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## Samuel's Last Stand

1 Samuel 31:1-13

2 Samuel 1:1-10

## 1 Samuel 31:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. <sup>2</sup> And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

## 1 Samuel 31:3-4

<sup>3</sup> The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. <sup>4</sup> Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, “Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me.” But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly. Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it



## 1 Samuel 31:5-6

<sup>5</sup> And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him. <sup>6</sup> Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together.

## 1 Samuel 31:7

<sup>7</sup> And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

## 1 Samuel 31:8-9

<sup>8</sup> The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. <sup>9</sup> So they cut off his head and stripped off his armor and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to the house of their idols and to the people.

## 1 Samuel 31:10-11

<sup>10</sup> They put his armor in the temple of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. <sup>11</sup> But when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,

## 1 Samuel 31:12-13

<sup>12</sup> all the valiant men arose and went all night and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and they came to Jabesh and burned them there. <sup>13</sup> And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh and fasted seven days.



## 2 Samuel 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. <sup>2</sup> And on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the ground and paid homage.

## 2 Samuel 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup> David said to him, “Where do you come from?” And he said to him, “I have escaped from the camp of Israel.” <sup>4</sup> And David said to him, “How did it go? Tell me.” And he answered, “The people fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead.” <sup>5</sup> Then David said to the young man who told him, “How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?”

## 2 Samuel 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup> And the young man who told him said, “By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. <sup>7</sup> And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>8</sup> And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’”

## 2 Samuel 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And he said to me, 'Stand beside me and kill me, for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.' <sup>10</sup> So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the armlet that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."