II Samuel, Capter 21:1-14

21 1 There was a famine during the reign of David, year after year for three years. David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD replied, "It is because of the bloodguilt of Saul and [his] house, for he put some Gibeonites to death."

2The king summoned the Gibeonites and spoke to them. —Now the Gibeonites were not of Israelite stock, but a remnant of the Amorites, to whom the Israelites had given an oath; and Saul had tried to wipe them out in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.

3David asked the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? How shall I make expiation, so that you may bless the LORD's own people?"

4The Gibeonites answered him, "We have no claim for silver or gold against Saul and his household; and we have no claim on the life of any other man in Israel." And [David] responded, "Whatever you say I will do for you."

5Thereupon they said to the king, "The man who massacred us and planned to exterminate us, so that we-a should not survive in all the territory of Israel—

6Let seven of his male issue be handed over to us, and we will impale them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD."- And the king replied, "I will do so."

7The king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul, because of the oath before the LORD between the two, between David and Jonathan son of Saul.

8Instead, the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons that Rizpah daughter of Aiah bore to Saul, and the five sons that Merab daughter of Saul bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite,

9And he handed them over to the Gibeonites. They impaled them on the mountain before the LORD; all seven of them perished at the same time. They were put to death in the first days of the harvest, the beginning of the barley harvest.

10Then Rizpah daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it on a rock for herself, and she stayed there from the beginning of the harvest until rain from the sky fell on d-the bodies;-she did not let the birds of the sky settle on them by day or the wild beasts [approach] by night.

11David was told what Saul's concubine Rizpah daughter of Aiah had done.

12And David went and took the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan from the citizens of Jabesh-gilead, who had made off with them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hung them up on the day the Philistines killed Saul at Gilboa.

13He brought up the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathan from there; and he gathered the bones of those who had been impaled.

14And they buried the bones of Saul and of his son Jonathane in Zela, in the territory of Benjamin, in the tomb of his father Kish. And when all that the king had ommanded was done, God responded to the plea of the land thereafter.

