### 2 Samuel

## Chapter 1

1After Saul died and after David had returned from his battle with the AmaLechites, David spent a couple of days in ZikLag. 2Then on the 3rd day, a man came to him from the camp of the army of Saul.  
  
His clothes were all torn and his face was covered with dirt. And when he reached David, he fell to the ground and bowed low before him.  
  
3Then David asked him:  
  
 ‘Where have you come from?’  
  
And he said:  
  
 ‘I’ve struggled to make it here from the camp of IsraEl.’  
  
4Then David asked:  
  
 ‘What message are you bringing? Tell me!’  
  
And he said:  
  
 ‘Our army has fled the field of battle… Many have been injured and many more have been killed!  
  
 ‘Why, Saul and his son JoNathan have both been killed!’  
  
5Then David asked:  
  
 ‘How do you know that both Saul and JoNathan are dead?’  
  
6And the young man said:  
  
 ‘I happened to be on Mount GilBoa when I saw Saul leaning on his spear.  
  
 ‘The chariots and cavalry started coming towards him, so I went over to his side. 7And when he looked back and saw me, he called to me and I said:  
  
 ‘Look, I’m here.’  
  
 8‘And he asked:  
  
 ‘Who are you?’  
  
 ‘And I said:  
  
 ‘I’m an AmaLechite.’  
  
 9‘And he said to me:  
  
 ‘Stand over me and kill me, because an awful darkness is coming over me!’  
  
 10‘So I stood over him and put him to death, because I knew that he couldn’t survive his wound. Then I took the [turban] from his head and the armlet from his biceps, and I’ve brought them here to you, my lord.’  
  
11Well, David started grabbing his clothes and ripping them, and all of his men started ripping their clothes, 12beating on their chests, and crying.  
  
Then they fasted for the rest of that day over Saul, his son JoNathan, the people of Judah, and the people of IsraEl who had been cut down with broadswords.  
  
  
13After that, David asked the man who’d brought him the message:  
  
 ‘Where are you from?’  
  
And he replied:  
  
 ‘I’m the son of an AmaLechite man who’s living in your land.’  
  
14Then David asked him:  
  
 ‘So, why weren’t you afraid to lift your hand and kill the anointed of Jehovah?’  
  
15And thereafter, David called one of his servants and said:  
  
 ‘Come here and kill him!’  
  
So he struck the man and he died.  
  
16For David told him:  
  
 ‘Your blood is on your own head, because your own mouth spoke against you when you said:  
  
 ‘I have killed the anointed of Jehovah.’  
  
17Well after that, David went into mourning over Saul and his son JoNathan.  
  
  
18And to teach the sons of Judah, he sang this song, for look, it’s written in the scroll of the righteous:  
  
 19‘Erect a stele, O IsraEl,  
 For those who’ve died in your hills,  
 For how the mighty have fallen!  
  
 20‘Don’t allow them to announce it in Gath,  
 Or announce it as good news in AshKelon’s streets,  
 So the daughters of Philistia won’t rejoice…  
 So the daughters of the uncircumcised will never know joy.  
  
 21‘May dew not fall on GilBoa,  
 And may no more rain fall upon it,  
 There in the fields of the first fruits;  
 For the shields of the mighty have been treated with contempt.  
  
 ‘Saul’s shield was not anointed with oil,  
 22Nor with the blood of the slain,  
 Or with the fat of the mighty.  
 But, JoNathan’s bow didn’t come back void,  
 Nor did the broadsword of Saul return bare.  
  
 23‘Saul and JoNathan, beloved ones…  
 These delightful men were not parted in life,  
 Nor were they parted in death.  
 They were swifter than eagles,  
 And they conquered more than great lions.  
  
 24‘IsraEl’s daughters,  
 You should weep over Saul,  
 For he dressed you in scarlet and jewels…  
 He dressed you in clothes, and in gold, and in gems.  
 25How these mighty have fallen in battle!  
  
 ‘O JoNathan,  
  
 ‘You were killed in the mountains.  
 26I grieve over you, JonNathan,  
 O my brother, you were always there for me.  
 Your affection for me amazed me,  
 More so than the love of women.  
  
 27‘O how the mighty fell,  
 And the weapons of war were destroyed.’