

¹وَلَمَّا جَاءَ دَاوُدُ وَرَجَالُهُ إِلَى صِفْلَعٍ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ، كَانَ الْعَمَالِكَةُ قَدْ غَزَوْا الْجَنُوبَ وَصِفْلَعٍ، وَصَرَبُوا صِفْلَعٍ وَأَخْرَفُوهَا بِالنَّارِ،² وَسَبَّوْا النِّسَاءَ اللَّوَاتِي فِيهَا. لَمْ يَقْتُلُوا أَحَدًا لَا صَغِيرًا وَلَا كَبِيرًا، بَلْ سَافَوْهُمْ وَمَصَّوْا فِي طَرِيقِهِمْ.³ قَدْخَلَ دَاوُدُ وَرَجَالُهُ الْمَدِينَةَ وَإِذَا هِيَ مُحْرَقَةٌ بِالنَّارِ، وَنِسَاؤُهُمْ وَبَنُوهُمْ وَبَنَاتُهُمْ قَدْ سُبُوا.⁴ قَرَعَ دَاوُدُ وَالشَّعْبُ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ وَبَكَوْا حَتَّى لَمْ يَبْقَ لَهُمْ قُوَّةٌ لِلْبَكَاءِ.⁵ وَسَبَّيَتْ امْرَأَتَا دَاوُدَ، أَحِينُوعَمُ الْيَزْرَعِيلِيَّةُ وَأَبِيغَايِلُ امْرَأَةُ تَابَالِ الْكَرْمَلِيِّ.⁶ فَتَصَاقَ دَاوُدُ جِدًّا لِأَنَّ الشَّعْبَ قَالُوا بِرَجْمِهِ، لِأَنَّ أَنْفُسَ جَمِيعِ الشَّعْبِ كَانَتْ مَرَّةً كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ عَلَى بَنِيهِ وَنَتَائِهِ. وَأَمَّا دَاوُدُ فَتَسَدَّدَ بِالرَّبِّ إِلَهِهِ. ثُمَّ قَالَ دَاوُدُ لِأَبِيثَارَ الْكَاهِنِ ابْنِ أَحِيَامَلِكَ، قَدِّمْ إِلَيَّ الْأَفُودَ. فَقَدَّمَ أَبِيثَارُ الْأَفُودَ إِلَى دَاوُدَ.⁸ فَسَأَلَ دَاوُدُ مِنَ الرَّبِّ، إِذَا لَحِقْتُ هَؤُلَاءِ الْعُرَاةَ فَهَلْ أَدْرِكُهُمْ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، الْحَقُّهُمْ فَإِنَّكَ تُدْرِكُ وَتُنْعِذُ. قَدَّهَبَ دَاوُدُ هُوَ وَالسَّبُورُ، مِثَّةَ الرِّجْلِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ وَجَاءُوا إِلَى وَادِي الْبَسُورِ، وَالْمُتَحَلِّفُونَ وَقَفُوا.¹⁰ وَأَمَّا دَاوُدُ فَلَحِقَ هُوَ وَأَرْبَعُ مِثَّةِ رَجُلٍ، وَوَقَفَ مِثَّتَا رَجُلٍ لَأَنَّهُمْ أُعْيُوا عَنْ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا وَادِي الْبَسُورِ.¹¹ فَصَادَفُوا رَجُلًا مُضْرِبًا فِي الْحَقْلِ قَاخْدُوهُ إِلَى دَاوُدَ، وَأَعْطَوْهُ خُبْزًا فَأَكَلَ وَسَقَوْهُ مَاءً،¹² وَأَعْطَوْهُ فُرْصًا مِنَ التِّينِ وَغُنْفُودَيْنِ مِنَ الرَّيِّبِ، فَأَكَلَ وَرَجَعَتْ رُوحُهُ إِلَيْهِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَأْكُلْ خُبْزًا وَلَا شَرِبَ مَاءً فِي ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ وَثَلَاثِ لَيَالٍ.¹³ فَقَالَ لَهُ دَاوُدُ، لِمَنْ أَنْتَ وَمِنْ أَيْنَ أَنْتَ. فَقَالَ، أَنَا غَلَامٌ مُضْرِبٌ عِنْدَ لِرَجُلٍ عَمَالِيْقِي، وَقَدْ تَرَكْنِي سَيِّدِي لِأَنِّي مَرَضْتُ مُنْذُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ.¹⁴ فَإِنَّمَا قَدْ غَرَوْنَا عَلَى جُنُوبِ الْكَرْمَلِيِّينَ، وَعَلَى مَا لِيَهُودَا وَعَلَى جُنُوبِ كَالِبَ وَأَخْرَفْنَا صِفْلَعٍ بِالنَّارِ.¹⁵ فَقَالَ لَهُ دَاوُدُ، هَلْ تَنْزِلُ بِي إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ الْعُرَاةِ. فَقَالَ، اخْلُفْ لِي يَا إِلَهِي أَلَّا لَا تَقْتُلَنِي وَلَا تُسَلِّمَنِي لِيَدِ سَيِّدِي فَأَنْزِلْ بِكَ إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ الْعُرَاةِ.¹⁶ فَبَتَلَ بِهِ وَإِذَا بِهِمْ مُتَشِيرُونَ عَلَى وَجْهِ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ، يَأْكُلُونَ وَيَشْرَبُونَ وَيَرْفُضُونَ بِسَبَبِ جَمِيعِ الْعَقِيمَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي أَحَدُوا مِنَ أَرْضِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ وَمِنْ أَرْضِ يَهُودَا.¹⁷ فَصَرَبَهُمْ دَاوُدُ مِنَ الْعَتَمَةِ إِلَى مَسَاءٍ عَدِهِمْ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مِنْهُمْ رَجُلٌ إِلَّا أَرْبَعُ مِثَّةِ غَلَامٍ الَّذِينَ رَكِبُوا جِمَالًا وَهَرَبُوا.¹⁸ وَاسْتَخْلَصَ دَاوُدُ كُلَّ مَا أَخَذَهُ عَمَالِيْقُ، وَأَنْقَذَ دَاوُدُ امْرَأَتَيْهِ. وَلَمْ يُعْقِدْ لَهُمْ سَبْيٌ لَا صَغِيرٌ وَلَا كَبِيرٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ وَلَا بَنَاتٌ وَلَا عَقِيمَةٌ، وَلَا سَبْيٌ مِنْ جَمِيعِ مَا أَخَذُوا لَهُمْ، بَلْ رَدَّ دَاوُدُ الْجَمِيعَ.²⁰ وَأَخَذَ دَاوُدُ الْغَنَمَ وَالْبَقَرِ.

