

Chapter 19

The king of Ammon euil intreating king Dauids men, whom he had curteoufly fent to condole the death of his father, is ouerthrowen in battel, 16. with the Afsyrians his hyred confederates.

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And it chanced that Naas the king of the children of Ammon died, and his sonne reigned for him. ² And Dauid sayd: I wil do mercie with Hanon the sonne of Naas: for his father hath done me pleafure. And Dauid fent meffengers to confort him vpon the death of his father. Who when they were come into the land of the children of Ammon, to confort Hanon, ³ the princes of the children of Ammon sayd to Hanon: Thou thinkeft perhaps, that Dauid for honour sake toward thy father hath fent fome that fhould comfort thee: neither markeft thou, that his feruantes are come to thee to espie, and feeke out, and fearch thy land. ⁴ Therefore Hanon made the feruantes of Dauid balde, and fhaued them, and cut away their cotes from the buttockes to the feete, and fent them away. ⁵ Who when they were gone, and had fent word to Dauid, he fent to meete them (for they had fufteyned great reproch) and commanded them to tarie in Iericho, til their beard grewe, and then they fhould returne. ⁶ And the children of Ammon feing, that they had done iniurie to Dauid, as wel Hanon as the reft of the people, they fent a thoufand talents of filuer, to hyre them chariotes and horfemen out of Mefopotamia, and from Siria Maacha, and from Soba. ⁷ And they hyred two and thirtie thoufand chariotes, and king Maacha with his people. Who when they were come, camped ouer agaynft Medaba. The children of Ammon alfo being gathered together out of their cities, came to the battel. ⁸ Which when Dauid had heard, he fent Ioab, and al the hofte of valiant men: ⁹ and the children of Ammon iffuing forth, put their armie in aray befide the gate of the citie: and the kinges, that were come to ayde him, ftood apart in the field. ¹⁰ Ioab therefore vnderftanding that battel

was made agaynft him before and behind, chofe the moft valiant men of al Ifrael, and marched on againft the Syrian. ¹¹ And the reft of the people he gaue vnder the hand of Abifai his brother: and they went forth agaynft the children of Ammon. ¹² And he fayd: If the Syrian fhall ouercome me, thou fhalt ayde me: and if the children of Ammon fhall ouercome thee, I wil ayde thee. ¹³ Take courage, and let vs play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and our Lord wil doe that which is good in his fight. ¹⁴ Ioab therfore marched on, and the people that were with him, agaynft the Syrian to bat-tel: and he put them to flight. ¹⁵ Moreouer the children of Ammon feing that the Syrian was fled, themfelues alfo fled from Abifai his brother, and went into the citie: and Ioab alfo returned into Ierufalem. ¹⁶ But the Syrian feing that he was fallen before Ifrael, fent meffengers, and brought the Syrian, that was beyond the riuer: and Sophach the General of Adarezer warre, was their cap-tayne. ¹⁷ Which when it was told Daud, he gathered together al Ifrael, and paffed Iordan, and fel vpon them, and directed his armie agaynft him, they fighting on the contrarie part. ¹⁸ And the Syrian fled from Ifrael: and Daud flewe of the Syrians feuen thoufand chariotes, and fourtie thoufand footemen, and Sophach General of the armie. ¹⁹ And the feruantes of Adarezer feing themfelues to be ouercome of Ifrael, fled to Daud, & ferued him: and Syria would no more giue ayde to the children of Ammon.