

2 Samuel 12:26-31 **Ammonites defeated at Rabbah**

Rabbah Is Captured [2 Samuel 12:26-31, 1 Chron 20:1-3]

26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water supply. 28 Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name."

29 So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and took it. 30 Then he took their king's crown from his head. Its weight was a talent of gold, with precious stones. And it was set on David's head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance. 31 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws and iron picks and iron axes, and made them cross over to the brick works. So he did to all the cities of the people of Ammon.

Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The story began when Nahash the king of Ammon died and David sent comforters to his son Hanun, where they were taken as spies and insulted, triggering a war between Israel against the Ammonites, and the Syrians. [2 Samuel 10:1-19]
- ✧ David had sent Joab to complete the matter with the Ammonites and conquer the city of Rabbah, their royal city. [2 Samuel 11:1]
- ✧ It was in this campaign that Uriah died at the hands of the Ammonites. [2 Samuel 11:2-25]

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- ✧ When the city was ready to fall, Joab sent word to David in Jerusalem to come to Rabbah so David would be credited with the victory.
- ✧ David took the rest of the armies of Israel and went to Rabbah for the final victory.
 - ✧ They took the crown from the head of the king of Ammon and set it on David's head.
 - ✧ They brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance.
 - ✧ The people in the city were put to work for Israel with saws, iron picks, and iron axes at the brick works in Israel.
 - ✧ They did the same to all the cities of the people of Ammon.