Samuel #3 David's Kingship: Rise and Fall

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1. II Samuel 2:1, 8-9

¹Sometime afterward, David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" The LORD answered, "Yes." David further asked, "Which one shall I go up to?" And the LORD replied, "To Hebron." … ⁸But Abner son of Ner, Saul's army commander, had taken Ish-bosheth son of Saul and brought him across to Mahanaim ⁹and made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, and Benjamin—over all Israel.

<u>שמואל בי ב :א, ח-ט</u>

(א) וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵיכֵן וַיִּשְׁאֵל דָּוִד בַּהי לֵאמֹר הַאֶּצֶלֶה בְּאַחַת עָרֵי יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר הי אֵלָיו צְלֵה וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אָנָה אֶצֶלֶה וַיֹּאמֶר חֶבְרֹנָה :...(ח) וְאַבְּנֵר בֶּרְיֵר שַׂר־צָבָא אֲשֶׁר לְשָׁאוּל לָקַח אֶת־אִישׁ בֹּשֶׁת בֶּרִשָּׁאוּל וַיַּצְבָרֵהוּ מַחֲנָיִם : (ט) וַיַּמְלְכֵהוּ אֶל־הַגְּלְעָד וְאֶל־הָאֲשׁוּרִי וְאֶל־יִזְרְעָאל וְעַל־אֶפְרַיִם וְעַל־בִּנָיֵמְן וְעַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל כֵּלֹה :

2. II Samuel 6:16-23

¹⁶As 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...²⁰David 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!" ²¹David 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 ²²and dishonor myself even more, and be low in my own esteem; but among the slavegirls that you speak of I will be honored." ²³So to her dying day Michal daughter of Saul had no children.

<u>שמואל בי ו:טז-כג</u>

(טז) וְהָיָה אֲרוֹן הי בָּא עִיר דָּוִד וּמִיכֵל בַּת־שָׁאוּל נִשְּׁקְבָּה בְּעַד הַחַלּוֹן וַתֵּרֶא אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד מְפַּזֵּז וּמְכֵל בְּת־שָׁאוּל נִשְׁקְבָּה בְּעַד הַחַלּוֹן וַתֵּרֶא אֶת־הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד מְבָּרָה וּמְכֵל בַּת־שָׁאוּל לִקְרָאת וּמְכֵל בְּתִּישׁוּל לִקְרָאת דְּוִד וְתִּאמֶר מַה־נִּכְבַּד הַיּוֹם מֶלֶדְ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר נְּנְלוֹת בְּעָלוֹת עְבָדָיו בְּהָנְּלוֹת נְגְלוֹת אַתִי נָגִיד הַרֵקִים: (כא) וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־מִיכֵל לִפְנֵי הִי אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר־בִּי מֵאָבִיךְ וּמִכֶּל־בִּיתוֹ לְצֵוֹּת אֹתִי נָגִיד עַל־עַם הי עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשִׁחַקְתִּי לִפְנֵי הי: (כב) וּנְקַלֹּתִי עוֹד מִזֹּאת וְהָיִיתִי שָׁבָּל בְּעֵייָי וְעִם־הָאֲמָהוֹת אַשֵּׁר אֲמַרְתָּ עִפְּם אַכַּבַדָּה: (כג) וּלְמִיכֵל בַּת־שַׁאוּל לא־הַיֵּה לַהְּ יַלֶד עַד יוֹם מוֹתַהּ:

3. II Samuel 7:1-3, 12-16

¹When the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had granted him safety from all the enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan: "Here I am dwelling in a house of cedar, while the Ark of the LORD abides in a tent!" ³Nathan said to the king, "Go and do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."...

¹²When your days are done and you lie with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own issue, and I will establish his kingship. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. When he does wrong, I will chastise him with the rod of men and the affliction of mortals; ¹⁵but I will never withdraw My favor from him as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingship shall ever be secure before you; your throne shall be established forever."

