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I Kings 2:1-12

(1) When David's life was drawing to a close, he instructed his son Solomon as follows: (2) "I am going the way of all the earth; be strong and show yourself a man. (3) Keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in His ways and following His laws, His commandments, His rules, and His admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn. (4) Then the LORD will fulfill the promise that He made concerning me: 'If your descendants are scrupulous in their conduct, and walk before Me faithfully, with all their heart and soul, your line on the throne of Israel shall never end!' (5) "Further, you know what Joab son of Zeruah did to me, what he did to the two

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(א) וַיִּקְרְבוּ יַמֵּי־דָוִד לָמוֹת וַיֵּצֵא
אֶת־שְׁלֹמֹה בְּנוֹ לֵאמֹר: (ב) אַנְכִי
הֵלֵךְ בְּדַרְךְךָ כָּל־הָאָרֶץ וְחִזַּקְתָּ וְהָיִיתָ
לְאִישׁ: (ג) וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־מִשְׁמַרְתִּי
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לִלְכֹת בְּדַרְכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר
חֻקֹּתָיו מִצְוֹתָיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו וְעֵדוּתָיו
כַּכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה לְמַעַן תִּשְׁכַּל
אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
תִּפְנֶה שָׁם: (ד) לְמַעַן יָקִים יְהוָה
אֶת־דְּבָרוֹ אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר עָלַי לֵאמֹר
אִם־יִשְׁמְרוּ בְנֵיךָ אֶת־דִּרְכֹּךָ לִלְכֹת
לְפָנַי בְּאֵמֶת בְּכָל־לְבָבָם
וּבְכָל־נַפְשָׁם לֵאמֹר לֹא־יִכָּרֵת לְךָ
אִישׁ מֵעַל כִּסֵּא יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) וְגַם
אֶתָּה יָדַעְתָּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה לִי
יֹאבָב בֶּן־צְרוּיָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
לְשֵׁנַי־שָׂרֵי צַבָּאוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַבְנֵר

commanders of Israel's forces, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether: he killed them, shedding blood of war in peacetime, staining the girdle of his loins and the sandals on his feet with blood of war. (6) So act in accordance with your wisdom, and see that his white hair does not go down to Sheol in peace. (7) "But deal graciously with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, for they befriended me when I fled from your brother Absalom; let them be among those that eat at your table. (8) "You must also deal with Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. He insulted me outrageously when I was on my way to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to the sword.' (9) So do not let him go unpunished; for you are a wise man and you will know how to deal with him and send his gray hair down to

בְּוֹנֵר וְלַעֲמָשָׂא בְּוַיְתֵר וַיַּהַרְגֵם
וַיִּשֶׂם דְּמֵי־מִלְחָמָה בְּשָׁלֹם וַיִּתֵּן
דְּמֵי מִלְחָמָה בַּחֲגֹרְתוֹ אֲשֶׁר
בְּמַתְנֵיוֹ וּבַנְּעָלוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּרַגְלָיו: (ו)
וַעֲשִׂיתָ כְּחַכְמָתְךָ וְלֹא־תוֹרֵד שְׂיִבְתּוֹ
בְּשָׁלֹם שְׂאֵל: (ז) וְלִבְנֵי בְרִזְלָי
הַגִּלְעָדִי תַעֲשֶׂה־חֶסֶד וְהָיוּ בְּאֶכְלֵי
שְׁלֹחַנְךָ כִּי־כֹן קָרְבוּ אֵלַי בְּבְרָחִי
מִפְּנֵי אַבְשָׁלוֹם אֶחָיִךְ: (ח) וְהִנֵּה
עִמָּךְ שְׁמַעִי בְּוַגְרָא בְּוַהֲיִמִּינִי
מִבְּחָרִים וְהוּא קָלְלָנִי קָלְלָה
נִמְרָצַת בַּיּוֹם לְכַתִּי מִחַנִּים
וְהוּא־יִרֵד לְקִרְאָתִי הִירְדֵן וְאַשְׁבַּע
לִּי בַיהוָה לֵאמֹר אִם־אֶמְיָתְךָ
בְּחָרְב: (ט) וַעֲתָה אֶל־תִּנְקָהוּ כִּי
אִישׁ חָכָם אַתָּה וַיִּדְעַתְּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר
תַעֲשֶׂה־לּוֹ וְהוֹרַדְתָּ אֶת־שְׂיִבְתּוֹ בְּדָם
שְׂאֵל: (י) וַיִּשְׁכַּב דָּוִד עִם־אֲבָתָיו
וַיִּקְבֹּר בְּעִיר דָּוִד: {פ} (יא) וְהַיָּמִים
אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ דָּוִד עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל
אַרְבַּעִים שָׁנָה בְּחֶבְרוֹן מָלַךְ שִׁבְעַ

Sheol in blood.” (10) So David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David. (11) The length of David’s reign over Israel was forty years: he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. (12) And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

שָׁנִים וּבִירוּשָׁלַם מֶלֶךְ שְׁלֹשִׁים
וּשְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים: (יב) וּשְׁלֹמֹה יָשָׁב
עַל־כִּסֵּא דָוִד אָבִיו וַתֵּכֶן מַלְכוּתוֹ
מֵאֵד: {ס}