

The Book of Second Samuel: Intro and 2 Samuel 1

Sunday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 3

1 Samuel 31 (Review): Sunday, March 31

- **(1 – 3)** Describe the events recorded in **1 Samuel 31: 1 – 3**. What happened to Saul's sons in the battle against the Philistines?
- **(4 – 6)** What command did Saul give to his armorbearer, and how did his armorbearer respond? As a result, what action did Saul take, and how did the armorbearer respond?
- **(7)** What effect did the Philistine victory have on the people of Israel?
- **(8 – 10)** What actions did the Philistines take when they found the bodies of Saul and his sons? Where did they take Saul's armor, and what did they do with his body?
- **(11 – 13)** What did the people of Jabesh Gilead do with the bodies of Saul and his sons? What historical connection did the people of Jabesh Gilead have with Saul? (*1 Samuel 11: 11; 1 Chronicles 10: 13 – 14*)

2 Samuel 1: Wednesday, April 3

- **(1 – 2)** As **Chapter 1** begins, what event had David and his army just completed? Where was David located when the messenger arrived with news from the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines?
(*1 Samuel 30: 17 – 19*)

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- **(3 – 5)** What news regarding the outcome of the battle did the messenger deliver to David?
- **(6 – 10)** Describe the report that the Amalekite gave to David. How does it differ from the account given in **1 Samuel 31**? What was the messenger’s likely motivation for coming to David and giving this report (and bringing Saul’s crown and bracelet / arm band to David)?
- **(11 – 12)** How did David and his men react to the news of the death of Saul and Jonathan? What does this response indicate about David’s loyalty to Saul, and David’s relationship with God? (*Proverbs 3: 5 – 6*)
- **(13 – 16)** Why did David command that the messenger be executed? What is the significance of the fact that the messenger was an Amalekite?
(*1 Samuel 24: 6 – 7; 1 Samuel 26: 9 – 11; 1 Samuel 15: 1 – 3*)
- **(17 – 22)** How does David memorialize Saul and Jonathan? Where else was David’s “Song of the Bow” written? In the first half of the song, how does David describe the impact of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan and the defeat of Israel by the Philistines? (*Joshua 10: 12 – 13*)
- **(23 – 27)** How does David describe Saul and Jonathan in the second half of his song? How does David characterize the respect and love that he had for his friend Jonathan? (*1 Samuel 20: 12 – 17*)