ُ وَلَمَّا جَاءَ دَاوُدُ وَرِجَالُهُ إِلَى صِقْلَغَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ، كَانَ الْعَمَالِقَةُ قَدْ غَزَوْا الْجَنُوبَ وَصِقْلَغَ، وَضَرَبُوا صِقْلَعَ وَأَحْرَقُوهَا بِالنَّارِ،²وَسَبَوْا النِّسَاءَ اللَّوَاتي فيهَا. لَمْ نَقْتُلُوا أَحَـداً لاَ صَغِيراً وَلاَ كَبِيراً، بَـلْ سَـاقُوهُمْ وَمَضَـوْا فِـي طَريقِهمْ. ۚ فَدَخَلَ دَاوُدُ وَرِجَالُهُ الْمَدِينَةَ وَإِذَا هِيَ مُحْرَقَةٌ بِالنَّارِ، وَنِسَاؤُهُمْ وَيَنُوهُمْ وَيَنَاتُهُمْ قَدْ سُنُوا. فَرَفَعَ دَاوُدُ وَالشُّعْبُ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ وَبَكَوْا حَتَّى لَمْ تَبْقَ لَهُمْ قُوَّةٌ لِلْبُكَاءِ.5وَسُبِيَتِ امْرَأْتَا دَاوُدَ، أَخِينُوعَمُ الْيَزْرَعِيلِيَّةُ وَأُبِيجَايِلُ امْرَأَةُ نَابَالَ الْكَرْمَلِيِّ. ۚ فَتَضَايَقَ دَاوُدُ جِدّاً لأَنَّ الشُّعْبَ قَالُوا بِرَجْمِهِ، لأَنَّ أَنْفُسَ جَمِيعِ الشَّعْبِ كَانَتْ مُرَّةً كُلُّ وَاحِد عَلَى بَنِيهِ وَبَنَاتِهِ. وَأَمَّا دَاؤُدُ فَتَشَدَّدَ بِالرَّبِّ إِلَهِهِ. ۚ ثُمَّ قَالَ دَاوُدُ لأَسَاتَارَ الْكَاهِنِ ابْنِ أَخِيمَالكَ، قَدِّمْ إِلَىَّ الأَفُودَ. فَقَدَّمَ أَسَاثَارُ الأَفُودَ إِلَى دَاوُدٍ. ۚفَسَأَلَ دَاوُدُ مَنَ الرَّبِّ، إِذَا لَحقْتُ هَؤُلاَءِ الْغُزَاَّةَ فَهَلْ أَدْرِكُهُمْ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، الْحَقْهُمْ ۚ فَالِّنَكَ تُدْرِكُ وَتُنْقِذُ. ۚ فَذَهَبَ دَاوُدُ هُوَ وَالسِّتُّ مِئَةِ الرَّاجُلِ الَّذِينَ مَعَـهُ وَجَاءُوا إِلَى وَادِي الْبَسُـورِ، وَالْمُتَخَلِّفُونَ وَقَفُوا ¹⁰وَأُمَّا دَاوُدُ فَلَحِقَ هُوَ وَأَرْبَعُ مِئَةِ رَجُل، وَوَقَفَ مِئَتَا رَجُل لِأَنَّهُمْ أَعْبَوْا عَنْ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا وَادِيَ الْيَشُورِ.11 فَصَادَفُوا رَحُلاً مصْرِيّاً في الْحَقْلِ فَأَخَذُوهُ إِلَى دَاوُدَ، وَأَعْطُوهُ خُبْراً فَأَكَلَ وَسَقَوْهُ مَاءً، 12وَأَعْطُوهُ قُرْصاً مِنَ النِّينِ وَغُنْقُودَيْنِ مِنَ الزَّبيبِ، فَأَكَلَ وَرَجَعَتْ رُوحُهُ إِلَيْهِ، لأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَأْكُلْ َخُبْراً وَلاَ شَرِبَ مَاءً فِي ثَلاَثَةِ أَيَّام وَتَلاَثِ لَيَالِ.¹³فَقَالَ لَهُ دَاوُدُ، لِمَنْ أَنْتَ وَمِنْ أَيْنَ أَنْتَ.[َ] فَقَالَ، أَنَا غُلاَمٌ مصْرِيٌ عَبْدُ لِرَجُلِ عَمَاليقيٍّ، وَقَدْ تَرَكَني سَيِّدِي لأَنِّي مَرضْتُ مُنْذُ ثَلاَثَةِ أَيَّامً . 1 فَإِنَّنَا قَدْ غَزَوْنَا عَلَى جَنُوبِيِّ الْكرِيتِيِّينَ، وَعَلَى مَا لِيَهُوذًا وَعَلَى جَنُوبِيٌّ كَالِبَ وَأُحْرَقْنَا صَقْلَغَ بِالنَّارِ. 15فَقَالَ لَهُ دَاوُدُ، هَلْ تَنْزِلُ بِي إِلَى هَؤُلاَءِ الْغُزَاةِ. فَقَالَ، احْلِفْ لِي بِاللَّهِ أَنَّكَ لاَ تَقْتُلُنِي وَلاَ تُسَلَمُنِي لِيَدِ سَيِّدِي فَأَنْزِلَ بِكَ إِلَى هَؤُلاَءِ الْغُزَاة. أَفْنَزَلَ بِهِ وَإِذَا بِهِمْ مُنْتَشِرُونَ عَلَى وَجْهِ كُلِّ الأَرْضِ، يَأْكُلُونَ وَيَشْرَبُونَ وَيَرْقُصُونَ بِسَبَبِ جَمِيعِ الْغَنِيمَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي ذُوا مِـنْ أَرْضِ الْفِلِسْـطِينِيِّينَ وَمِـنْ أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا. 1¹ فَضَرَبَهُمْ دَاوُدُ مِنَ الْعَتَمَةِ إِلَى مَسَاءِ غَدِهِمْ، وَلَمْ يَنْجُ مِنْهُمْ رَجُلُ إِلاَّ أَرْبَعَ مِئَةِ غُلاَّمِ الَّذِينَ رَكِبُوا جِمَالاً وَهَرَبُوا. 18 وَاسْتَخْلَصَ دَاوُدُ كُلُّ مَا أُخَذَهُ عَمَالِيقُ، وَأَنْقَذَ دَاوُدُ امْرَأْتَيْه. 19 وَلَمْ يُفْقَدْ لَهُمْ شَيْءٌ لاَ صَغيرٌ وَلاَ كَبيرٌ وَلاَ بَنُونَ وَلاَ بَنَاتٌ وَلاَ غَنِيمَةٌ، وَلاَ شَيْءٌ مِنْ جَمِيعٍ مَا أَخَذُوا لَهُمْ، يَـلْ رَدَّ دَاوُدُ الْحَمِيعَ. 20 وَأَخَـذَ دَاوُدُ الْغَنَـمَ وَالْتَقَـرَ.

