Conflicts Within and Without:

I Samuel 16 – II Samuel 6 and David's Ascention

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1: Three failures

I Samuel 16:1

(1) And the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and set out; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have decided on one of his sons to be king."

I Samuel 16:14-17

(14) Now the spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD began to terrify him. (15) Saul's courtiers said to him, "An evil spirit of God is terrifying you. (16) Let our lord give the order [and] the courtiers in attendance on you will look for someone who is skilled at playing the lyre; whenever the evil spirit of God comes over you, he will play it and you will feel better." (17) So Saul said to his courtiers, "Find me someone who can play well and bring him to me."

I Samuel 17:4-24

(4) A champion of the Philistine forces stepped forward; his name was Goliath of Gath, and he was six cubits and a span tall...(10) And the Philistine ended, "I herewith defy the ranks of Israel. Get me a man and let's fight it out!" (11) When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and terror-stricken...(16) The Philistine stepped forward morning and evening and took his stand for forty days...(24) When the men of Israel saw the man, they fled in terror.

שמואל א ט"ז:א'

(א) וַיּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל עַד־מָתִי´אַתָּה` מִתְאַבֵּל אֶל־שָׁאוּל וַאֲנִי מְאַסְתִּיו מִמְּלֹךְ עַל־ יִשְׂרָאֵל מַלֵּא קַרְנְךְ שֶׁמֶו וְלֵךְ אֶשְׁלָחֲךְ´אֶל־ יִשַׁי בֵּית־הַלַּחְמִי כִּי־רָאִיִתִי בְּבָנֵיו לִי מֶלֶךְ.

שמואל א ט"ז:ר"ד-ר"ז

(יד) וְרְוּחַ יְהוָה סָרָה מֵעִם שָׁאוּל וּבְעַתְתּוּ רְוּחַ־רָעָה מֵאֵת יְהוֶהּ (טו) וַיֹּאמְרְנִּ עַבְדִיּ־ שָׁאוּל אֵלֶיו הִנֵּה־נָא רְוּחַ־אֱלֹהִים רָעָה מְבַעִּתֶּךְ. (טז) יֹאמַר־נֶא אֲדֹנֵנוּ עֲבָדֶיךְ לְפָנֶיךְ יְבַקְשׁוֹּ אִיֹשׁ יֹדֻעַ מְנַגַּן בַּכִּנּוֹר וְהָיָה בְּהְיוֹת עָלֶיךְ רְוּחַ־אֱלֹהִים רָעָה וְנִגַּן בְּיָדוֹ וְטִוֹב לֶךְ. (פ) (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁאוּל אֶל־עֲבָדְיו רְאוּ־נֵא לִי אָישׁ מֵיטִיב לְנַגֵּן וַהֲבִיאוֹתֶם אֵלֵי.

שמואל א י"ז:ד'-כ"ד

(ד) וַיֵּצֵא אִישׁ־הַבֵּנַיִּם מְמַּחֲנְוֹת פְּלִשְׁתִּים גַּלְיֶת שְׁמוֹ מִגַּת גָּבְהֹוֹ שֵׁשׁ אַמּוֹת וְזֵבֶרת...(י) וַיֹּאמֶר הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אֲנִי חֵרַפְתִּי אֶת־מַעַרְכוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל הַיִּוֹם הַזָּה תְּנוּ־לִי אִישׁ וְנִלְּחֲמָה יְחַדּי (יא) וַיִּשְׁמַע שָׁאוּל וְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי הָאֵלֶה וַיֵּתְתוּ וַיִּרְאוּ מְאֹדִי...(טז) וַיִּגַשׁ הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי הַשְׁכֵּם וְהַעֲרֵב וַיִּתְיַצֵּב אַרְבָּעִים יְוֹםי....(כד) וְכֹל אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּרְאוֹתָם אֵת־הָאִישׁ וַיִּנָסוּ מִפָּנָיו וַיִּירְאוּ מִאֹדּי בִּרְאוֹתָם אֵת־הָאִישׁ וַיָּנָסוּ מִפָּנָיו וַיִּירְאוּ מִאֹדִּי

2. The absent man

I Samuel 16:6-13

- (6) When they arrived and he saw Eliab, he thought: "Surely the LORD's anointed stands before Him."
- (7) But the LORD said to Samuel, "Pay no attention to his appearance or his stature, for I have rejected him. For not as man sees [does the LORD see]; man sees only what is visible, but the LORD sees into the heart."
- (8) Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass before Samuel; but he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." (9) Next Jesse presented Shammah; and again he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." (10) Thus Jesse presented seven of his sons before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."
- (11) Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the boys you have?" He replied, "There is still the youngest; he is tending the flock." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send someone to bring him, for we will not sit down to eat until he gets here."
- (12) So they sent and brought him. He was ruddy-cheeked, bright-eyed, and handsome. And the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." (13) Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD gripped David from that day on. Samuel then set out for Ramah.