שמואל בי ז:א-ג. יב-טז

(א) וַיְהִי כִּייִשַׁב הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּבֵיתוֹ וַה׳ הֵנִיחַ־לוֹ מִסְּבִיב מִכֶּל־אֹיְבָיו : (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל־נָתָן הַנְּבִיא רְאֵה נָא אָנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּבֵית אֲרָזִים וַאֲרוֹן הָאֱ-לֹקִים יֹשֵׁב בְּתוֹךְ הַיְרִיעָה : (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר נָתָן אֶל־הַמֶּלֶדְ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר בִּלְבָרְךְּ לֵךְ עֲשֵׂה כִּי ה׳ עִמָּךְ :

(יב) כִּי יִמְלְאוּ יָמֶידְּ וְשָׁכַבְתָּ אֶת־אֲבֹתֶידְ וַהֲקִימֹתִי אֶת־זַרְעֲדְ אַחֲרֶיךְּ אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמֵּעֶידְ וַהֲכִינֹתִי אֶת־ מַמְלַכְתּוֹ : (יג) הוּא יִבְנָה־בִּיִת לִשְׁמִי וְכֹנַנְתִּי אֶת־כִּסֵא מַמְלַכְתּוֹ עַד־עוֹלָם : (יד) אֲנִי אָהְיֶה־לּוֹ לְאִב וְהוּא יִהְיֶה־לִּי לְבֵן אֲשֶׁר בְּהַעֲוֹתוֹ וְהֹכַחְתִּיוֹ בְּשֵׁבֶט אֲנָשִׁים וּבְנִגְעֵי בְּנֵי אָדָם : (טו) וְחַסְדִּי לֹא־יָסוּר מִמֶּנוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר הֲסִרֹתִי מֵעִם שָׁאוּל אֲשֶׁר הֲסִרתִי מִלְּפָנֶידְּ : (טו) וְנֶאְמַן בֵּיתְדְ וּמַמְלַכְתְּדְּ עַד־עוֹלֶם לִפָּנֵידְ כִּסְאֵדְ יִהִיֵּה נָכוֹן עַד־עוֹלֶם :

4. II Samuel chapter 11

¹At the turn of the year, the season when kings go out [to battle], David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him, and they devastated Ammon and besieged Rabbah; David remained in Jerusalem. ²Late one afternoon, David rose from his couch and strolled on the roof of the royal palace; and from the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³and the king sent someone to make inquiries about the woman. He reported, "She is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam [and] wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴David sent messengers to fetch her; she came to him and he lay with her—she had just purified herself after her period—and she went back home. ⁵The woman conceived, and she sent word to David, "I am pregnant." ⁶Thereupon David sent a message to Joab, "Send Uriah the Hittite to me"; and Joab sent Uriah to David…

⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and bathe your feet." When Uriah left the royal palace, a present from the king followed him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the royal palace, along with the other officers of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When David was told that Uriah had not gone down to his house, he said to Uriah, "You just came from a journey; why didn't you go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah answered David, "The Ark and Israel and Judah are located at Succoth, and my master Joab and Your Majesty's men are

camped in the open; how can I go home and eat and drink and sleep with my wife? As you live, by your very life, I will not do this!"...

¹⁴In the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab, which he sent with Uriah. ¹⁵He wrote in the letter as follows: "Place Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest; then fall back so that he may be killed." ¹⁶So when Joab was besieging the city, he stationed Uriah at the point where he knew that there were able warriors. ¹⁷The men of the city sallied out and attacked Joab, and some of David's officers among the troops fell; Uriah the Hittite was among those who died…

²⁶When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷After the period of mourning was over, David sent and had her brought into his palace; she became his wife and she bore him a son. The LORD was displeased with what David had done.

