

## Chapter 1

*Dauid hearing that Saul and Ionathas are flaine, 11. mourneth with al his familie, weeping and fasting. 13. Caufeth him to be flaine who affirmed that he had killed king Saul. 18. He traineth vp archers, 19. and inuiteth alfo al Ifrael to mourne.*

**A**nd it came to paffe, after that Saul was dead, that Dauid returned from the slaughter of Amalec, and taryed in Siceleg two dayes. <sup>2</sup> And in the third day there appeared a man coming out of Sauls campe, his garments torne, and fprinkled on the head with duft, and as he came to Dauid, he fel vpon his face, and adored. <sup>3</sup> And Dauid faid vnto him: Whence comeft thou? Who faid to him: I fledde out of the campe of Ifrael. <sup>4</sup> And Dauid faid vnto him: What is the matter that is done? tel me. Who faid: The people is fled out of the battel, and many of the people are ouerthrowen and dead: yea Saul alfo and Ionathas his fonne are dead. <sup>5</sup> And Dauid faid to the yong man that told him: How knoweft thou that Saul is dead, and Ionathas his fonne? <sup>6</sup> And the young man that told him, fayd: <sup>a</sup>)By chance I came into mount Gelboe, and Saul leaned vpon his fpeare: moreouer the chariots and horfemen approched vnto him, <sup>7</sup> and turning backward, and feing me he called. To whom when I had anfwered, here I am: <sup>8</sup> he faid to me: Who art thou? And I faid to him: I am an Amalecite. <sup>9</sup> And he faid to me: Stand vpon me, and kil me: becaufe anguifhes hold me, and as yet al my life is in me. <sup>10</sup> And ftanding vpon him, I killed him: for I knewe that he could not liue after the fal: and I tooke the Diademe that was on his head, & the bracelette from his arme, and haue brought to thee my lord hither. <sup>11</sup> And Dauid taking his garments rent them, and al the men that were with him, <sup>12</sup> and they

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<sup>a</sup> He fained al this, thincking to get fauoure (for Saul killed himself, *li. 1. ch. 31.*) but Dauid punished him, as fuch a crime deferued. *v. 15.*

a)mourned, and wept, and fasted vntil euening vpon Saul and vpon Ionathas his fonne, and vpon the people of our Lord, and vpon the houfe of Ifrael, becaufe they were fallen by the fword. <sup>13</sup> And Daud faid to the yong man that had told him: Whence art thou? Who answered: I am the fonne of a man a ftranger of Amalec. <sup>14</sup> Daud faid to him: Why didft thou not feare to put to thy hand, to kil the annointed of our Lord? <sup>15</sup> And Daud calling one of his feruants, faid: Goe runne vpon him. Who ftroke him, and he died. <sup>16</sup> And Daud faid to him: Thy bloud be vpon thine owne head: for thyn owne mouth hath fpoken againft thee, faying: I haue flaine the annointed of our Lord. <sup>17</sup> And Daud mourned this kind of mourning vpon Saul, and vpon Ionathas his fonne, (<sup>18</sup> and he commanded that they fhould b)teach the children of Iuda the bowe, as it is written in the Booke of the iuft.) And he faid: Confider, ô Ifrael for them that be dead wounded vpon thy high places. <sup>19</sup> The Nobles, ô Ifrael, are flayne vpon thy mountaynes: how are the valiants fallen? <sup>20</sup> Tel it not in Geth, neither tel ye it in the high waies of Afcalon: left perhaps the daughters of the Philifthijms be gladde, left the daughters of the vncircumcised reioice. <sup>21</sup> Mountaines of Gelboe, let neither dew, nor rayne come vpon you, neither be they fields of the firft fruits: becaufe there was the fhield of the valiantes caft away, the fhield of Saul, as though he were not annointed with oyle. <sup>22</sup> From the bloud of the flaine, from the fatte of the valiants, the arrowe of Ionathas neuer returned backward, and the fword of Saul did not returne emptie. <sup>23</sup> Saul and Ionathas amiable, and comely in their life, in death alfo were not diuided: fwifter then eagles, ftronger then lyons. <sup>24</sup> Yee daughters of Ifrael weepe vpon Saul, who clothed you with fcarlet in delicaces, who gaue golden ornaments to your attyre. <sup>25</sup> How haue the valiantes falled in battel?

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<sup>a</sup> Exequies of Saul obserued with mourning weeping and fasting.

<sup>b</sup> The Philifthijms were ftrong & cunning archers, therefore Daud commanded that his fubiectes fhould lerne and exercife the fame maner of fight.

Ionathas has bene flayne in thy high places? <sup>26</sup> I am forie for thee my brother Ionathas exceeding beautiful, and amiable aboute the loue of wemen. As the mother loueth her onlie fonne, fo did I loue thee. <sup>27</sup> How haue the ftrong fallen, and the weapons of warre perished?