שמואל א ט"ז:ו"-י"ג

- (ו) וַיְהָי בְּבוֹאָם וַיַּרָא אֶת־אֱלִיאָב וַיּאמֶר אַךְ נָגֶד יְהוָה מְשִׁיחְוֹּ
- (ז) וַיּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל אַל־תַּבֵּט אֶל־ מַרְאֵהוּ וְאֶל־גְּבֹהַ קוֹמָתוֹ כֵּי מְאַסְתִּיהוּ כִּי וּ לֹא אֲשֶׁר יִרְאֶה הָאָדָם כִּי הָאָדָם יִרְאָה לַעֵינַיִם וַיהוָה יִרְאֵה לַלֵּבֵבּ
 - (ח) וַיִּקְרָא יִשִׁי שֶׁל־אֲבִינְדָב וַיַּעֲבִרְהוּ לִפְנִי
 שְׁמוּאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר גַּם־בָּזֶה לְֹא־בַחַר יְהוֵה. (ט)
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 יְהוֵה. (י) וַיִּעֲבֵר יִשַׁי שִׁבְעַת בְּנָיו לִפְנִי
 שְׁמוּאֵל וַיִּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־יִשֵׁי לֹא־בָחַר
 יְהוָה בָּאֵלֶה.
 - (יא) וַיּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־יִשֵּׁי ֖הְתַמּוּ הַנְּעָרִים ׁ וַיֹּאמֶר עָוֹד שָׁאַר הַקָּטָּוֹ וְהִנָּה רֹעָה בַּצֹּאו וַיּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־יִשַׁי שִׁלְחָה וְקָחֶנוּ כִּי לֹא־ נַסֹב עַד־בֹּאוֹ פָהּ
- (יב) וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיְבִיאֵהוּ וְהְוּא אַדְמוֹנִי עִם־יְפֵּה עֵינַיִם וְטוֹב רֹאִי (פּ) וַיֹּאְמֶר יְהוָה קוּם מְשָׁחֵהוּ כִּי־זֶה הְוֹאּ (יג) וַיִּקַּח שְׁמוּאֵל אֶת־ קֶרֶן הַשֶּׁמֶן וַיִּמְשַׁח אֹתוֹ בְּקֶרֶב אֶחִיוֹ וַתִּצְלַח רְוּחַ־יְהוָה אֶל־דָּוֹד מֵהַיִּוֹם הַהוּא וָמָעְלָה וַיֵּקָם שִׁמוּאֵל וַיֵּלֵךְ הַרַמַתָה: (ס)

David Wolpe, David: The Divided Heart, 2:

The man who grew unseen by his father will struggle all his life with children.

3: David's ambiguities

I Samuel 17:25-29

(25) And the men of Israel were saying [among themselves], "Do you see that man coming out? He comes out to defy Israel! The man who kills him will be rewarded by the king with great riches; he will also give him his daughter in marriage and grant exemption to his father's house in Israel." (26) David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes the disgrace from Israel? Who is that uncircumcised Philistine that he dares defy the ranks of the living God?" (27) The troops told him in the same words what would be done for the man who killed him. (28) When Eliab, his oldest brother, heard him speaking to the men, Eliab became angry with David and said, "Why did you come down here, and with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your impudence and your impertinence: you came down to watch the fighting!" (29) But David replied, "What have I done now? I was only asking!"

I Samuel 17:32-40

(32) David said to Saul, "Let no man's courage fail him. Your servant will go and fight that Philistine!" (33) But Saul said to David, "You cannot go to that Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth!" (34) David replied to Saul, "Your servant has been tending his father's sheep, and if a lion or a bear came and carried off an animal from the flock, (35) I would go after it and fight it and rescue it from its mouth...and that uncircumcised Philistine shall end up like one of them, for he has defied the ranks of the living God. (37) The LORD," David went on, "who saved me from lion and bear will also save me from that Philistine." "Then go," Saul said to David, "and may the LORD be with you!" (38) Saul clothed David in his own garment; he placed a bronze helmet on his head and fastened a breastplate on him. (39) David girded his sword over his garment. Then he tried to walk; but he was not used to it. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk in these, for I am not used to them." So David took them off. (40) He took his stick, picked a few smooth stones from the wadi, put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag and, sling in hand, he went toward the Philistine.

