

A DISTRESSING REPORT FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

(2 Samuel 1)

* Book chart of 2 Samuel

I. DAVID'S MOVE TO HEBRON (2 Samuel 1-4:12)

A. The REPORT of the death of Saul and Jonathan (1:1-11)

1. A _____ from the battle on Mt. Gilboa found David and his men in Ziklag, and for the first time David heard the _____ of the battle between King Saul and King Achish.

2. This young man, whether an Amalekite or a deserting _____ related " _____ " of Saul's final moments, and how he put the king out of his misery.

* How is it possible that the Amalekite's story differed from that in 1 Samuel 31:4-6?

3. Without knowing David's _____ towards Saul, the Amalekite brought forth convincing evidence that he had killed the king and stripped him of his royal _____ and _____.

* In all probability, what were the Amalekite's intentions?

4. David probably _____ Saul's crown that he had seen on countless occasions, and he and his men _____ their own clothes in anguish with the realization that Israel had really been _____ by the Philistines

* Principle to remember:

B. The EXECUTION of the Amalekite messenger (1:12-16)

1. David and his men _____, and _____, and _____ all the way until evening for Israel, the king and Jonathan.
2. David asked the Amalekite a question that had haunted him personally for the last 10 years, "*How was it you were _____ to put forth your hand to destroy the Lord's _____?*"
3. The man's own verbal testimony (whether true or false) concerning the death of the king of Israel, _____ his own fate, because David had him _____ immediately.

C. The EULOGY of David for his fallen comrades (1:17-27)

1. David addressed the _____ of Israel (1:19-20)
2. David addressed the _____ of Gilboa (1:21)
3. David praised _____ and _____ (1:22-23)
4. David addressed the _____ of Jerusalem (1:24)
5. David spoke personally to his dear friend _____ (1:25-26)

* How can this chapter be applied in your personal life?