21. And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

22. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Raddai, and David's brother, and Shimeah his brother, and Rokakah of the house of Bicknell, and Aus and his brother, and Ahishok, and his brother, and Zebiah, and Bechiah, the three sons of Adna the king's son, and Adna himself, and Elia-bah of the house of Zebullon, and the five sons of Sol-tem, the Rehobothites, came to Hebron, for they were doing to David great kindness.

And he is going up there David and moreover two of women of him Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

23. And his men that [were] with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

24. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, [That] the men of Jabeshgilead [were they] that buried Saul.

25. And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them, Blessed [be] ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, [even] unto Saul, and have buried him.

26. And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will require you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

27. Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.
וַיַּמְלִיכֵהוּ holding-fast over go
וַתְּהִי and·he-is-being-struck
וַיִּנָּגֶף Helkath~Hazzurim
רֵעֵהוּ the·reservoir
from·Mahanaim
וּשְׁתַּיִם Ephraim
וַיֹּאמֶר And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.
וַיְהִי that place was called Ishbosheth Saul's son [was] forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.
וַיֵּעֵד And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.
וַיִּנְהַל And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishboseth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
וַיִּנֶּאֶס And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.
וַיֵּעָדוּ And then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which [pertained] to Ishboseth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
וַיִּקְרְאוּ And they caught every man his fellow by the head, and [thrust] his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkathhazzurim, which [is] in Gibeon.
וַיִּמָּלֵל And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.
2:18 and they were three sons of Zeruiah, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

2:19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

2:20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, [Art thou Asahel?] And he answered, I [am].

2:21 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

2:22 And Abner said to him, The children of Benjamin gather themselves together at the hill Gibeon.

2:23 And Joab his brother said to Abner, What dost thou here? why camest thou not with thy men? And Abner said unto Joab, I have sent messengers throughout all the land of Israel; and none said as thou hast spoken.

2:24 Then said Joab to Abner, Shouldest thou rule over me? or shouldest thou be my master? verily, as one man was all Israel my master, and so was I thy master. Why then camest thou not with thy men? And Abner said unto Joab, I fell before thee in mine heart, as one that lieth at home, and I asked thee not; why therefore shouldest thou be my master?
26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, [As] God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner, and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, [so that] three hundred and threescore men died.

32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which [was in] Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.