

## 2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 10

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass after this that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. <sup>2</sup> And David said, "I will show mercy to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father dealt mercifully with me." And David sent to comfort him concerning his father by the hand of his servants; and the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon. <sup>3</sup> And the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "*Is it* to honor your father before you that David has sent comforters to you? Has not David rather sent his servants to you, that they should search the city, and spy it out and examine it?" <sup>4</sup> And Hanun took the servants of David, and shaved their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, and sent them away. <sup>5</sup> And they brought David word concerning the men; and he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly dishonored. And the king said, "Remain in Jericho till your beards have grown, and *then* you shall return."

<sup>6</sup> And the children of Ammon saw that the people of David were ashamed; and the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, and Rehob, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Amelek with a thousand men, and Ish-Tob with twelve thousand men. <sup>7</sup> And David heard, and sent Joab and all of his army, *even* the mighty men. <sup>8</sup> And the children of Ammon went forth, and set the battle in array by the door of the gate. *Those* of Syria—Zobah, Rehob, Ish-Tob, and Amelek, being by themselves in the field.

<sup>9</sup> And Joab saw that the battle was against him, both in front and from behind, and he chose out *some* of all the young men of Israel, and they set themselves in array against Syria. <sup>10</sup> And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set the battle in array opposite to the children of Ammon. <sup>11</sup> And he said, "If Syria is too strong for me, then shall you help me: and if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then will we be ready to help you. <sup>12</sup> Be courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the sake of the cities of our God, and the Lord shall do that which is good in His eyes." <sup>13</sup> And Joab and his people with him advanced to battle against Syria, and they fled from before him. <sup>14</sup> And the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, and they fled from before Abishai, and entered into the city. And Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup> And the Syrians saw that they were defeated before Israel, and they gathered themselves together. <sup>16</sup> And Hadadezer sent and gathered the Syrians from the other side of the River Halamak, and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer *was* at their head. <sup>17</sup> And it was reported to David, and he gathered all Israel and went over the Jordan, and came to Helam; and the Syrians set the battle in array against David, and fought with him. <sup>18</sup> And Syria fled from before Israel, and David destroyed of the Syrians seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and he struck Shobach the captain of his army, and he died there. <sup>19</sup> And all the kings *who were* servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, and they went over to Israel, and served them: and Syria was afraid to help the children of Ammon anymore.