שמואל א י"ז:כ"ה-כ"ט

(כה) וַיֹּאֶמֶר וּ אָישׁ יִשִּׂרָאֵל הַרְּאִיתֵם הַאִישׁ הַעֹלֵה בָּיָ לְחַרֶף אֵת־יִשְׂרַאֵל עֹלֵה וַהַיָה ָּהָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־יַכֶּצוּ יַעְשְׁרֶנּוּ הַמֵּלֵבְ וּ עְשֶׁר נָּדוֹל וָאֶת־בָּתוֹ יָתֶן־לוֹ וָאֶת בַּית אַבְיו יַעֲשֵׂה חַפְשִׁי בַּיִשְׂרָאֵלּ (כו) וַיִּאמֶר דְּוִֹד אֱל־הַאֵּנְשִׁ״ם הַעֹמָדִים עִמּוֹ לֵאמֹר מָה־יַּעֲשֶׂה לָאִישׁ אֲשֵׁר יַכֶּה`אַת־הַפָּלִשְׁתִּי הַלַּזֹ וְהֶסִיר חֶרְפַּה מֵעַל יִשְׂרָאֵל כֵּי מִיֹּ הַפְּּלִשְׁתִּי הֵעָרַל ֹהַזֶּה כִּי חֶרֶף מַעַרְכוְת אֱלֹהִים חַיַּים: (כז) וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הַעַּם בַּדַבָר הַזָּה לֵאמֹר כָּה יָעַשֶּׂה לַאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יַכֵּנוּיּ (כח) וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלִיאַב אַחִיו הַגַּּדוֹל בְּדַבְּרוֹ אֱל־ ָהַאָנַשָׁיִם וַיַּחַר־אַף אֱלִיאַב בְּדַוֹּד וַיֹּאמֶר ו לַמַה־זָה יַרַדָת וְעַל־מִי נַטַשְׁתַּ מִעַט הַצֹּאן הָהַנָּהֹרבַּמִּדְבָּר אַנֵי יָדַעָתִּי אֶת־זְדֹנְךְ וְאֵתֹרֹרַעַ לָבֶבֶּרְ כִּיֹ לְמַעַן רְאָוֹת הַמִּלְחַמָה יָרֵדְתַּ. (כט) וּיָאמֶר דַּוֹד מָה עַשִּׂיִתִי עַתַּה הַלוֹא דַבַר הוּאּ:

שמואל א י"ז:ל"ב-מי

(לב) וַיֹּאמֶר דַּוְדֹ אֱל־שַׁאוֹּל אַל־יִפְּל לֶב־אַדָם עָלַיֵיו עַבִדְּךָ יֵלֶרְ וְנָלְחַם עִם־הַפִּּלְשָׁתִּי הַזֵּהּ (לג) וַיּאמֶר שַאוּל אֵל־דַּוִֹד לָא תוּכַל ֹלַלֶּכֶת אֵל־ הַפָּלִשָּׁתִּי הַזֶּה לְהַלַּחֶם עְמֵּוֹ כִּי־נַעֵר אַתַּה וְהָוֹא אָישׁ מִלְחַמָּה מִנְּעָרֵיוּ (ס) (לד) וַיֹּאמֵר דַּוִד´אֵל־ שאול רעה הַיָה עַבִּדְּבָ לְאַבִיו בַּצֹאו וּבַא הַאַרִי` ואת־הדוב ונשא שה מהעדר: (לה) ויצאתי אַחַרָיו וָהִכְּתִיו וָהָצֵּלְתִּי מְפֵּיו... וַהַיַה הַפְּלְשָׁתִּי הַעַרֵל הַזָּה בּאַחָד מֶהֶם כֵּי חֶרֶף מַעַרְכֹת אֱלֹהִים חַיִּים: (ס) (לז) וַיֹּאמֶר ״דַּוְדֹ יִהוַה אֲשֵׁר הִצְּלַנִי מִיֶּד הַאָרִי וּמִיָּד הַדֹּב הוּא יַצִילֶנִי מִיָּד הַפִּּלְשָׁתִּי הַאָּה (ס) וַיּאמֵר שָׁאוּל אֵל־דָּוִד ֹלֵךְ וַיהוָה יִהְיֶה עִמְּךְּ (לח) וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ שַׁאוּל אֵת־דַּוִד'מַדַּיו וְנַתַן קוֹבַע נְחִשֶׁת עַל־רֹאשׁוֹ וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ שֶׁרְיַוֹן: (לט) וַיַּחְגִּר דַּוֶד אֵת־חַוֹּרְבּוֹ מֵעַל לְמַדִּיוֹ וַיְּאֵל לָלֵכֶת ֹבִּי לְא־ נְסַה װַלּאמֶר דַּוֹד אֱל־שַׁאוּל לֹא אוּכַל לַלֵּכֵת באַלַה כִּי לָא נָסִיתִי ויִסְרָם דוִד מַעליו. (מ) ויִקּח מַקָלוֹ בָּיַדוֹ וַיִּבְחַר־לוֹ חֲמִשֵּׁה חַלְּקֵי־אֲבַנִים ו מִן־ הַנַּחַל וַיָשֵׂם אַתָם בִּכִלִי הַרֹעִים אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וּבַיַּלְקוּט וַקּלְעוֹ בְיַדוֹ וַיִּגַשׁ אֱל־הַפְּלְשְׁתִּיּ