¹And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;²And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.³So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.⁴Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.⁵And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.⁶And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.⁷And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.⁸And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.⁹So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.¹⁰But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.¹¹And they found an Egyptian in the field, and

سَاقُوهَا أَمَامَ تِلْكَ الْمَاشِيَةِ وَقَالُوا، هَذِهِ غَنِيمَةُ دَاوُدَ.²¹ وَجَاءَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى مِثْنَى الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ أُغْيُوا عَنِ الدُّهَابِ وَرَاءَ دَاوُدَ، فَأَرْجَعُوهُمْ فِي وَايِ التَّسْوِيرِ، فَحَرَّجُوا لِلْقَاءِ دَاوُدَ وَلِقَاءِ الشَّعْبِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ. فَتَقَدَّمَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى الْقَوْمِ وَسَأَلَ عَنْ سَلَامَتِهِمْ.²² فَقَالَ كُلُّ رَجُلٍ بِشَرِيرٍ وَلَيْسَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ سَارُوا مَعَ دَاوُدَ، لِأَجْلِ أَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَذْهَبُوا مَعَنَا لَا نُعْطِيهِمْ مِنَ الْغَنِيمَةِ الَّتِي اسْتَحْلَصْنَاهَا، بَلْ لِكُلِّ رَجُلٍ اِمْرَأَتُهُ وَبَنِيهِ، فَلَقِئْنَا دَوَاهِمَهُمْ وَبَطَلَفُوا.²³ فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ، لَا تَفْعَلُوا هَكَذَا يَا إِخْوَتِي، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ أَعْطَانَا وَخَفِظَنَا وَدَفَعَ لِيَدِنَا الْغُرَاةَ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا عَلَيْنَا.²⁴ وَمَنْ يَسْمَعْ لَكُمْ فِي هَذَا الْأَمْرِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَتَصِيبِ النَّازِلِ إِلَى الْحَرْبِ تَصِيبُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُ عِنْدَ الْأَمْتِعةِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَقْتَسِمُونَ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ.²⁵ وَكَانَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ قِصَاعِدًا أَنَّهُ جَعَلَهَا قَرِيبَةً وَقِصَاءً لِإِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.²⁶ وَلَمَّا جَاءَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى صِفْلَعِ أَرْسَلَ مِنَ الْغَنِيمَةِ إِلَى سُيُوحِ يَهُودَا إِلَى أَصْحَابِهِ قَائِلًا، هَذِهِ لَكُمْ بَرَكَهٌ مِنْ غَنِيمَةِ أَغْدَاءِ الرَّبِّ.²⁷ إِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي بَيْتِ إِيلٍ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي رَامُوتِ الْجَنُوبِ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي بَيْتِيرَ،²⁸ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي عَرُوعِيرَ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي سِفْمُوتَ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَسْتُمُوعَ،²⁹ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي رَاحَالَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي مُدُنِ الْبِرَحْمِيلِيِّينَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي مُدُنِ الْفِينِيِّينَ³⁰ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي جُزْمَةَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي كُورَ غَاشَانَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي عَتَاكَ³¹ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي خَبْرُونَ وَإِلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَمَاكِينِ الَّتِي تَرَدَّدَ فِيهَا دَاوُدُ وَرِجَالُهُ.

brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;¹² And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.¹³ And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.¹⁴ We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.¹⁵ And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.¹⁶ And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.¹⁷ And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.¹⁸ And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.²⁰ And David took all the

flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.²¹ And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.²² Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.²³ Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.²⁴ For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.²⁵ And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.²⁶ And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;²⁷ To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,²⁸ And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa,²⁹ And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the

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Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,³⁰ And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach,³¹ And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.