraculous mean of overcoming a natural obstacle or difficulty.

- Jehu
- II Kings 9:20

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.

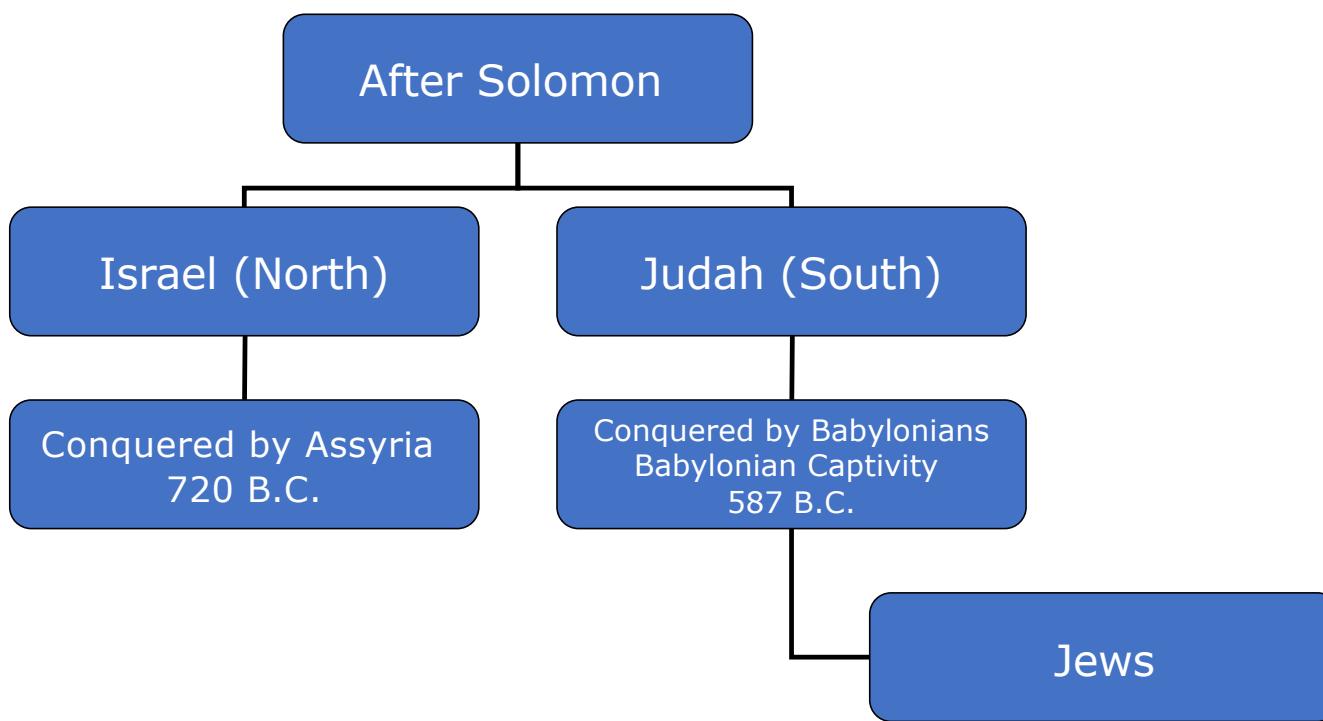
- Nebuchadnezzar

2 Kings 24:1-3 King James Version (KJV)

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;



Hebrews

Israelites
Since Canaan

Jews
Since Babylonian Captivity