4: A royal marriage

I Samuel 18:17-30

- (17) **Saul said** to David, "Here is my older daughter, Merab; I will give her to you in marriage; in return, you be my warrior and fight the battles of the LORD." **Saul thought:** "Let not my hand strike him; let the hand of the Philistines strike him." (18) **David replied** to Saul, "Who am I and what is my life—my father's family in Israel—that I should become Your Majesty's son-in-law?"
- (19) But at the time that Merab, daughter of Saul, should have been given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel the Meholathite.
- (20) Now Michal daughter of Saul had fallen in love with David; and when this was reported to Saul, he was pleased.
- (21) **Saul thought**: "I will give her to him, and she can serve as a snare for him, so that the Philistines may kill him." So **Saul said** to David, "You can become my son-in-law even now through the second one."
- (22) And Saul **instructed** his courtiers to say to David privately, "The king is fond of you and all his courtiers like you. So why not become the king's son-in-law?" (23) When the king's courtiers repeated these words to David, David **replied**, "Do you think that becoming the son-in-law of a king is a small matter, when I am but a poor man of no consequence?" (24) Saul's courtiers **reported** to him, "This is what David answered." (25) And Saul **said**, "Say this to David: 'The king desires no other bride-price than the foreskins of a hundred Philistines, as vengeance on the king's enemies."—Saul **intended** to bring about David's death at the hands of the Philistines.—
- (26) When his courtiers told this to David, David was **pleased** with the idea of becoming the king's son-in-law. Before the time had expired, (27) David **went** out with his men and **killed** two hundred Philistines; David brought their foreskins and they were counted out for the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Saul then **gave** him his daughter Michal in marriage.
- (28) When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that Michal daughter of Saul loved him, (29) Saul **grew still more afraid of David**; and Saul **was David's enemy** ever after. (30) The Philistine chiefs marched out [to battle]; and every time they marched out, David was more successful than all the other officers of Saul. His reputation soared.

