



Lesson 78

David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan

Story Elements

- **Text:** 2 Samuel 1:1-27
- **Setting:** approx. 1020 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, and an unnamed Amalekite
- **Plot:** David mourns the death of Saul and Jonathan.
- **Key word(s):** “how are the _____ fallen (vv 19, 25, 27)
- **Climax:** “*And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?*” (v 14)

Regicide (2 Sam. 1:1-16)

1. (vv 1-2) David was battling the Amalekites (a tribe of desert marauders) as Saul, Jonathan, and the Hebrews were facing the Philistines on Mt. Gilboa. After returning to Ziklag, David was informed of Saul and Jonathan's death by (ironically) an _____.
 - a. (vv 3-10) The Amalekite claimed to have come upon Saul while he was in the final throws of _____; the Amalekite said that Saul was unsuccessful in quickly killing himself and asked him to finish the job before the Philistines came. The Amalekite allegedly did so and took Saul's crown and bracelets to present to David.
 - b. (vv 11-16) David immediately commanded the Amalekite to be executed. Why was David so infuriated? Didn't the Amalekite do the right thing? _____

Requiem (1:17-27)

2. David wrote a lament for the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. The lament was taught to the people of Israel and included in the Book of _____, which was a book about the exploits of Israel's champions. (cf. Joshua 10:13)
3. David's lament begins and ends with words of affection for his covenant friend, Jonathan. Some have taken the phrase “thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women” to infer a homosexual connotation. This is wicked caviling. What David meant was the love he and Jonathan shared was a binding, eternal, and _____ love.

Application

4. This story illustrates the sobering truth stated in **Num. 32:23** - “...and be sure your sin will find you out.”

