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(18) Jonathan said to him, “Tomorrow will be the new moon; and you will be missed when your seat remains vacant. (19) So the day after tomorrow, go down all the way to the place where you hid the other time, and stay close to the Ezel stone. (20) Now I will shoot three arrows to one side of it, as though I were shooting at a mark, (21) and I will order the boy to go and find the arrows. If I call to the boy, ‘Hey! the arrows are on this side of you,’ be reassured and come, for you are safe and there is no danger—as the LORD lives! (22) But if, instead, I call to the lad, ‘Hey! the arrows are beyond you,’ then leave, for the LORD has sent you away. (23) As for the promise we made to each other, may the LORD be [witness] between you and me forever.” (24) David hid in the field. The new moon came, and the king sat down to partake of the meal. (25) When the king took his usual place on the seat by the wall, Jonathan rose and Abner sat down at Saul’s side; but David’s place remained vacant. (26) That day, however, Saul said nothing. “It’s accidental,” he thought. “He must be unclean and not yet cleansed.” (27) But on the day after the new moon, the second day, David’s place was vacant again. So Saul said to his son Jonathan, “Why didn’t the son of Jesse come to the meal yesterday or today?” (28) Jonathan answered Saul, “David begged leave of me to go to Bethlehem. (29) He said, ‘Please let me go, for we are going to have a family feast in our town and my brother has summoned me to it. Do me a favor, let

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(יח) ויאמר־לו יהונתן מחר תִּדְּשׁ וְנִפְקְדָתָּ כִּי יִפְקֹד מוֹשְׁבֶךָ: (יט) וְשִׁלְשֶׁת תֵּרֵד מֵאֵד וּבָאתְּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־נִסְתַּרְתָּ שָׁם בְּיוֹם הַמַּעֲשֵׂה וַיִּשְׁבֶּתְּ אֵצֶל הָאֶבֶן הָאֵזֶל: (כ) וְאָנֹכִי שִׁלְשֶׁת הַחֲצַיִם צָנְהָ אוֹרְהָ לְשִׁלְח־לִי לְמַטְרָה: (כא) וְהִנֵּה אֲשַׁלַּח אֶת־הַנְּעָר לְךָ מִצָּא אֶת־הַחֲצַיִם אִם־אָמַרְ אִמֵּר לְנֹעַר הַגֵּה הַחֲצַיִם | מִמֶּנּוּ וְהִנֵּה קָחְנוּ | וְכִבֵּאתָ כִּי־שָׁלוֹם לָךְ וְאִין דָּבָר סִי־יִהְיֶה: (כב) וְאִם־כָּה אָמַר לְעֹלָם הַגֵּה הַחֲצַיִם מִמֶּנּוּ וְהִלָּאתָ לָךְ כִּי שִׁלְחֶנּוּ יִהְיֶה: (כג) וְהִדְבָר אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְנוּ אָנֹכִי וְאַתָּה הַגֵּה יִהְיֶה בֵינֵינוּ וּבֵינֶנּוּ עַד־עוֹלָם: (כד) וַיִּסְתַּר דָּוִד בְּשֹׁדֵד וַיְהִי הַחֲדָשׁ וַיִּשָּׁב הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־[אֶל־] הַקָּחִים לְאַכּוֹל: (כה) וַיִּשָּׁב הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־מוֹשְׁבָיו כְּפָעַם | כְּפָעַם אֶל־מוֹשְׁבֵי הַקִּיר וַיִּקֶּם יְהוֹנָתָן וַיִּשָּׁב אַבְנֵר מִצֵּד שְׂאוּל וַיִּפְקֹד מְקוֹם דָּוִד: (כו) וְלֹא־דָבָר שְׂאוּל מֵאוּמָה בְּיוֹם הַהוּא כִּי אָמַר מִקִּרְהָ הוּא בְּלַתִּי טְהוֹר הוּא כִּי־לֹא טְהוֹר: (כז) וַיְהִי מִמָּחֳרַת הַחֲדָשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי וַיִּפְקֹד מְקוֹם דָּוִד (ס) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאוּל אֶל־יְהוֹנָתָן בְּנוֹ מַדּוּעַ לֹא־בָא בְּוִישׁוֹי גַם־תָּמוּל גַּם־הַיּוֹם אֶל־הַקָּחִים: (כה) וַיַּעַן יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־שְׂאוּל וַיִּשְׁאַל וַיִּשְׂאֵל דָּוִד מֵעַמּוּדֵי עַד־בַּיִת לָקָחִים: (כט) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלַחְנִי נָא כִּי זָבַח מִשְׁפָּחָה לְנוֹ בְּעִיר וְהוּא צָנְהָ־לִי אֲחִי וְעַתָּה אִם־מִצָּאתִי חַן בְּעֵינָיו אֶמְלֹטָהּ נָא וְאַרְאֶה אֶת־אָחִי עַל־כֵּן לֹא־בָא אֶל־שְׁלַחְתָּן הַמֶּלֶךְ: (ס) (ל) וַיִּסְר־אֶף שְׂאוּל בִּיהוֹנָתָן וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ

me slip away to see my kinsmen.’ That is why he has not come to the king’s table.” (30) Saul flew into a rage against Jonathan. “You son of a perverse, rebellious woman!” he shouted. “I know that you side with the son of Jesse—to your shame, and to the shame of your mother’s nakedness! (31) For as long as the son of Jesse lives on earth, neither you nor your kingship will be secure. Now then, have him brought to me, for he is marked for death.” (32) But Jonathan spoke up and said to his father, “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” (33) At that, Saul threw his spear at him to strike him down; and Jonathan realized that his father was determined to do away with David. (34) Jonathan rose from the table in a rage. He ate no food on the second day of the new moon, because he was grieved about David, and because his father had humiliated him. (35) In the morning, Jonathan went out into the open for the meeting with David, accompanied by a young boy. (36) He said to the boy, “Run ahead and find the arrows that I shoot.” And as the boy ran, he shot the arrows past him. (37) When the boy came to the place where the arrows shot by Jonathan had fallen, Jonathan called out to the boy, “Hey, the arrows are beyond you!” (38) And Jonathan called after the boy, “Quick, hurry up. Don’t stop!” So Jonathan’s boy gathered the arrows and came back to his master.— (39) The boy suspected nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the arrangement.— (40) Jonathan handed the gear to his boy and told him, “Take these back to the town.” (41) When the boy got there, David emerged from his concealment at the Negeb. He flung himself face down on the ground and bowed low three times. They kissed each other and wept together; David wept the longer. (42) Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace! For we two have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD: ‘May the LORD be [witness] between you and me,

בְּיָדְךָ וְלֹא יָדַעְתִּי כִּי־בָחַר
אתה לבן־ישי לְבָשְׂתָּהּ וּלְבַשְׂתָּ עֲרֹגַת אֲמָהָ:
(לא) כִּי כָל־הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר בָּן־יִשְׂרָאֵל תִּי
עַל־הָאֲדָמָה לֹא תִכּוֹן אֲתָה וּמִלְכוּתְךָ וְעַתָּה
שָׁלַח וְקַח אִתּוֹ אֵלַי כִּי בָן־מָוֶת הוּא: (ס)
(לב) וַיַּעַן יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־שָׂאוּל אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלָיו לָמָּה יוֹמֵת מָה עָשָׂה: (לג) וַיִּטֹּל שָׂאוּל
אֶת־הַחֲנִית עָלָיו לְהַכּוֹתוֹ וַיִּדַע יְהוֹנָתָן
כִּי־כָלָה הִיא מֵעַם אָבִיו לְהָמִית אֶת־דָּוִד:
(ס) (לד) וַיִּקָּם יְהוֹנָתָן מֵעַם הַשָּׁלֶחַן
בְּחַר־יָאֵף וְלֹא־אָכַל בַּיּוֹם־הַהוּא הַשְּׂנִי
לְחֶם כִּי נִעְצַב אֶל־דָּוִד כִּי הִכְלִמוֹ אָבִיו: (ס)
(לה) וַיִּהְיֶה בַּפֶּקֶד וַיֵּצֵא יְהוֹנָתָן הַשֵּׁנִי לְמוֹעֵד
דָּגַד וַנֶּעַר קֶטֶן עִמּוֹ: (לו) וַיֹּאמֶר לַנְּעָרִים רָץ
מֵצֵא נָא אֶת־הַחֲצִיִּים אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מוֹרֵה
הַנֶּעַר רָץ וְהוּא־יָרָה הַחֲצִי לְהַעֲבֹרוֹ: (לז)
וַיָּבֹא הַנְּעָר עַד־מְקוֹם הַחֲצִי אֲשֶׁר יָרָה
יְהוֹנָתָן וַיִּקְרָא יְהוֹנָתָן אַחֲרָי הַנְּעָר וַיֹּאמֶר
הֲלוֹא הַחֲצִי מִמֶּנִּי וְהִלָּאָה: (לח) וַיִּקְרָא
יְהוֹנָתָן אַחֲרָי הַנְּעָר מִהֵרָה חוֹשֶׁה אֶל־תַּעֲמֹד
וַיִּלְקֹט גַּעַר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־הַחֲצִי [הַחֲצִיִּים]
וַיָּבֹא אֶל־אֲדֹנָיו: (לט) וְהַנְּעָר לֹא־יָדַע
מֵאוּמָה אֵף יְהוֹנָתָן וְדָוִד יָדְעוּ אֶת־הַדָּבָר:
(מ) וַיִּתֵּן יְהוֹנָתָן אֶת־כָּלִּיו אֶל־הַנְּעָר
אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לֵךְ הִבֵּיא הָעִיר: (מא)
הַנְּעָר בָּא וְדָוִד קָם מֵאֲצֶל הַנְּגֹב וַיִּפֹּל לְאַפָּיו
אֶרְצָה וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ שְׁלֹשׁ פְּעָמִים וַיִּשְׁקוּ אִישׁ
אֶת־רַעְהוּ וַיִּכְפּוּ אִישׁ אֶת־רַעְהוּ עַד־דָּוִד
הַגִּדִיל: (מב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן לְדָוִד לֵךְ
לְשָׁלוֹם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁפָּעְנוּ שְׁנֵינוּ אֲנֻחְנוּ בְּשֵׁם
יְהוָה לֹא־מָר יְהוָה יְהִינָה אִ בֵּינֵינוּ וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵין
יָרְעֵי וּבֵין יָרְעֵי עַד־עוֹלָם: (פ)

and between your offspring and mine,
forever!”



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