שמואל א י"ח:י"ז-לי

(יז) ויאמר שאול אַל־דּוֹדְ הָנָה בְתַּי הגִּדוֹלְה מָרַב'אֹתַה'אָתַּן־לְּךָּ לְאִשַּׁה אַךְ הֵיֵה־לִּי לְבָן־ חַיָּל וְהָלַּחֶם מִלְחֲמוֹת יִהוָה וְשַׁאוּל אַמַּר אַל־תָּהָי יַדִי בּוֹ וּתְהִי־בוֹ יַד־פָּלְשְׁתִּים: (ס) (יח) וַיֹּאמֶר דַּוֹד אֱל־שֵׁאוֹּל מִי אֲנֹכִי וּמִי חַיַּי מִשְׁפַּחַת אָבָי בִּיִשֹׂרָאֵל כֵּי־אֵהִיָה חָתָן לַמֵּלֶךְ: (יט) וַיָהִי בִּעָת הָת אַת־מַרָב בַּת־ שַׁאוּל לְדַנֶד וְהָיִא נָתִּנָה לְעַדְרִיאֵל הַמְּחֹלַתִי לָאָשֵׁהּ (כ) וַתָּאֵהָב מִיכֵל בַּת־שַׁאוּל אֵת־ דוד ויגדו לשאול וישר הדבר בעיניו. (כא) ויאמר שאול אַתְנָנה לוֹ ותְהִי־לוֹ לְמוֹקְשׁ וּתָהָי־בוֹ יַד־פָּלִשְׁתַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר שַׁאוּלֹ'אֵל־דַּוֹד בִּשְׁתַּיֶם תִּתְחַתֵּן בִּי הַיִּוֹם: (כב) וַיִצַוֹ שָׁאוּל אָת־עַבַדֵּוֹ דָּבָּרוּ אֵל־דַּוֶד בַּלַט'לֵאמֹר הָנֵּה חַפֵּץ בִּרְ'הַמֵּלֶרְ וְכַל־עַבַדִיו אֲהֶבוּרְ וְעַתַּה ֹהַתְחַתֵּן בַּמֵּלֵך: (כג) וַיִּדַבִּרוּ עַבִדֵי שַׁאוּל בָּאַזְנֵי דַוָּד אֶת־הַדְּבַרִים הַאָּלֶה וַיֹּאמֶר דַּוֹד הַנָקַלָּה בָעֵינֵיכֶם התחַתֵּן בַּמֵּלֶךְ וַאַנֹכִי אִישׁ־ ַרָשׁ וִנְקָלֵה: (כד) וַיַּגְּדוּ עַבְדֵי שַׁאָוּל לוֹ לֵאמֹר כַּדְּבַרִים הַאֶלֵה דְּבֵּר דַּוֶד: (פ) (כה) וַיּאמֶר שַאוּל כַּה־תאמְרוּ לְדַוֹּד אֵין־חֶפֵץ למַלֶּדְ'בַּמֹהר כַּי בַּמֵאה'ערלות פַּלְשָׁתִּים לִהנַּקֶם בָּאיָבֵי הַמֶּלֵךְ וְשָׁאוּל חַשַּׁב לְהַפְּיל אַת־דַּוָדָ בִּיַד־פָּלְשָׁתִּים: (כו) וַיַּגָּדוּ עַבַדִיוּ לְדַוִד אַת־הַדְּבַרִים הַאֱלֶה וַיִּשָׁר הַדַּבַר בְּעִינֵי דָוֹד לְהִתְחַתֵּן בַּמֶּלֶךְ וְלֹא מָלְאוּ הַיָּמִיםּ (כז) וַיָּקָם דַּוֹד וַיֵּלֶךְ ו הוּא וַאַנָשֵׂיו וַיַּךְ בַּפִּלְשָׁתִּים *ׁ* מַאתַיִם אִישֹׁ וַיַּבֵא דַוִד'אֵת־עַרְלֹתֵיהֶם וַיָּמֵלְאוּם לַמֵּלֶךְ לְהָתְחַתֵּן בַּמֵּלֶךְ וַיִּתֵּן־לוֹ שַׁאָוּל אָת־מִיכֵל בָּתוֹ לְאָשֵׁהּ (ס) (כח) וַיַּרָא שָׁאוּלֹ'וַיֵּּדַע כִּי יְהוָה עִם־דָּוֹגֵד וּמִיכַל בַּת־שַׁאוּל אֲהֶבֵתָהוּ (כט) וַיֹּאסֶף שַׁאוּל לֵרָא מִפּנִי דַוָד עוֹד וַיִהִי שַׁאָוּל אֹיֵב אֵת־דַּוָד כַּל־הַיָּמִים: (ס) (ל) וַיֵּצָאוּ שַׂרֵי פִּלְשִׁתִּים וַיָהָי ו מָהֵי צֵאתַם שַׂכַל דַּוָד מַכּל עָבָהֵי שאול וייקר שמו מאד. (ס)

5: Davidian physics

David Wolpe, David: The Divided Heart, 8:

Perhaps he stumbled and fell forward. But it may also be the Tanach's way of reminding us that David's actions evoke contraries: Saul, whom he will usurp, loves him. He will fraternize with the enemy and neither they nor Israel seem to turn on him as a result. His adulterous affair will produce a son who grows to be his successor. David does not operate by the normal physics of human consequences. His stone hits and the stricken fall forward.

