

Kings II

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KINGS II. (2 SAMUEL)

1And it came to pass after Saul was dead, that David returned from smiting Amalec, and David abode two days in Sekelac. ² And it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came from the camp, from the people of Saul, and his garments were rent, and earth was upon his head: and it came to pass when he went in to David, that he fell upon the earth, and did obeisance to him.

3And David said to him, Whence comest thou? and he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel. ⁴ And David said to him, What is the matter? tell me. And he said, The people fled out of the ¹ battle, and many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead.

5And David said to the young man who brought him the tidings, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead? ⁶ And the young man that brought the tidings, said to him, I happened accidentally to be upon mount Gelbue; and, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear, and, behold, the chariots and captains of horse pressed hard upon him. ⁷ And he looked behind him, and saw me, and called me; and I said, Behold, here am I. ⁸ And he said to me, Who art thou? and I said, I am an Amalekite. ⁹ And he said to me, Stand, I pray thee, over me, and slay me, for a dreadful darkness has come upon me, for all my life is in me. ¹⁰ So I stood over him and slew him, because I knew he ² would not live after he was fallen; and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was upon his arm, and I have brought them hither to my lord.

11And David laid hold of his garments, and rent them; and all the men who were with him rent their garments. ¹² And they lamented, and wept, and fasted till evening, for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Juda, and for the house of Israel, because they were smitten with the sword.

13And David said to the young man who brought the tidings to him, Whence art thou? and he said, I am the son of an Amalekite sojourner.

14And David said to him, How was it thou wast not afraid to lift thy hand to destroy the anointed of the Lord? ¹⁵ And David called one of his young men, and said, Go and fall upon him: and he smote him, and he died. ¹⁶

¹+ 1:4 Gr. war.

²+ 1:10 Gr. will.