

## Parallels between 2 Samuel 2 and 18

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<b>[framed by Abner in Mahanaim, 2.12, 29]</b>	<b>[David in Mahanaim, 17.24, 27]</b>
<p><b>Each grasped his opponent by the head</b>, and thrust his sword in his opponent's side; so they fell down together. (2.16)</p>	<p>Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. <b>His head caught fast in the oak</b>, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. (18.9)</p>
<p><b>The battle was very fierce that day; and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten by the servants of David.</b> (2.17)</p>	<p><b>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.</b> (18.7)</p>
<p>Then Abner called to Joab, "<b>Is the sword to keep devouring forever?</b> Do you not know that the end will be bitter? How long will it be before you order your people to turn from the pursuit of their kinsmen?" (2.26)</p>	<p>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and <b>the forest devoured more victims that day than the sword.</b> (18.8)</p>
<p><b>Joab sounded the trumpet and all the people stopped; they no longer pursued Israel</b> or engaged in battle any further. (2.28)</p>	<p><b>Then Joab sounded the trumpet, and the people came back from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained the people.</b> (18.16)</p>