

## “Bloods” (Hebrew, *damim*) in the Deuteronomistic History

Deut 19.9c-10	you shall add three more [sanctuary] cities to these three, so that the <u>blood of an innocent person may not be shed</u> in the land that YHWH your God is giving you as an inheritance, thereby bringing <b>bloodguilt</b> upon you.
Deut 22.8	When you build a new house, <u>you shall make a parapet for your roof</u> ; otherwise you might have <b>bloodguilt</b> on your house, if anyone should fall from it.
1 Sam 25.26, 33	[Abigail to David:] “Now then, my lord, as YHWH lives, and as you yourself live, since <u>YHWH has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand</u> , now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal...” [David to Abigail:] “Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from <b>bloodguilt</b> and from avenging myself by my own hand!”
2 Sam 1.16	David said to [the Amalekite messenger], “ <u>Your blood be on your head</u> ; for your own mouth has testified against you, <u>saying, 'I have killed YHWH's anointed.'</u> ”
2 Sam 3.28	Afterward, when David heard of it, he said, “ <u>I and my kingdom are forever guiltless before YHWH for the blood of Abner son of Ner.</u> ”
2 Sam 16.7-8	Shimei shouted while he cursed, “ <u>Out! Out! Man of bloods!</u> Man of Beliyah! YHWH has avenged on all of you the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and YHWH has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, disaster has overtaken you; for you are <u>a man of bloods.</u> ”
2 Sam 21.1	Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of YHWH. YHWH said, “ <u>There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death.</u> ”
1 Kings 2.5	“Moreover you know also what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner son of Ner, and Amasa son of Jether, whom he murdered, <u>retaliating in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist, and on the sandals on his feet.</u> ”
1 Kings 2.31, 33	The king [Solomon] replied to [Benaiah], “Do as he has said, strike [Joab] down and bury him; and thus <u>take away from me and from my father's house the guilt for the blood that Joab shed without cause....</u> So shall their <b>blood</b> come back on the head of Joab and on the head of his descendants forever; but to David, and to his descendants, and to his house, and to his throne, there shall be peace from YHWH forevermore.”
2 Kings 9.7	[YHWH to King Jehu:] You shall strike down the house of your master Ahab, so that I <u>may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of YHWH.</u>
2 Kings 9.25-26	Jehu said to his aide Bidkar, “Lift him [Joram, son of Ahab and Jezebel] out, and throw him on the plot of ground belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember, when you and I rode side by side behind his father Ahab how YHWH uttered this oracle against him: ‘ <u>For the blood of Naboth and for the blood of his children that I saw yesterday, says YHWH, I swear I will repay you on this very plot of ground.</u> ’ Now therefore lift him out and throw him on the plot of ground, in accordance with the word of YHWH.”