

Provisions of food supplies in Samuel

Hannah to Eli, the priest (1 Samuel 1.24):

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of **flour**, and **a skin of wine**.

Jesse to his sons via David (1 Samuel 17.17-18):

Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this **parched grain** and these **ten loaves**, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; also take these ten **cheeses** to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare and bring some token from them."

Abigail to David and his men (1 Samuel 25.18):

Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, **two skins of wine**, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of **parched grain**, **one hundred clusters of raisins**, and two hundred cakes of figs.

The woman of Endor to Saul and his slaves (1 Samuel 28.24-25):

Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

Ziba to David and his house (2 Samuel 16.1-2):

When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, carrying **two hundred loaves of bread**, **one hundred bunches of raisins**, one hundred of summer fruits, and **one skin of wine**. The king said to Ziba, "Why have you brought these?" Ziba answered, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine is for those to drink who faint in the wilderness."

Transjordanian supporters to David and his people (2 Samuel 17.27-29):

When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim brought beds, basins, and earthen vessels, wheat, barley, **meal**, **parched grain**, beans and lentils, honey and **curds**, sheep, and **cheese** from the herd, for David and the people with him to eat; for they said, "The troops are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

Cf. Abraham and Sarah to the visitors (Genesis 18.6-8):

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice **flour**, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took **curds** and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.