

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27**  
**New Revised Standard Version**

**David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan**

1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

<sup>17</sup> David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. <sup>18</sup> (He ordered that The Song of the Bow<sup>[a]</sup> be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

<sup>19</sup> Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

<sup>20</sup> Tell it not in Gath,  
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;  
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,  
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

<sup>21</sup> You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor bounteous fields!<sup>[b]</sup>

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

<sup>22</sup> From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

<sup>25</sup> How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

<sup>26</sup> I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
greatly beloved were you to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

<sup>27</sup> How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!