

YHWH in the Absalom rebellion narrative (2 Samuel 15-18)

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15.7-8	At the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go to Hebron and pay the <u>vow that I have made to YHWH</u> . For your servant made a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram: If YHWH will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, <u>then I will worship YHWH in Hebron.</u> "
15.20-21	You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, while I go wherever I can? Go back, and take your kinsfolk with you; and <u>may YHWH show steadfast love and faithfulness to you.</u> But Ittai answered the king, " <u>As YHWH lives</u> , and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be."
16.8-12	[Shemei:] " <u>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 a man of blood.</u> " Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, " <u>Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head.</u> " But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because YHWH has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'" David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "My own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Let him alone, and let him curse; for YHWH has bidden him. It may be that YHWH will look on my distress, and YHWH will repay me with good for this cursing of me today."
16.18	Hushai said to Absalom, "No; but <u>the one whom YHWH and this people and all the Israelites have chosen</u> , his I will be, and with him I will remain."
17.14	Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For YHWH had commanded to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that YHWH might bring ruin on Absalom.
18.19	Then Ahimaaz son of Zadok said, "Let me run, and carry tidings to the king that YHWH has delivered him from the power of his enemies."
18.28	Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, "All is well!" He prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground, and said, " <u>Blessed be YHWH your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king.</u> "
18.31	Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For YHWH has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who <u>rose up against you.</u> "