

# 1 Samuel 31

## Chapter 31

<sup>1</sup> NOW the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

<sup>2</sup> And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.

<sup>3</sup> And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

<sup>4</sup> Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

<sup>5</sup> And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

<sup>6</sup> So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

<sup>7</sup> ¶ And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

<sup>8</sup> And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

<sup>9</sup> And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people.

<sup>10</sup> And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

<sup>11</sup> ¶ And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;

<sup>12</sup> All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

<sup>13</sup> And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.