<u>שמואל בי פרק יא</u>

(א) וַיְהִי לִתְשׁוּבַת הַשָּׁנָה לְעֵת צֵאת הַמְּלָאכִים וַיִּשְׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־יוֹאָב וְאֶת־עֲבָדָיו עִמּוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־יִשְׁרָאֵל וַיַּשְׁחָתוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן וַיָּצֵרוּ עַל־רַבָּה וְדָוִד יוֹשֵׁב בִּירוּשָׁלָם: (ב) וַיְהִי לְעֵת הָעֶרֶב וַיָּקֶם דָּוִד מֵעַל מִשְׁכָּבוֹ וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ עַל־גַּג בִּית־הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיַּרְא אִשָּׁה רֹחֶצֶת מֵעַל הַגָּג וְהָאִשָּׁה טוֹבַת מַרְאֶה מְאֹד: (ג) וַיִּשְׁלַח דָּוִד וַיִּדְרשׁ לָאִשָּׁה וַיִּאמֶר הֲלוֹא־זֹאת בַּת־שֶׁבְע בַּת־אֱלִיעָם אֵשֶׁת אוּרְיָּה הַחִתִּי: (ד) וֹיִשְׁלַח דְּוִד מַלְאָכִים וַיִּקְּחֶהְ וַתָּגַּד לְדָוִד וַתִּאמֶר הַרָה אֲלֹכִי

(ח) וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוָד לְאוּרִיָּה רֵד לְבֵיתְּךְ וּרְחַץ רַגְלֶיךְ וַיֵּצֵא אוּרִיָּה מִבֵּית הַמֶּלֶדְ וַתֵּצֵא אַחֲרָיו מִשְׂאַת הַמֶּלֶדְ : (ט) וַיִּשְׁכֵּב אוּרְיָּה פֶּתַח בֵּית הַמֶּלֶדְ אֵת כָּלִיעַבְדִי אֲדֹנָיו וְלֹא יָרַד אֶל־בִּיתוֹ : (י) וַיַּגִּדוּ לְאִדְרָד לֵאמֹר לֹא־יָרָד אוּרְיָּה אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וַיִּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־אוּרִיָּה הֲלוֹא מִדֶּרֶדְ אַתָּה בָּא מַדּוּעַ לֹא־ יָרַדְתָּ לְּעָרְדֵּי לֹאַר יִרְדְּתָּ אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וַיִּאֲלֶן וְיִשְּׁרָאֵל וִיהוּדָה יִשְׁבִים בַּפֻּכּוֹת וַאדֹנִי יוֹאָב וְעַבְדֵי אֶל־בֵּיתִ עַל־בְּית עַל־בְּית עַל־בְּית הַיָּדְ וְחֵי נַפְשֶׁךְ אְתֹי תַיֶּדְ וְחֵי נַפְשֶּׁךְ אִבּר הזּבר הזּה :...

ֹ(יד) וַיְּהָי בַבּבּקֶר וַיִּכְתּב דָּוִד סֵפֶּר אֶל־יוֹאָב וַיִּשְׁלַח בְּיַד אוּרְיָּה : (טו) וַיִּכְתּב בַּסֵּפֶר לֵאמֹר הָבוּ אֶת־אוּרְיָּה אֶל־מוּל פְּנֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה הַחֲזָקָה וְשַׁבְתֶּם מֵאַחֲרָיו וְנִכָּה וָמֵת : (טז) וַיְהִי בִּשְׁמוֹר יוֹאָב אֶל־הָעִיר וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־אוּרְיָה אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יָדַע כִּי אַנְשֵׁי־חַיִּל שָׁם : (יז) וַיֵּצְאוּ אַנְשֵׁי הָעִיר וַיִּלְּחֲמוּ אֶת־יוֹאָב וַיִּפֹל מִרְהַעָם מֵעָבָדֵי דָוִד וַיָּמָת גַּם אוּרְיֵּה הַחָתִּי :...