אַ וַיָּהָי רַעַב בִּימֵי דַוָד שַלשׁ שַנִים, שַנַה אַחַרִי שַנַה, וַיַבַקּשׁ דַּוָד, אַת-פַּנֵי יָהוַה; {ס} וַלֹּאמֶר יָהוָה, אֱל-שַׁאוּל וָאֱל-בֶּית הַדַּמִים, עַל אֲשֶׁר-הַמִית, אֱת-הַגָּבְענִים. בַּ וַיָּקָרָא הַמֶּלֶדְּ לַגָּבְענִים, וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהָם: וְהַגָּבְענִים לֹא מַבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הַמֶּה, ּכִּי אָם-מַיָּתֶר הַאֱמֹרִי, וּבָנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל נְשְׁבָּעוּ לַהֶם, וַיְבַקֵּשׁ שַׁאוּל לְהַכֹּתַם בְּקַנֹּאתוֹ לְבָנִי-יִשְׂרָאֵל וִיהוּדָה. גַ וַלֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-הַגָּבְעֹנִים, מָה אֵעֵשֵׂה לַכֵם; וּבַמָּה אֵכַפֵּר, וּבַרְכוּ אֵת-ַנַחַלַת יָהוָה. דֹ וַיֹּאמָרוּ לוֹ הַגָּבָעֹנִים, אֵין-לי (לַנוּ) כֶּסֶף וְזַהַב עִם-שַׁאוּל וְעִם-בִּיתוֹ, וְאֵין-לַנוּ אִישׁ, לָהַמִּית בִּיִשְׂרָאֶל; וַיֹּאמֶר מַה-אַתֵּם אֹמְרִים, אֱעֱשֶׂה לָכֶם. הֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ, אֱל-ַהָּמֶלֶדָ, הַאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר כָּלָנוּ, וַאֲשֶׁר דָּמָה-לָנוּ; נִשְׁמַדְנוּ, מֶהְתַיַצֶב בְּכַל-גָּבָל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וּ ינתן-(יָתַן-) לָנוּ שָבָעַה אֲנָשִׁים, מִבָּנַיו, וְהוֹקַעֲנוּם לַיהוָה, בִּגְבָעַת שָׁאוּל בִּחִיר יִהוָה; {פּ} וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ, אֲנִי אָתֶּן. ז וַיַּחָמֹל הַמֶּלֶךְ, עַל-מִפִיבשֶׁת בֶּן-יָהוֹנַתַן בֵּן-שָאוּל; עַל-שָבַעַת יָהוָה, אֲשֵׁר בִּינֹתָם--בֵּין דָּוָד, וּבֵין יִהוֹנָתָן בַּן-שָׁאוּל. תֹ וַיִּקַח הַמֵּלֵךְ אֵת-שִׁנִי בְּנֵי רְצְפָּה בַת-אַיַה, אַשֵּׁר יַלְדָה לְשַׁאוּל, אֶת-אַרְמֹנִי, וְאֶת-מִפְבֹשֶׁת ; וְאֶת-חֲמֶשֶׁת, בְּנֵי מִיכַל בַּת-שָׁאוּל, אֲשֵׁר יָלִדָה לִעַדְרִיאֵל בֶּן-בַּרְזְלַי, הַמָּחֹלֶתִי. ט וַיִּתִּגַם בִּיַד הַגִּבְעֹנִים, וַיֹּקִיעָם בָּהָר ָלָפְנֵי יָהוָה, וַיִּפְּלוּ שבעתים (שָבַעְתַּם), יָחַד; והם (וְהֶמָה) הַמְתוּ בִּימֵי קַצִיר, בַּרְאשׁנִים, תחלת (בָּתָחַלַת), קִצִיר שָעֹרִים. יֹ וַתִּקַח רְצִפָּה בַת-אַיָּה אֶת-הַשַּׂק וַתַּטֵחוּ לָהּ אֱל-הַצוּר, מַתַּחַלַּת קַצִיר, עַד נְתַּדְ-מֵיִם עַלֵיהֶם, מַן-הַשַּׁמַיִם; וַלֹא-נַתַנַה עוֹף הַשַּׁמַיִם לַנוּחַ עַלֵיהֶם, יוֹמֶם, וָאֵת-חַיַּת הַשַּׁדֶה, לַיִּלָה. יא וַיגֵּד, לַדַוִד, אַת אֲשֵׁר-עַשְּׁתַה רְצְפַּה בַּת-אַיַה, פַּלַגָשׁ שַאוּל. יב וַיַּלֶדְ דַּוָד, וַיָּקָח אֵת-עַצְמוֹת שַאוּל וָאֵת-עַצְמוֹת יָהוֹנַתַן בְּנוֹ, ָמָאֵת, בַּעֲלֵי יָבֵישׁ גִּלְעָד--אֲשֶׁר גָּנְבוּ אֹתָם מֵרְחֹב בֵּית-שַׁן, אֲשֵׁר תלום (תִּלָאוּם) שם הפלשתים (שַׁמַּה פָּלִשָּׁתִּים), בִּיוֹם הַכּוֹת פָּלְשָׁתִּים אֵת-שַׁאוּל, בַּגַּלְבּעַ. יג וַיַּעַל מְשֵׁם אֶת-עַצְמוֹת שָׁאוּל, וָאֶת-עַצְמוֹת יָהוֹנַתַן בָּנוֹ ; וַיַּאֲסְפוּ, אֶת-עַצְמוֹת הַמּוּקַעִים. יד וַיָּעֲשׂוּ, כֹּל בָּאֶרֶץ בִּנְיָמִן בָּצֵלֶע, בְּקֶבֶר קִישׁ אַבִּיו, וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, כֹּל אַשֶּר-צְוָה הַמֶּלֶךְ; וַיָּעָתֵר אֱלֹהִים לָאַרֵץ, אַחַרֵי-כֶּן. {פּ}