6: A telling lament

II Samuel 1:26

(26) I grieve for you, My brother Jonathan, You were most dear to me. Your love was wonderful to me More than the love of women.

שמואל ב אי:כ"ו

(כו) צַר־לִּי עָלֶּיךָ אָחִי יְהוֹנְתָןׁ נָעַמְתְּ לִּי מְאֹד נִפְּלְאַתָה אַהֲבֶתְרֶ ֹלִי מֵאַהֲבַת נָשִׁיםּ

7: Two homes

II Samuel 3:12-21

(12) Abner immediately sent messengers to David, saying, "To whom shall the land belong?" and to say [further], "Make a pact with me, and I will help you and bring all Israel over to your side." (13) He replied, "Good; I will make a pact with you. But I make one demand upon you: Do not appear before me unless you bring Michal daughter of Saul when you come before me." (14) David also sent messengers to Ishbosheth son of Saul, to say, "Give me my wife Michal, for whom I paid the brideprice of one hundred Philistine foreskins." (15) So Ishbosheth sent and had her taken away from [her] husband, Paltiel son of Laish. (16) Her husband walked with her as far as Bahurim, weeping as he followed her; then Abner ordered him to turn back, and he went back...(21) Abner said to David, "Now I will go and rally all Israel to Your Majesty. They will make a pact with you, and you can reign over all that your heart desires." And David dismissed Abner, who went away unharmed.

שמואל ב ג':י"ב-כ"א

(יב) וַיִּשֶׁלַח אַבְנֵר מַלְאַכִים ו אֵל־דָּוֹדֶ תחתו ֹרַיִתְהָ בַּרִיתָה (תַּחִתָּיוּ) לֵאמֹר לָמִי־אָרֵץ לֵאמֹר כַּרְתָה בִּרִיתְדְּ אָתִּי וִהְנֵּה ֹיָדִי עִמַּהְ לְהַמֶב אֵלֵיךְ אֵת־כַּל־ יִשְׂרָאֵלּ (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר טוֹב אֲנִי אֱכִרֹת אִתִּךּ בִּרְיַת אָךְ דַּבָר אָחַד אַנֹכִי שׁאֵל מֵאִתִּךְ לֵאמר לֹא־ תָרָאָה אָת־פָּנִי כִּי ו אָם־לִפְנֵי הַבִּיאַךְ אָת מִיכַל בַּת־שַּׁאוּל בִּבֹאַךָ לִרְאוֹת אֵת־פָּנֵיּ (ס) (יד) וַיִּשָׁלָח דַּוִד מַלְאָכִים אֱל־אִישׁ־בַּשֶׁת בֶּן־שְׁאוַל לֵאמֹר תִּנָה אֵת־אָשָׁתִּי'אֵת־מִיכַּל אֲשֶׁר'אַרֻשָּׂתִי לִי בִּמֵאַה עַרְלוֹת פִּלְשִׁתִּים: (טו) וַיִּשְׁלַחֹ אִישׁ בּשֶׁת וַיִּקְחֶהָ מֵעָם אִישׁ מֵעָם פַּלִטִיאֵל בֵּן־לוש [לֵיִשׁ:] (טז) וַיֶּלֶךְ אָתַּה אִישַׂה הַלוֹךְ וּבַכְה אַחַבִיהַ עַד־בַּחָרִיִם וַיּאמֶר אֵלַיו אַבְנֵר לֵךְ שׁוָב וַיָּשִבּ...(כא) וַיִּאמֶר אַבְנֵר אֱל־דַּוְדׁ אַקּוּמָה ו וַאֵבֵׂכָה וְאֶקְבָּצָה אֶל־אֲדֹנִי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־כְּל־ יִשֹׂרָאֵל וִיִּכְרָתוּ אִתִּרְ־בִּרִית וּמַלַכְתַּ בָּכִל אֲשֶׁר־ תאַנָה נַפִשֶׁרָ וַיִּשָׁלַח דַּוָד אֶת־אַבָנַר וַיֵּלַרְ בשלום:

8: The fall and rise

II Samuel 6:12-23

(12) It was reported to King David: "The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's house and all that belongs to him because of the Ark of God." Thereupon David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David, amid rejoicing...(14) David whirled with all his might before the LORD; David was girt with a linen ephod. (15) Thus David and all the House of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts and with blasts of the horn.

(16) As the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him for it. (17) They brought in the Ark of the LORD and set it up in its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. (18) When David finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of Hosts...

