**2 Samuel 1** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+1/)

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**David Hears of Saul's Death**

1 After the death of Saul,

 when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites,

 David remained two days in Ziklag.

2 And on the third day,

 behold,

 a man came from Saul's camp,

 with his clothes torn

 and

 dirt on his head.

 And

 when he came to David,

 he fell to the ground

 and

 paid homage.

3 David said to him,

 “Where do you come from?”

 And

 he said to him,

 “I have escaped from the camp of Israel.”

4 And

 David said to him,

 “How did it go?

 Tell me.”

 And

 he answered,

 “The people fled from the battle,

 and also

 many of the people have fallen

 and

 are dead,

 and

 Saul

 and

 his son Jonathan are also dead.”

5 Then David said to the young man

 who told him,

 “How do you know

 that Saul

 and

 his son Jonathan are dead?”

6 And

 The young man

 who told him

 said,

 “ By chance

 I happened to be on Mount Gilboa,

 and

 there was Saul leaning on his spear,

 and

 behold,

 the chariots

 and

 the horsemen were close upon him.

7 And when he looked behind him,

 he saw me,

 and

 called to me.

 And

 I answered,

 ‘Here I am.’

8 And

 he said to me,

 ‘Who are you?’

 I answered him,

 ‘I am an Amalekite.’

9 And

 he said to me,

 ‘Stand beside me

 and

 kill me,

 for anguish has seized me,

 and yet

 my life still lingers.’

10 So I stood beside him

 and

 killed him,

 because I was sure

 that he could not live

 after he had fallen.

 And

 I took the crown

 that was on his head

 and

 the armlet

 that was on his arm,

 and

 I have brought them here to my lord.”

11 Then David took hold of his clothes

 and

 tore them,

 and

 so did all the men

 who were with him.

12 And

 they mourned

 and

 wept

 and

 fasted until evening

 for Saul

 and

 for

 Jonathan his son

 and

 for

 the people of the Lord

 and

 for the house of Israel,

 because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And

 David said to the young man

 who told him,

 “Where do you come from?”

 And

 he answered,

 “I am the son of a sojourner,

 an Amalekite.”

14 David said to him,

 “How is it

 you were not afraid

 to put out your hand

 to destroy the Lord's anointed?”

15 Then David called one of the young men

 and

 said,

 “Go, execute him.”

 And

 he struck him down

 so that he died.

16 And

 David said to him,

 “Your blood be on your head,

 for your own mouth has testified against you,

 saying,

 ‘I have killed the Lord's anointed.’”

**David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan**

17 And

 David lamented with this lamentation over Saul

 and

 Jonathan his son,

18 and

 he said

 it should be taught to the people of Judah;

 behold,

 it is written in the Book of Jashar.

(NIV: and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

KJV: (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.) of Jasher: or, of the upright.

中文和合本: 且吩咐將這歌教導猶大人。這歌名叫「弓歌」，寫在雅煞珥書上。

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 且吩咐將這弓(歌)教導猶大人；看哪，它(原文用陰性，指弓)被寫在雅煞珥書上。(https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/1/18))

 He said:

19 “Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!

 How the mighty have fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath,

 publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,

 lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,

 lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

21 “You mountains of Gilboa,

 let there be no dew

 or

 rain upon you,

 nor

 fields of offerings!

 For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,

 the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

22 “ From the blood of the slain,

 from the fat of the mighty,

 the bow of Jonathan turned not back,

 and

 the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 “Saul

 and

 Jonathan, beloved

 and

 lovely!

 In life

 and

 in death

 they were not divided;

 they were swifter than eagles;

 they were stronger than lions.

24 “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,

 who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,

 who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 “How the mighty have fallen

 in the midst of the battle!

 “Jonathan lies slain on your high places.

26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;

 very pleasant have you been to me;

 your love to me was extraordinary,

 surpassing the love of women.

(NIV: Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.

KJV: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

中文和合本: 你向我發的愛情奇妙非常，過於婦女的愛情。

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 你對我的愛 (00160, love 40; 40. Affection (in a good or a bad sense); love(-r)) 奇妙非常，過於婦女的愛(00160)。(https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/1/26))

27 “How the mighty have fallen,

 and

 the weapons of war perished!”