

## THE END OF SAUL'S REIGN, THE END OF SAUL'S LIFE (1 Samuel 31)

### I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

### II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

### III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

#### A. The Philistines PREPARE for WAR with Israel (1 Samuel 28:1-25)

#### B. By the PROVIDENCE of God—David is KEPT from fighting against Israel (1 Samuel 29:1-11)

#### C. The Amalekites RAVAGE Ziklag, and David RECOVERS his property (1 Samuel 30:1-31)

#### D. Israel is soundly DEFEATED by the Philistines on Mt. Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:1-7)

1. Many of the Israelites soldiers resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ from the battle with the Philistines on Mt. Gilboa; and they were \_\_\_\_\_ in their attempt to escape.
2. The Philistines adamantly \_\_\_\_\_ Saul and his three sons, and the king's sons were killed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After being \_\_\_\_\_ wounded, the king pleaded with his armor bearer to \_\_\_\_\_ him, so that the Philistines would not make \_\_\_\_\_ of him while they watched him die.
4. Saul's armor bearer would \_\_\_\_\_ kill him, so Saul took matters into his own hands, and committed \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Is suicide biblically or morally wrong?

\* What are some Scriptural examples of this act?

\*What are some of the primary causes why a person would consider such a thing?

\* How many of Saul's men were said to be killed with him (v. 6)?

5. The regiment of Israelite soldiers that were on the other side of the valley also \_\_\_\_\_ in a hurry when they heard the \_\_\_\_\_ that their king was now dead.

**E. The Philistines DESECRATE Saul's corpse and CELEBRATE throughout the land (31:8-10)**

1. While the Philistines were stripping the dead of their \_\_\_\_\_, they happened to come across the \_\_\_\_\_ of the king of Israel and his royal sons.
2. The Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's head, and stripped his body, and put his \_\_\_\_\_ in their pagan temple.

\* What would be the reasoning for putting Saul's armor in the temple?

**F. The Israelites of Jabesh-Gilead CONFISCATE the bodies of Saul and his sons (31:11-13)**

1. Valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead were disgusted with what the Philistines had done with their king, and they set out by night to \_\_\_\_\_ his body and bring it back home for proper \_\_\_\_\_.
2. These gallant men then \_\_\_\_\_ the corpses of the royal family, and then \_\_\_\_\_ their bones in Jabesh.

\* Some final thoughts on King Saul...

\* What can you learn from this chapter?