

Arrows in the Deuteronomistic History

DEUTERONOMY 32.23

I [YHWH] will heap disasters upon them, spend **my arrows** against them...

DEUTERONOMY 32.41B-42A

I [YHWH] will take vengeance on my adversaries, and will repay those who hate me. **I will make my arrows drunk with blood**, and my sword shall devour flesh...

1 SAM 20

[our passages]

2 KINGS 13.15-17B

Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows"; so he took a bow and arrows. Then he said to the king of Israel, "Draw the bow"; and he drew it. Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. Then he said, "Open the window eastward"; and he opened it. Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. Then he said, "**YHWH's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!**"

2 KINGS 19.32-34

"Therefore **thus says YHWH concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, shoot an arrow there**, come before it with a shield, or cast up a siege-ramp against it. By the way that he came, by the same he shall return; he shall not come into this city, says YHWH. **For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.**"