



Ketouvim (hagiographies) - Chroniques I

Chapter 19

- 19,1 And it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.
- 19,2 And David said: 'I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.' So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.
- 19,3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun: 'Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?'
- 19,4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their hips, and sent them away.
- 19,5 Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said: 'Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.'
- 19,6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Aram-naharaim, and out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah.
- 19,7 So they hired them thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people; who came and encamped before Medeba.
- 19,8 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.
- 19,9 And the children of Ammon came out and put the battle in array at the gate of the city; and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field. {S} And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.
- 19,10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Arameans.
- 19,11 And the rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother, and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon.
- 19,12 And he said: 'If the Arameans be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me;
- 19,13 Be of good courage, and let us prove strong for our people, and for the cities of our God; and the Lord do that which seemeth Him good.'
- 19,14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh unto the battle to meet the Arameans; and they fled before him. {S} but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.
- 19,15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Arameans were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.
- 19,16 And when the Arameans saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Arameans that were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head.
- 19,17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Arameans, they fought with him.
- 19,18 And the Arameans fled before Israel; and David slew of the Arameans the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.



19,19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him; neither would the Arameans help the children of Ammon any more.