And 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; And 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. Then 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. And 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. And 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. So 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. 10 But 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. 11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and

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 belongest 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 agone I fell sick. ¹⁴We 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

سَاقُوهَا أَمَامَ تِلْكَ الْمَاشِيَةِ وَقَالُوا، هَذِه غَنِيمَةُ دَاوُدَ. 21 وَجَاءَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى مِئَتَى الرَّجُلِ الَّذِينَ أَعْيَوْا عَن الذُّهَـابِ وَرَاءَ دَاوُدَ، فَأَرْجَعُـوهُمْ فِـي وَادِي الْبَسُـورِ، فَخَرَجُوا لِلِقَاءِ دَاوُدَ وَلِقَاءِ الشَّعْبِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ. فَتَقَدَّمَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى الْقَوْمِ وَسَأَلَ عَنْ سَلاَمَتِهِمْ. 22 فَقَالَ كُلُّ رَجُل شِرِّيرِ وَلَئِيمِ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ الَّذِينَ سَأَرُوا مَعَ دَاوُدَ، لِأَجْلَ أَنَّهُمْ لَـمْ يَذَّهَبُوا مَعَنَا لاَ نُعْطيهِمْ مِنَ الْغَنِيمَـةِ الَّتِي اسْتَخْلَصْنَاهَا، بَلْ لِكُلِّ رَجُل امْرَأْتَهُ وَبَنِيهِ، فَلْيَقْتَادُوهُمْ وَيَنْطَلِقُوا.²³فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ، لاَ تَّفْعَلُوا هَكَذَا يَا إِخْوَتِي، لأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ أَعْطَانَا وَحَفِظَنَا وَدَفَعَ لِيَدِنَا الْغُزَاةَ اَلَّذِينَ جَاءُوا عَلَيْنَا. 24 وَمَنْ يَسْمَعُ لَكُمْ في هَذَا الأَمْرِ. لأَنَّهُ كَنَصِيب النَّازِلِ إِلَى الْحَرْبِ نَصِيبُ الَّذِي يُقيمُ عِنْدَ الأَمْتِعَةِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَقْتَسُمُونَ بِالسَّوِيَّةِ.²⁵َوَكَانَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ فَصَاعِداً أَنَّهُ جَعَلَهَا فَرِيضَةً وَقَضَاءً لإِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ.²⁶َوَلَمَّا حَاءَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى صَقْلَعَ أَرْسَلَ مِنَ الْغَنِيمَةِ إِلَى شُيُوحِ يَهُوذَا إِلَى أَصْحَابِهِ قَائِلاً، هَذِهِ لَكُمْ بَرَكَةٌ مِنْ غَنِيمَةٍ أَعْدَاءِ الرَّبِّ. 21 إِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي بَيْتِ إِيلِ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي رَامُوتَ الْجَنُوب، وَالَّذِينَ فِي يَتَّيْرَ، 28 وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي عَرُوعِيرَ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي سَفْمُوتَ، وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَشْتَمُوعَ، 29وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي رَاخَالَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي مُدُنِ الْيَرْحَمْئِيلِيِّينَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي مُدُنِ الْقينِيِّينَ³⁰َوَإِلَى الَّذينَ في حُرْمَةَ وَالَّذينَ في كُورَ عَاشَانَ وَالَّذِينَ ِفِي عَتَاكَ ³¹َوَإِلَى الَّذِينَ فِي حَبْرُونَ وَإِلَى جَمِيعِ الأَمَاكِنِ الَّتِي تَرَدَّدَ فِيهَا دَاوُدُ وَرِجَالُهُ.

flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.²¹And 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.23Then 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; ²⁷To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,²⁸And 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, ³⁰And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach, ³¹And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.