ָרָנוֹ) וַתִּשְׁמַע אֵשֶׁת אוּרְיָּה כִּימֵת אוּרְיָּה אִישָׁהּ וַתִּסְפֹּד עַל־בַּעְלָהּ : (כז) וַיִּעֲבֹר הָאֵבֶל וַיִּשְׁלַח דְּוָד וַיַּאַסְבָּה אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וַתִּהִי־לוֹ לָאִשָּׁה וַתֵּלֶד לוֹ בֵּן וַיֵּרַע הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׁה דָוִד בְּעִינֵי הי

5. II Samuel chapter 12

¹The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said, "There were two men in the same city, one rich and one poor. ²The rich man had very large flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had only one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He tended it and it grew up together with him and his children: it used to share his morsel of bread, drink from his cup, and nestle in his bosom; it was like a daughter to him. ⁴One day, a traveler came to the rich man, but he was loath to take anything from his own flocks or herds to prepare a meal for the guest who had come to him; so he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

⁵David flew into a rage against the man, and said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶He shall pay for the lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and showed no pity." ⁷And Nathan said to

David, "That man is you! Thus said the LORD, the God of Israel: 'It was I who anointed you king over Israel and it was I who rescued you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave you your master's house and possession of your master's wives; and I gave you the House of Israel and Judah; and if that were not enough, I would give you twice as much more. ⁹Why then have you flouted the command of the LORD and done what displeases Him? You have put Uriah the Hittite to the sword; you took his wife and made her your wife and had him killed by the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Therefore the sword shall never depart from your House—because you spurned Me by taking the wife of Uriah the Hittite and making her your wife.' ¹¹Thus said the LORD: 'I will make a calamity rise against you from within your own house; I will take your wives and give them to another man before your very eyes and he shall sleep with your wives under this very sun. ¹²You acted in secret, but I will make this happen in the sight of all Israel and in broad daylight.'"

¹³David said to Nathan, "I stand guilty before the LORD!" And Nathan replied to David, "The LORD has remitted your sin; you shall not die...

²⁴David consoled his wife Bathsheba; he went to her and lay with her. She bore a son and she named him Solomon. The LORD favored him, ²⁵ and He sent a message through the prophet Nathan; and he was named Jedidiah at the instance of the LORD.

שמואל בי פרק יב

(א) וַיִּשְׁלַח ה׳ אֶת־נָתָן אֶל־דָּוִד וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיו וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ שְׁנֵי אֲנָשִׁים הָיוּ בְּעִיר אֶחָת אֶחָד עָשִׁיר וְאֶחָד רְאשׁ: (ג) וְלָרָשׁ אֵין־כֹּל כִּי אִם־כִּבְשָׁה אַחַת קְטַנָּה אֲשֶׁר קְעָהִי וְנִיּחָהָ וְמָבָּה מְאֹד: (ג) וְלָרָשׁ אֵין־כֹּל כִּי אִם־כִּבְשָׁה אַחַת קְטַנָּה אֲשֶׁר קְנָה וַיְחָכִּל וְעִם־בָּנָיו יַחְדָּו מִפִּתּוֹ תֹאכַל וּמִכְּסוֹ תִשְׁתֶּה וּבְחֵיקוֹ תִשְׁכָּב וַתְּחִי־לוֹ רַיִּקְח אֶת־כִּבְשַׁת (ד) וַיָּבֹא הֵלֶךְ לְאִישׁ הָעָשִׁיר וַיַּחְמֹל לָקַחַת מִצֹאנוֹ וּמִבְּקְרוֹ לַעֲשׁוֹת לָאֹרֵחַ הַבָּא־לוֹ וַיִּקְּח אֶת־כִּבְשַׂת הָבָּאשׁ הָבָּא אֵלָיו:

