¹And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.² And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?⁴And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him. David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?¹¹And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and

ُ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ تَمَامِ السَّنَةِ فِي وَقْتِ خُرُوجِ الْمُلُوكُ أَنَّ دَاهُدَ أَرْسَلَ يُوآبَ وَعَبِيدَهُ مَعَهُ وَجَمِيعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، فَأَخْرَبُوا بَنِي عَمُّ ونَ وَحَاصَـرُوا رَبَّـةَ. وَأُمَّـاً ذَاوُدُ فَأَقَـامَ فــي أُورُ شَلِيمَ. 2 وَكَانَ فِي وَقْتِ الْمَسَاءِ أَنَّ دَاوُدَ قَامَ عَنْ سَريرهِ وَتَمَشَّى عَلَى سَطْح بَيْتِ الْمَلِكِ، فَرَأَى مِنْ عَلَى السَّطْحِ امْرَأَةً تَسْتَحِمُّ. وَكَانَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ حَمِيلَةَ الْمَنْظَرِ جِـدّاً. قَأَرْسَـلَ دَاوُدُ وَسَـألَ عَـنِ الْمَـرْأَةِ، فَقَـالَ وَاحِـدُ، تْ هَـذه بَثْشَبَـعَ بنْـتَ أَلِيعَـامَ امْـرَأَةَ أُوريَّـا الْحِثِّيِّ. 4 فَارْسَلَ دَاوُدُ رُسُلاً وَأَخَذَهَا، فَدَخَلَتْ إِلَيْهِ لَحَعَ مَعَهَا وَهِيَ مُطَهَّرَةٌ مِنْ طَمْثِهَا. ثُمَّ رَحَعَتُ إِلَى بَيْتِهَا. 5َوَحَبِلَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ، فَأَرْسَلَتْ وَأَخْبَرَتْ دَاوُدَ وَقَالَتْ، إِنِّي حُبْلَى. ُ فَأَرْسَلَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى يُوآبَ يَقُولُ، أَرْسِلْ ِ إِلَىَّ أُورِيَّا الْجِتِّيَّ. فَأَرْسَلَ يُوآثُ أُورِيَّا إِلَى دَاوُدَ. ۖ فَأَتَى أُورِيَّا إِلَيْهِ، فَسَأَلَ دَاوُدُ عَنْ سَلاَمَةٍ يُوآَبَ وَسَلاَمَة الشَّعْبِ وَنَجَاحِ الْحَرْبِ.⁸ وَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لأُورِيَّا، انْزِلْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ وَاغْسِلْ رِجْلَيْكَ. فَخَرَجَ أُورِيًّا مِنْ بَيْتِ الْمَلْكِ، وَخَرَجَتْ وَرَ حصَّةٌ منْ عنْد الْمَلك. وَنَامَ أُورِيًّا عَلَى بَابٍ بَيْتِ الْمَلكِ مَعَ جَمِيعٍ عَبِيدٍ سَيِّدِهِ وَلَمْ يَنْزِلْ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ.¹⁰فَقَالُوا لِدَاوُدَ، لَمْ يَنْزِلْ َ أُورِيًّا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لأُورِيًّا، أَمِا جِئْتَ مِنَ السَّفَرِ. فَلِمَاذَا لَمْ تَنْزِلْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ. 11 فَقَالَ أُورِيًّا لِدَاوُدَ، إِنَّ التَّابُوتَ وَإِسْرَائِيلَ وَيَهُـوذَا سَاكِنُونَ فِي الْخِيَامِ، وَسَيِّدِي يُوآبُ وَعَبِيدُ سَيِّدِي نَازِلُونَ عَلَى وَجْهِ الصَّحْرَاءِ، وَأَنَا آتِي إِلَى يَنْتِي لآكُلَ وَأَشْرَبَ وَأَضْطَحِعَ مَعَ امْرَأْتِي. وَحَيَاتِكَ وَحَيَاة نَفْسِكَ لاَ أَفْعَلُ هَذَا الأَمْرَ.¹²فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لأوريًّا، أَقِمْ هُنَا الْيَوْمَ أَيْضاً، وَغَداَ أَطْلِقُكَ. فَأَقَامَ أُوريًّا في أُورُ شَلِيمَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ وَغَدَهُ. أَوَدَعَاهُ دَاوُدُ فَأَكَلَ أَمَامَهُ وَشَرِبَ وَأَسْكَرَهُ. وَخَرَجَ عِنْدَ الْمَسَاءِ لِنَضْطَحِعَ مَضْحَعه مَعَ عَبيد سَيِّده، وَإِلَى بَيْتِه لَمْ بَنْزِلْ. 14 وَفِي الصَّبَاحِ كَتَبَ دَاوُدُ مَكْتُوباً إِلَى يُوآبَ وَأَرْسَلَهُ بِيَدِ ُورِيًّا. ¹⁵وَكَتَبَ في الْمَكْتُوبِ يَقُولُ، احْعَلُوا أُورِيًّا في وَحْه الحَــرْبِ الشَّديــدَة، وَارْجِعُــوا مِــنْ وَرَائِــه فَيُضْــرَبَ وَيَمُوتَ. 16 وَكَانَ فِي مُحَاصَرَةِ يُوآبَ الْمَدِينَةَ أَنَّهُ جَعَلَ ا ا فِي الْمَوْضِعِ الَّـذِي عَلِـمَ أَنَّ رِجَـالَ الْبَـ ¹⁷فَخَرَجَ رِجَالُ الْمَدِينَةِ وَحَارَبُوا يُوآبَ، فَسَقَطَ بَعْضُ ب مِـنْ عَبيـدِ دَاوُدَ، وَمَــاتَ أُوريَّــا الْجِثِّـ أَنْضاً.¹⁸فَأَرْسَـلَ يُــوآبُ وَأَخْــبَرَ دَاوُدَ بِجَمِيــع أَمُــور ¹ وَأَوْصَى الرَّسُولَ، عِنْدَمَا تَفْرَغُ مِنَ الْكَلاَم مَعَ الْكَلاَم مَعَ الْمَلِكِ عَنْ جَمِيعِ أُمُورِ الْحَرْبِ،²⁰فَإِن اشْتَعَلَ غَضَتُ