(20) David went home to greet his household. And Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "Didn't the king of Israel do himself honor today—exposing himself today in the sight of the slavegirls of his subjects, as one of the riffraff might expose himself!"

(21) David answered Michal, "It was before the LORD who chose me instead of your father and all his family and appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel! I will dance before the LORD (22) and dishonor myself even more, and be low in my own esteem; but among the slavegirls that you speak of I will be honored." (23) So to her dying day Michal daughter of Saul had no children.

שמואל ב ו':י'ב-כ"ג

(יב) וַיֻּגַּד לַפֶּלֶךְ דְּוִד בֵּאמֹר בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה אֶת־בֵּית עֹבֵד אֱדֹם וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לּוֹ בַּעֲבוּר בִּית עֹבֵד אֱדֹם וְיָּלֶךְ דְּוֹד וַיַּעַל אֶת־אֲרוֹו בְּאֲלֹהִים מִבֵּית עֹבֵד אֱדֹם עִיר דְּוָד בְּשִׁמְחָה...(יד) וְדָוֹד מְכַרְכֵּר בְּכָל־עֹז לִפְנִי יְהוֹה וְדִוֹד חָגוּר אֵפִוֹד בְּד. (טו) וְדָוִד וְכָל־עֹז לִפְנִי הְתֹּה וְעָה וּבְקוֹל שׁוֹפֵר. בִּתרוּעָה וּבְקוֹל שׁוֹפֵר. בִּתרוּעָה וּבְקוֹל שׁוֹפֵר. בִּתרוּעָה וְבְּלִּל שׁוֹפֵר. בַּתרוּעָה וְבְלִּל שׁוֹפֵר. בַּתרוּעָה וְבְּלְּבְר וְבְּלְב בְּתוֹלְ יְהוֹה וַתִּלֶּת אָת־בְּלְּבֹר לִפְנִי יְהוֹה וַתִּבֶּז לְבִּלְ בִּלְי יְהוֹה וַתִּבֶּז לִלְבְּה. (יז) וַיְּבִלֹאוּ אֶת־בְּרְבֵּר לִפְנִי יְהוֹה וַיִּצְגוּ לִוֹ בְּתִּלְם בְּתוֹךְ הַאֹהֵל אֲשֵׁר נַטְה־לֹן אֹתוֹל בִּתוֹך הַאֹהֵל אֲשֵׁר נַטְה־לֹן אֹתֹל בִּתְּלְם בְּתוֹךְ הַאֹהֵל אֲשֵׁר נַטְה־לֹן

(כ) וַיָּשָׁב דְּוָד לְבָרֵךְ אֶת־בֵּיתוֹ וַתִּצֵא מִיכַל בַּת־שָׁאוּל לִקְרָאת דְּוִד וַתּּאמֶר מַה־נִּכְבַּר הַיּוֹם מֶלֶךְ יִשְּׁרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר נִגְלָה הַיּוֹם לְעִינֵי אַמְהְוֹת עֲבָדִיו כְּהִגָּלוֹת נִגְלוֹת אַחַד הָרֵקִים. אַמְהְוֹת עֲבָדִיו כְּהִגָּלוֹת נִגְלוֹת אַחַד הָרֵקִים.

דְּוֶד וַיַּעַל דְּוָד עֹלוֹת לִפְנֵי יְהוָה וּשְׁלָמִים.

(יח) וַיִּכֵל דַּוִֹד מֶהַעֵלוֹת הַעוֹלָה וְהַשִּׁלָמֵים

וַיָּבַרָךְ אֶת־הַעַם בִּשֶׁם יָהוָה צְבַאוֹת...

(כא) וַיּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־מִיכַל ֹלְפְּנֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר בְּחַר־בִּי מֵאָבִיך וּמִכָּל־בֵּיתוֹ לְצַוֹּת אֹתִי נָגִיד עַל־עַם יְהוָה עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשִׁחַקְתִּי לִפְנִי יְהוֶהּ (כב) וּנְקַלְּתִי עוֹד מוֹאת וְהָיִיתִי שָׁפָּל בְּעִינֵי וְעִם־הָאֲמָהוֹת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְהְ עִפָּס אָכָּבֵדָה. (כג) וּלְמִיכַל בַּת־שָׁאוּל לֹא־הָיָה לָה יֵלֶד עַד יִוֹם מוֹתָהּ. (פ)