

Chapter 10

*King Saul with his three fonnes are flaine by the Philiftians*The second

8. *Who spoile the armie and carie away Sauls head.*

11. *The men of Iabes Galaad burie his bodie and his fonnes, fasting for them feuen daies. And the kingdom is tranflated to Daud.*

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King Saul and his familie ouerthrowne

And the Philiftijms fought agaynft Ifrael, and the men of Ifrael fled from the Palesthines, and they fel wounded in mount Gelboe. ² And when the Philiftians were come nere purfewing Saul, and his fonnes, they ftroke Ionathas, and Abinadab, and Melchifua the fonnes of Saul. ³ And the battel grewe fore agaynft Saul, and the archers found him, and wounded him with arrowes. ⁴ And Saul fayd to his esquyer: Draw thy fword, and kil me: left perhaps thefe vncircumcised come, and deride me. But his harnes bearer would not, being frighted with feare: Saul therefore caught his fword, and fel vpon it. ⁵ Which when his harnes bearer had feene, to witte, that Saul was dead, him self also fel vpon his fword, and died. ⁶ Saul therefore died, and his three fonnes, and al his houfe fel together. ⁷ Which when the men of Ifrael had fene, that dwelt in the champayne, they fled: and Saul and his fonnes being dead, they forfooke their cities, and were difperfed hither and thither: and the Philiftijms came, and dwelt in them. ⁸ The next day therefore the Philiftijms taking away the fpoiles of them that were flayne, found Saul and his fonnes lying on mount Gelboe. ⁹ And when they had fpoyled him, and cut of his head, and ftrippd him of his armour, they fent into their land, that it fhould be caried about, and fhould be fhewed in the temples of the Idols, and to the people: ¹⁰ and his armour they dedicated in the temple of their god, and the head they nailed vp in the temple of Dagon. ¹¹ When the men of Iabes Galaad had heard this, to witte, al thinges that the Philiftijms had done vpon Saul, ¹² euerie one of the valiant men arofe, and tooke the bodies of Saul and of his fonnes, and brought them into Iabes, and buried their

bones vnder an oke, that was in Iabes, and they fasted
feuen daies. ¹³ Saul therefore died for his iniquities, for
that he ^atransgressed the commandement of our Lord
which he had commanded, and kept it not: yea and
besides also consulted the Pythoneffe, ¹⁴ and trusted not
in our Lord: for the which he flewe him, and transferred
his kingdome to Daud the sonne of Ifai.

^a He offered Sacrifice on an Altar without warrant. *1. Reg. 13.* And
destroyed not the Amalacites, as he was commanded. *1. Reg. 15.*