الْمَلِكِ، وَقَالَ لَكَ، لِمَاذَا دَنَوْتُمْ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ لِلْقِتَالِ. أَمَا عَلِمْتُمْ أَنَّهُمْ يَرْمُونَ مِنْ عَلَى السُّورِ. 21 مَنْ قَتَلَ أَبِيمَالِكَ بْنَ يَرُبُّوشَتَ. أَلَمْ تَرْمِهِ امْرَأَةٌ بِقِطْعَةِ رَحَىً مِنْ عَلَى السُّورِ فَمَاتَ فِي بِّابَاصَ. لِمَاذَا دَنَوْتُمْ مِنَ السُّورِ. فَقُلْ، قَدْ مَاتَ عَبْدُكَ أُورِيًّا الْجِتِّيُّ أَيْضاً. 22 فَذَهَبَ الرَّسُولُ وَدَخَلَ وَأُخْبَرَ دَاوُدَ بِكُلِّ مَا أُرْسَلَهُ فِيهِ يُوآبُ. 23وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ لِدَاوُدَ، قَدْ تَجَبَّرَ عَلَيْنَا الْقَوْمُ وَخَرَجُوا إِلَيْنَا إِلَى الْحَقْلِ فَكُنَّا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَى مَدْخَلِ الْبَابِ.24فَرَمَى الرُّمَاهُ عَبِيدَكَ مِنْ عَلَي السُّورِ، فَمَاتَ الْبَعْضُ مِنْ عَبِيدِ الْمَلكِ، وَمَاتَ عَبْدُكَ أُورِيًّا الْحَثِّيُّ أَيْضاً.²⁵فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لِلرَّسُولِ، هَكَذَا تَقُولُ لِيُوآتَ، لاَ يَسُؤْ في عَيْنَيْكَ هَذَا الأَمْرُ، لأَنَّ السَّيْفَ يَأْكُلُ هَـذَا وَذَاكَ. شَـدُّدْ قَتَالَكِ عَلَى الْمَدينَة وَأَخْرِبْهَا. وَشَدِّدْهُ، 26 فَلَمَّا سَمِعَتِ امْرَأَةُ أُورِيَّا أُنَّهُ قَدْ مَاتَ أُورِيَّا رَجُلُهَا نَدَبَتْ بَعْلَهَا. 27 وَلَمَّا مَضَتِ ٱلْمَنَاحَةُ أَرْسَلَ دَاوُدُ وَضَمَّهَا إِلَى بَيْتِهِ، وَصَارَتْ لَهُ امْرَأَةً وَوَلَدَتْ لَهُ ابْناً. وَأُمَّا الأَمْرُ الَّذِي فَعَلَهُ دَاوُدُ فَقَيُحَ فِي عَيْنَي الرَّبِّ.

Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. ¹² And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. 13 And when David had called him. he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. 4And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ve from him, that he may be smitten, and die. 16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. ¹⁷And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; ¹⁹ And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, ²⁰And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?²¹Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ve

nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. ²⁴ And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. ²⁵Then David said unto the messenger. Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. ²⁶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.²⁷And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.