(ה) וַיִּחַר־אַף דָּוִד בָּאִישׁ מְאֹד וַיֹּאמֶר אֶלּינָתָן חַי־ה׳ כִּי בֶּן־מָנֶת הָאִישׁ הָעֹשֶׁה זֹאת: (ו)
וְאֶת־הַכִּבְשָׂה יְשַׁלֵּם אַרְבַּעְתָּיִם עֵקֶב אֲשֶׁר עֲשָׂה אֶת־הַדָּבֶר הַיָּה וְעַל אֲשֶׁר לֹא־חָמֶל: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר נָתָן
אֶל־דָּוִד אַתָּה הָאִישׁ כֹּה־אָמֵר ה׳ אֱ-לֹקֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אָנֹכִי מְשַׁרְתִּיךּ לְמֶלֶךְ עַלִּישְׂרָאֵל וְאָנֹכִי הִצְּלְתִּיךּ
מְיַד שָׁאוּל: (ח) נָאֶתְּיָה לְּךְ אֶת־בֵּית אֲדֹנִיךְ וְאֶת־יִשִׁי אֲדֹינִיךְ בְּחֵיקֶךְ נָאֶתְּינָה לְךְּ אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעִינִי אֵת אוּרְיָּה הַחִתִּי הִכִּיתָ בַּחֶרֶב וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ לַקַחְתִּי לְּךְּאשִׁת וֹרְיָה הַחִתִּי הַכִּיתָ בַחֶרֶב וְּצִרְ וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ לַקַחְתִּי לְּרְאשׁׁת אוּרְיָּה הַחִתִּי לִהְיוֹת לְךְּ
וְעָתָה לֹא־תָסוּר חֶרָב מִבֵּיתְךְּ עַד־עוֹלָם עֵקֶב כִּי בְזְתָנִי וַתְּקַחְתִּי אֶת־נְּשְׁר לְעִינִי הַשְּׁמֶשׁ הַוֹּאת: (יב) כִּי אַתָּה עַשִּׁיתָ בַּפְּתֶר וַאֲנִי אֶעֶשֶׂה אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַיָּוֹה נָבְיר הַיְּבְיּר הָעָירְ וְיִבְעִירְ וְלָבְחְתִּי אֶת־נְשִׁיךּ לְעִינִי הַשְּׁמֶשׁ הַוֹּאת: (יב) כִּי אַתָּה עַשִּית בַּפְּתֶר וַאֲנִי אֶעֻשֶׂה אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַיָּיה לָּעִינִי הַשָּׁמֶשׁי: (יג) וַיִּשְׁמֶשׁ הַוֹּא אֶל־נָתְן חָטָאתִי לַהִי סְ וַיִּאמֶר נָתָן אֶל־דָּוִד גַּם־הי הָשֶּׁלָה וֹנְלְי הָבְּיִי בְּשְׁתִן הְשָּית בַּשְּׁת בְּיִבּיר בָּשְּׁת וֹי הָשָּׁמֶשׁי : (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר זָּוֹל אָּכֶר דְּוִד אֶל־נָתוֹן חָטָאתִי לַהִי סְ וַיֹּאמֶר נָתָן אֶלִדְּוִד גַּם־הי הָשָּׁמָשׁ: (יג) וַיּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־נָתן חָטָאתִי לַהי סְ וֹּאמֶר נָתָן אֶלִדְּוֹך גַּם־הי הָשֶּבֹיר

ַנִּקְרָא (כד) וַיְנַחֵם דָּוִד אֵת בַּת־שֶּׁבַע אִשְׁתּוֹ וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ וַיִּשְׁכַּב עִמֶּהּ וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן : אָת־שְׁמוֹ שְׁלֹמֹה וַהִי אֲחֵבוֹ: (כה) וַיִּשְׁלַח בְּיַד נָתָן הַנָּבִיא וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ יְדִידְיָהּ בַּעֲבוּר הי

6. II Samuel 20:1

A scoundrel named Sheba son of Bichri, a Benjaminite, happened to be there. He sounded the horn and proclaimed: "We have no portion in David, no share in Jesse's son! Every man to his tent, O Israel!"

שמואל בי כ:א

ְוְשָׁם נִקְרָא אִישׁ בְּלִיַּעֵל וּשְׁמוֹ שָׁבַע בֶּן בִּכְרִי אִישׁ יְמִינִי וַיִּתְקַע בַּשֹּׁבָר וַיֹּאמֶר אֵין לָנוּ חֵלֶק בְּדָוִד וְלֹא נַחֲלָה לָנוּ בְּבֶן יִשִׁי אִישׁ לְאֹהָלָיו יִשְׂרָאֵל: