

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith





1 SAMUEL 31



The Death Of King Saul



THE BATTLE AT SHUNEM

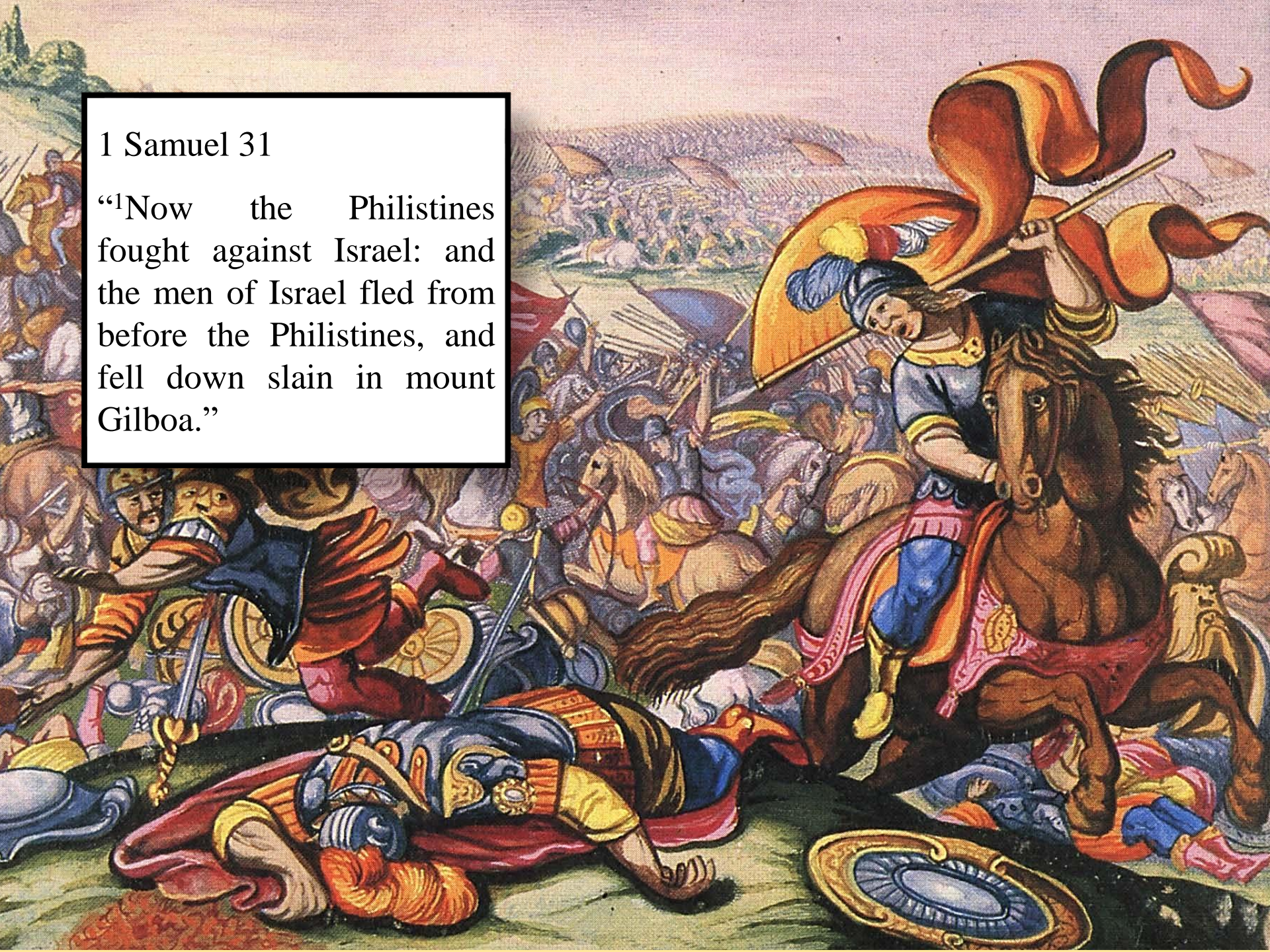
While David and his men were traveling to **Ziklag** and then destroying the **Amalekites** the battle began at **Shunem**.

King Saul was terrified. He had been rejected as King because of his disobedience, and he had even killed 85 priests at Nob. He sought advice from Samuel through the witch of Endor and was told exactly what he feared . . . he would lose the battle and die in it.



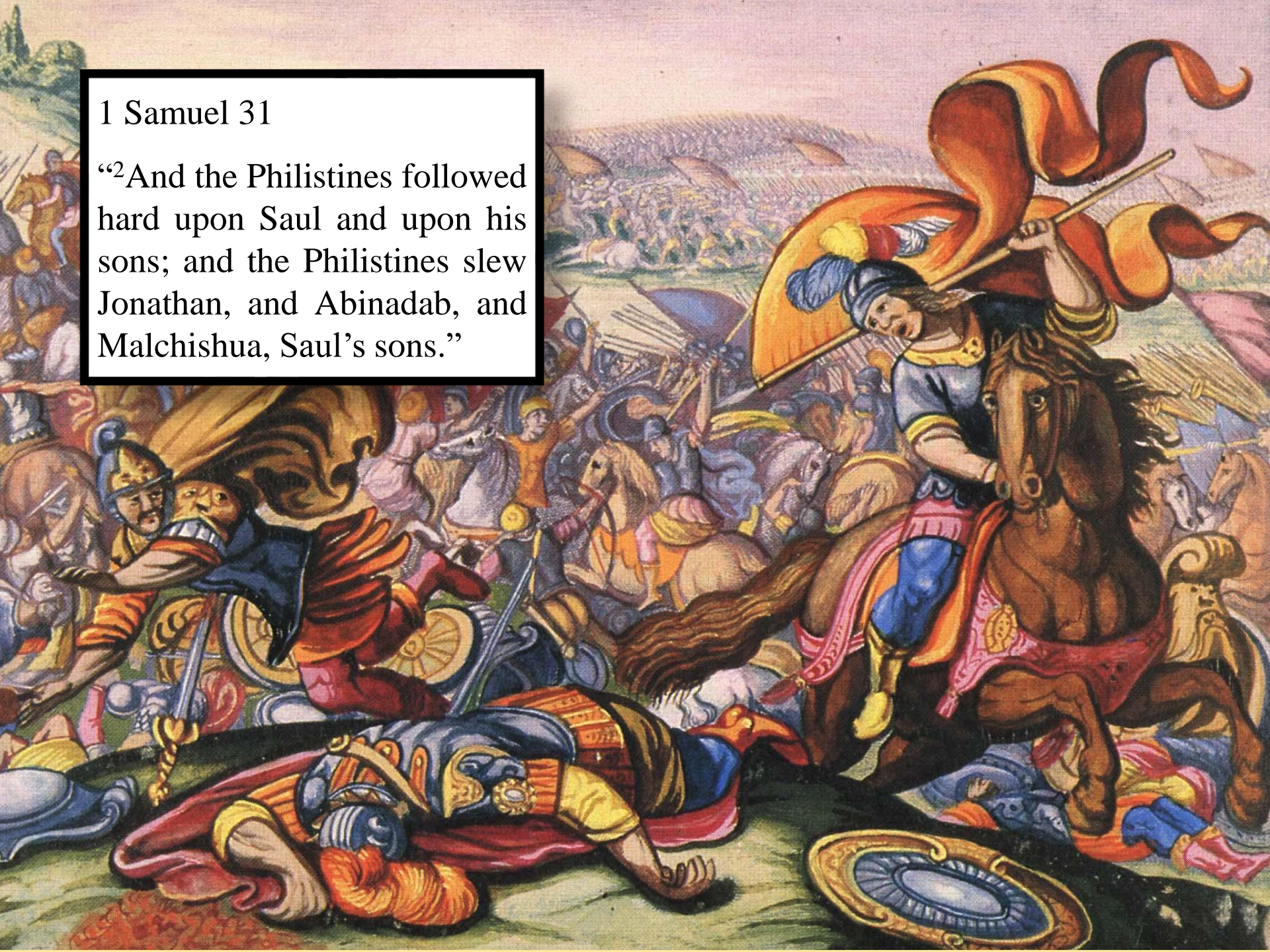
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“Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.”



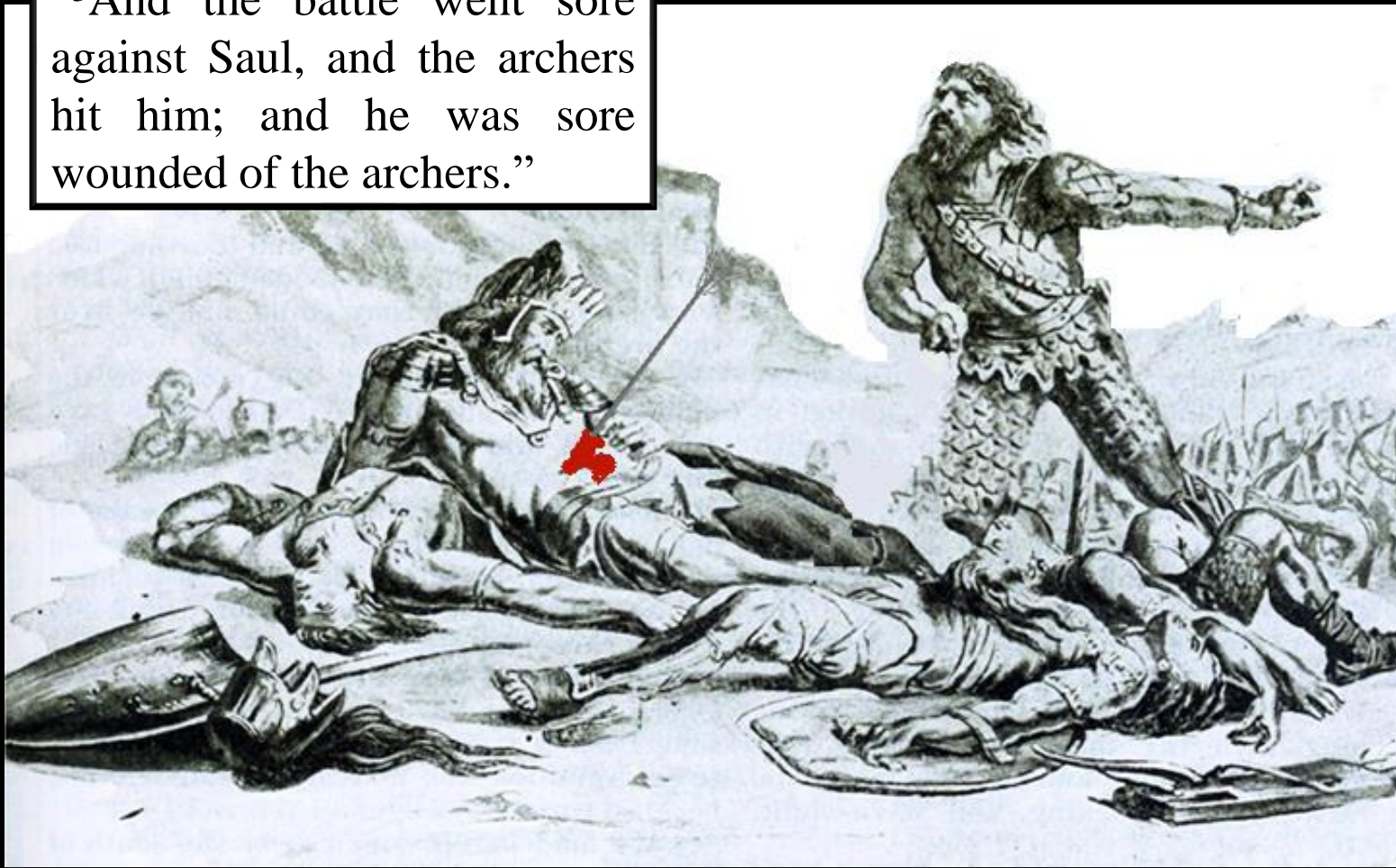
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“²And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul’s sons.”



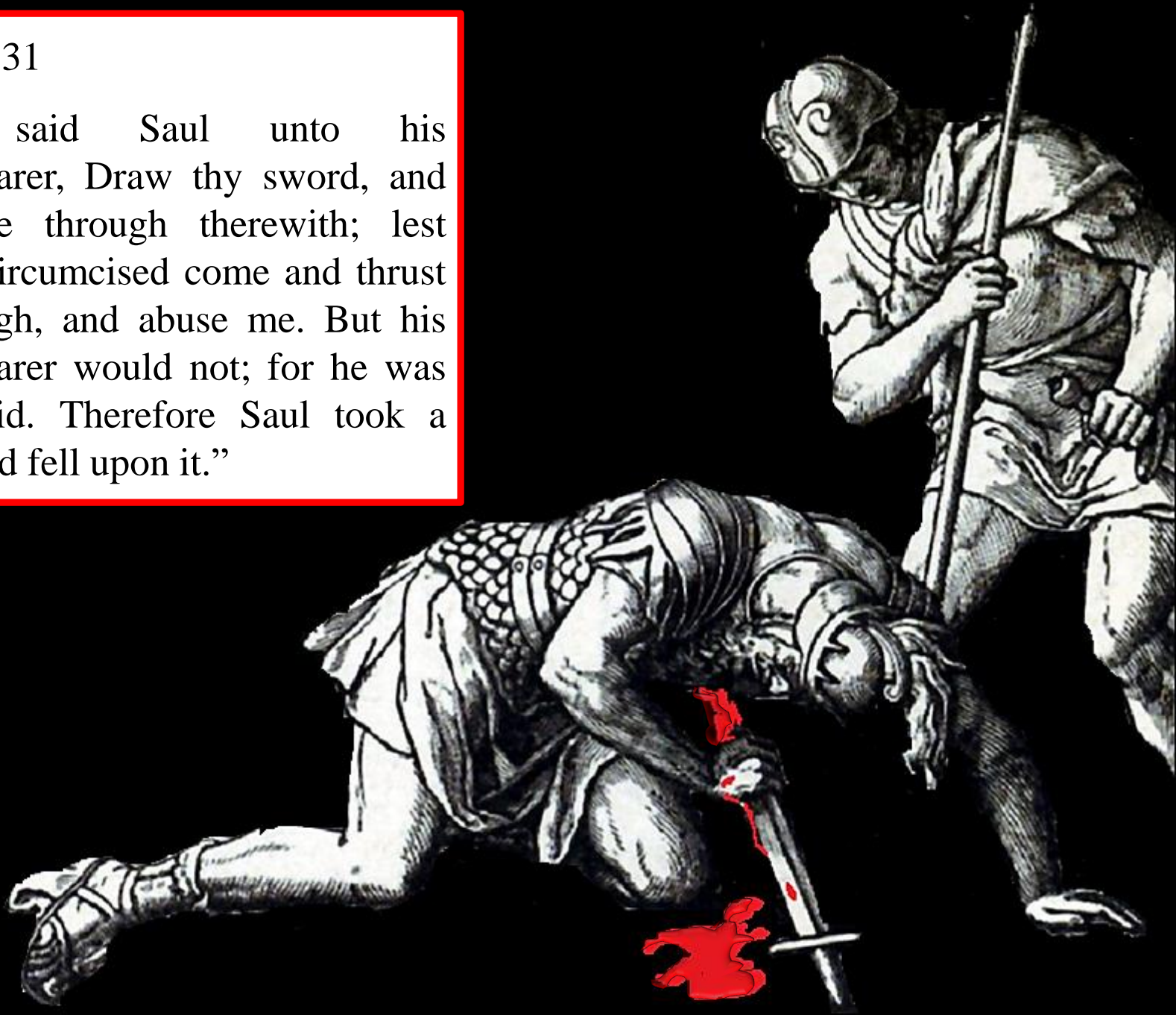
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“³And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.”



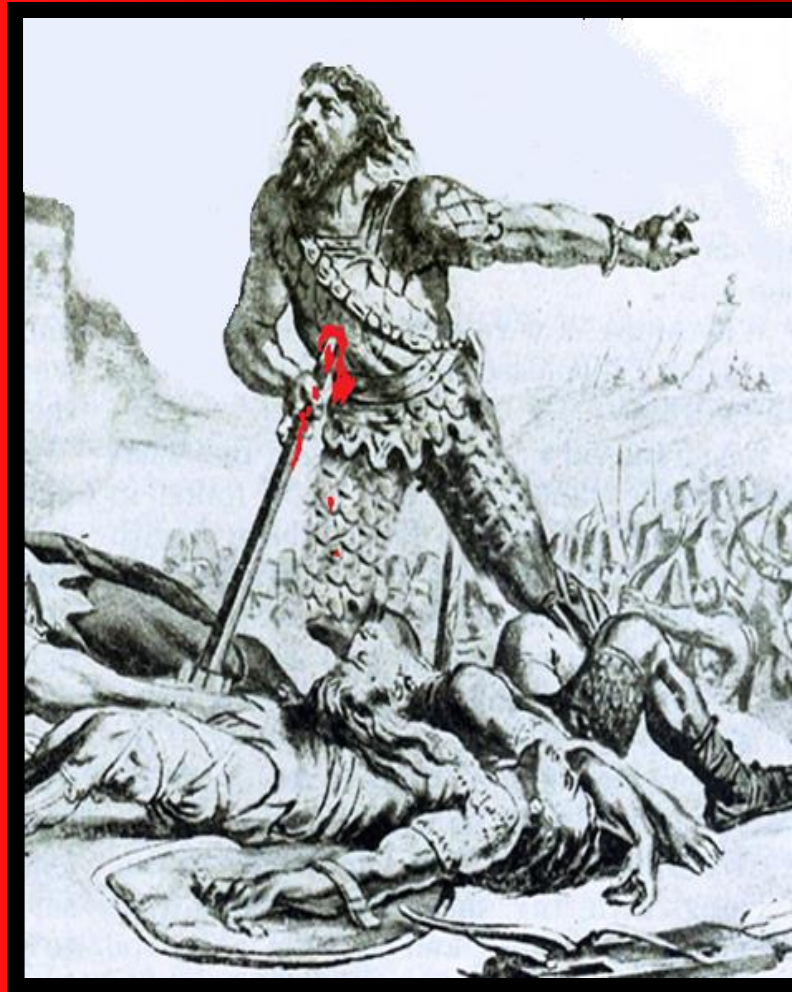
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“⁴Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell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



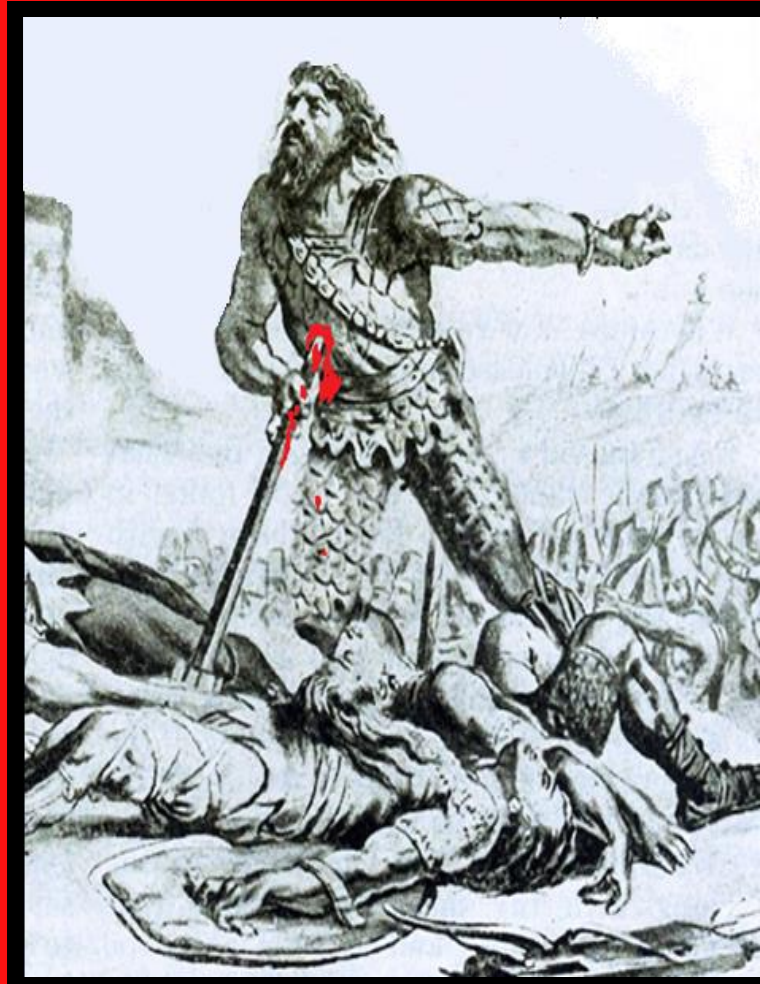
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“⁵And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. ⁶So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.”



Saul's armor bearer fell on his own sword also!

He had a foolish notion of what it meant to give honor. If he had not committed suicide he could have taken Saul's body and his sons bodies and buried them decently. Instead, the enemy came the next day and decapitated Saul's corpse.



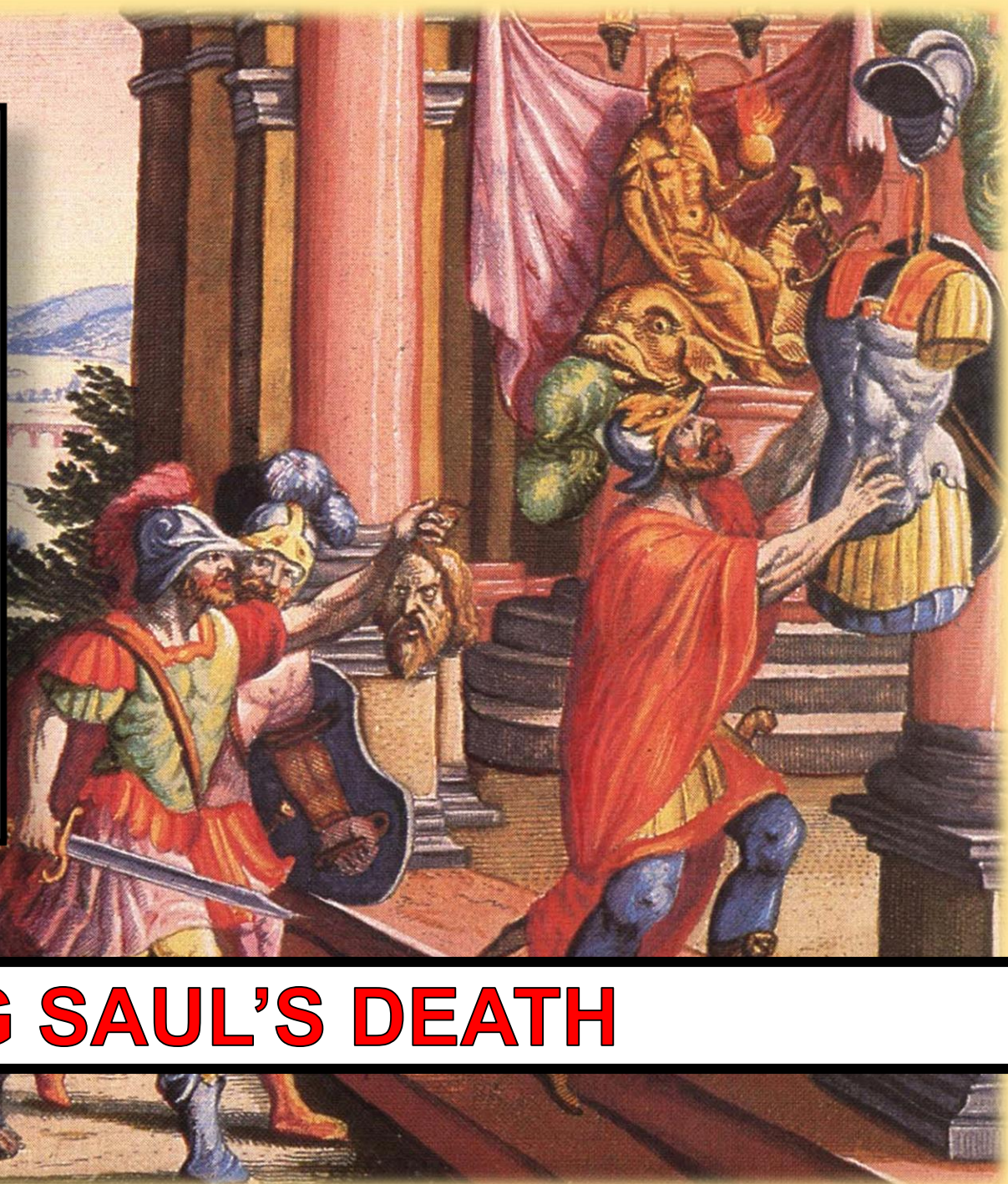
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“⁷And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. ⁸And 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.**”



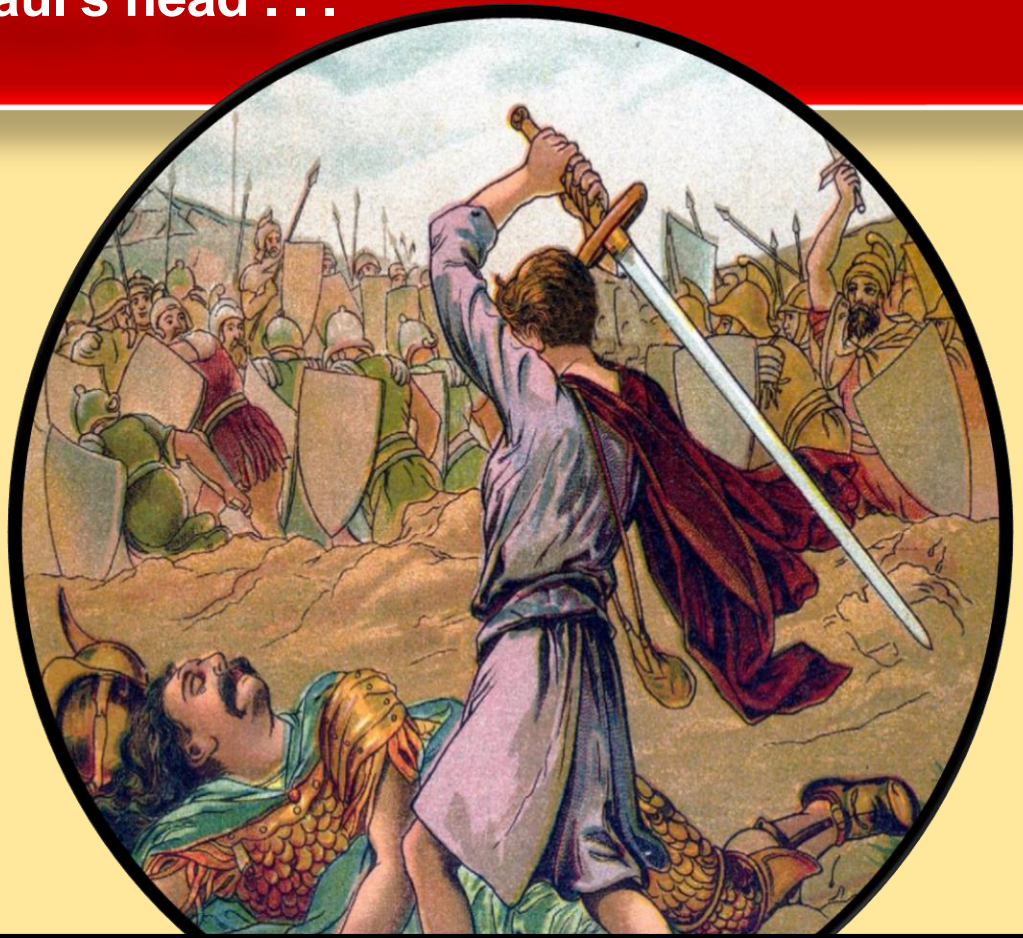
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“⁹And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. ¹⁰And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.”



KING SAUL'S DEATH

The Philistines cut off King Saul's head . . .



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. . . stripped him of his armor, sent it through out the land and then put it in the house of an idol.



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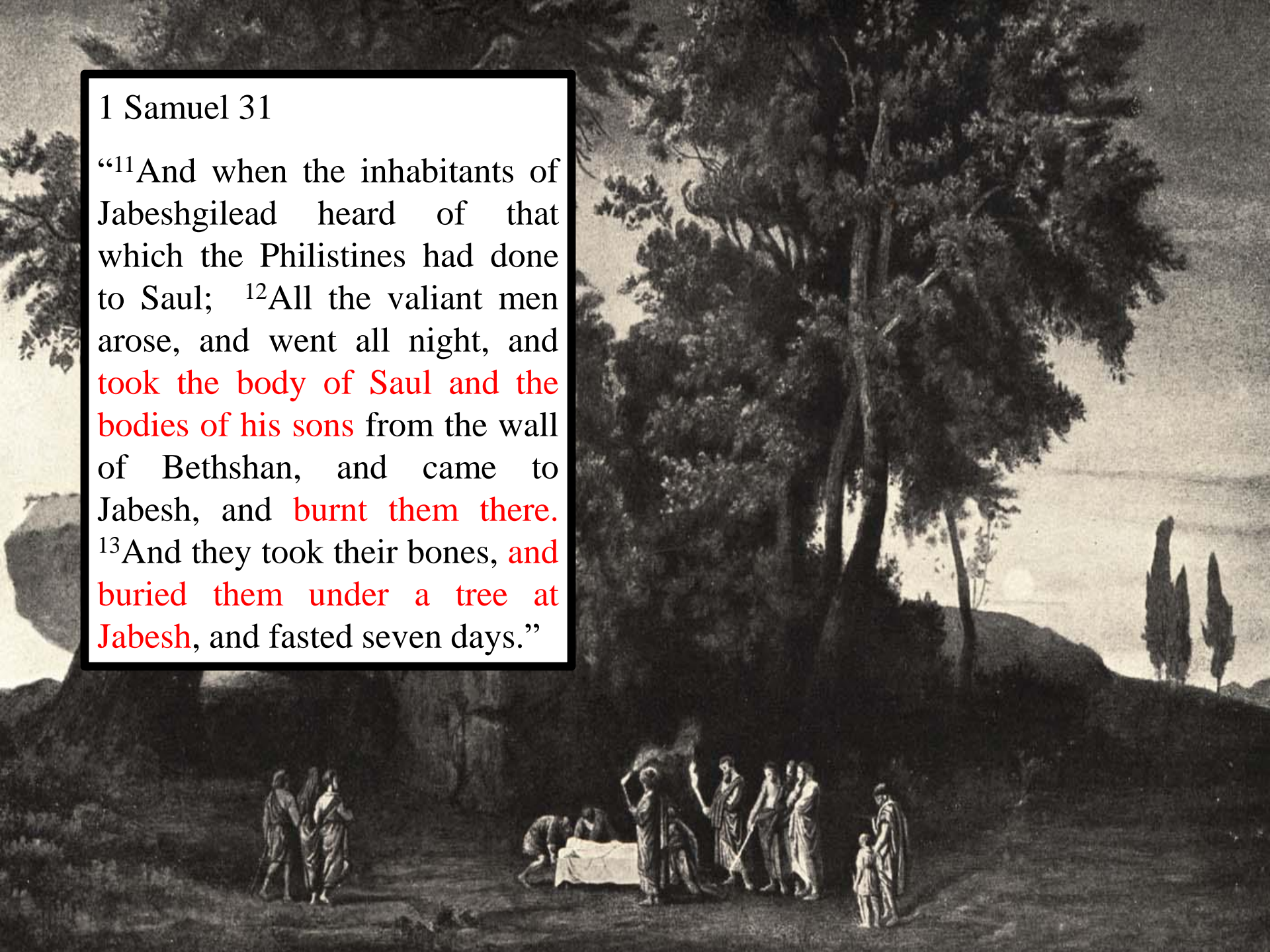
They hung his body
and that of his
three sons that
were also killed
to the wall of the
city of Bethshan.



KING SAUL'S DEATH

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“¹¹And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; ¹²All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and **took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons** from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and **burnt them there.** ¹³And they took their bones, **and buried them under a tree at Jabesh**, and fasted seven days.”





II SAMUEL 1

2 Samuel 1

“¹Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag. ²It came even to pass on the third day that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.”





2 Samuel 1

“³And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. ⁴And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered,

That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.”

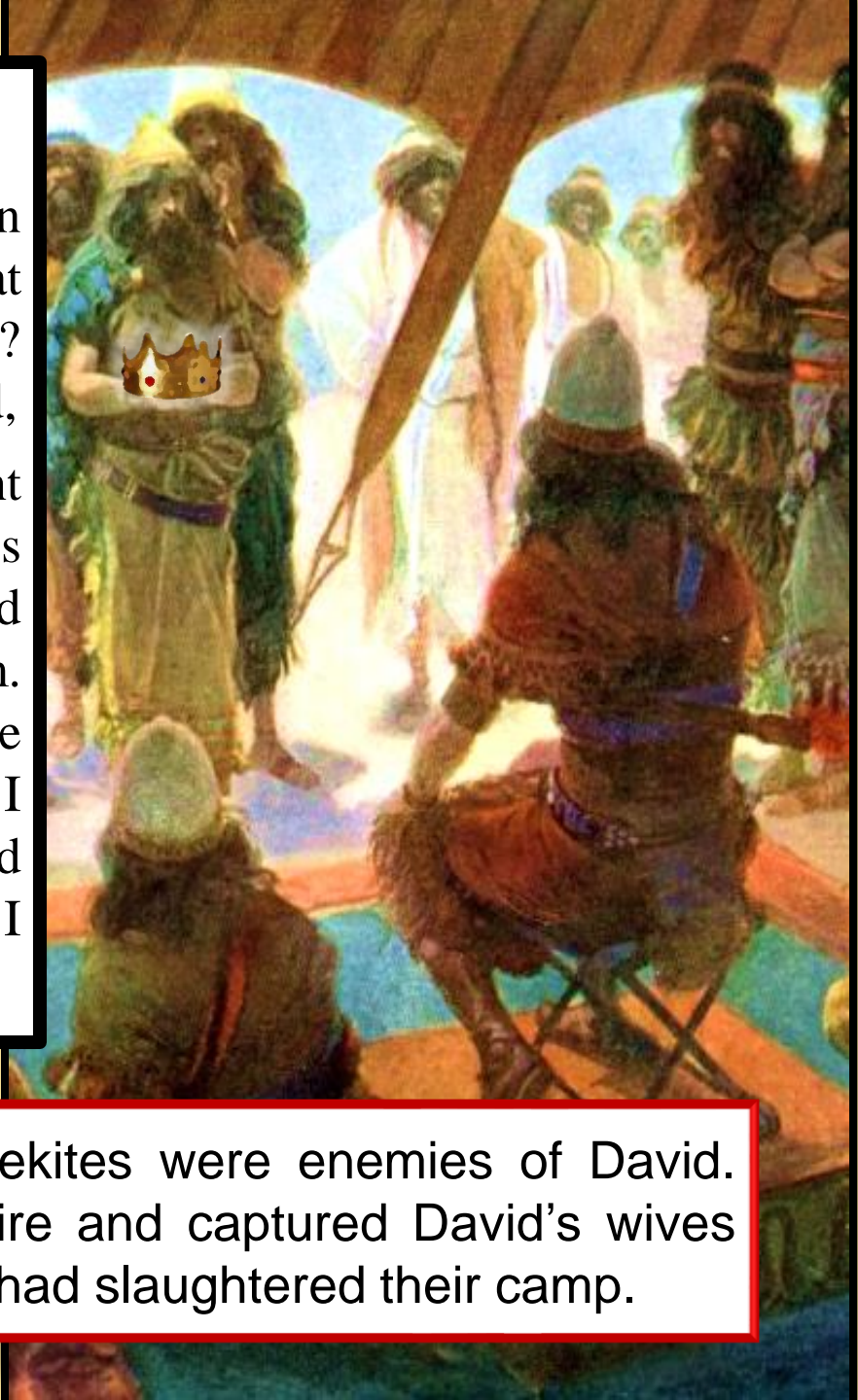
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⁵And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

⁶And the young man that told him said,

As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

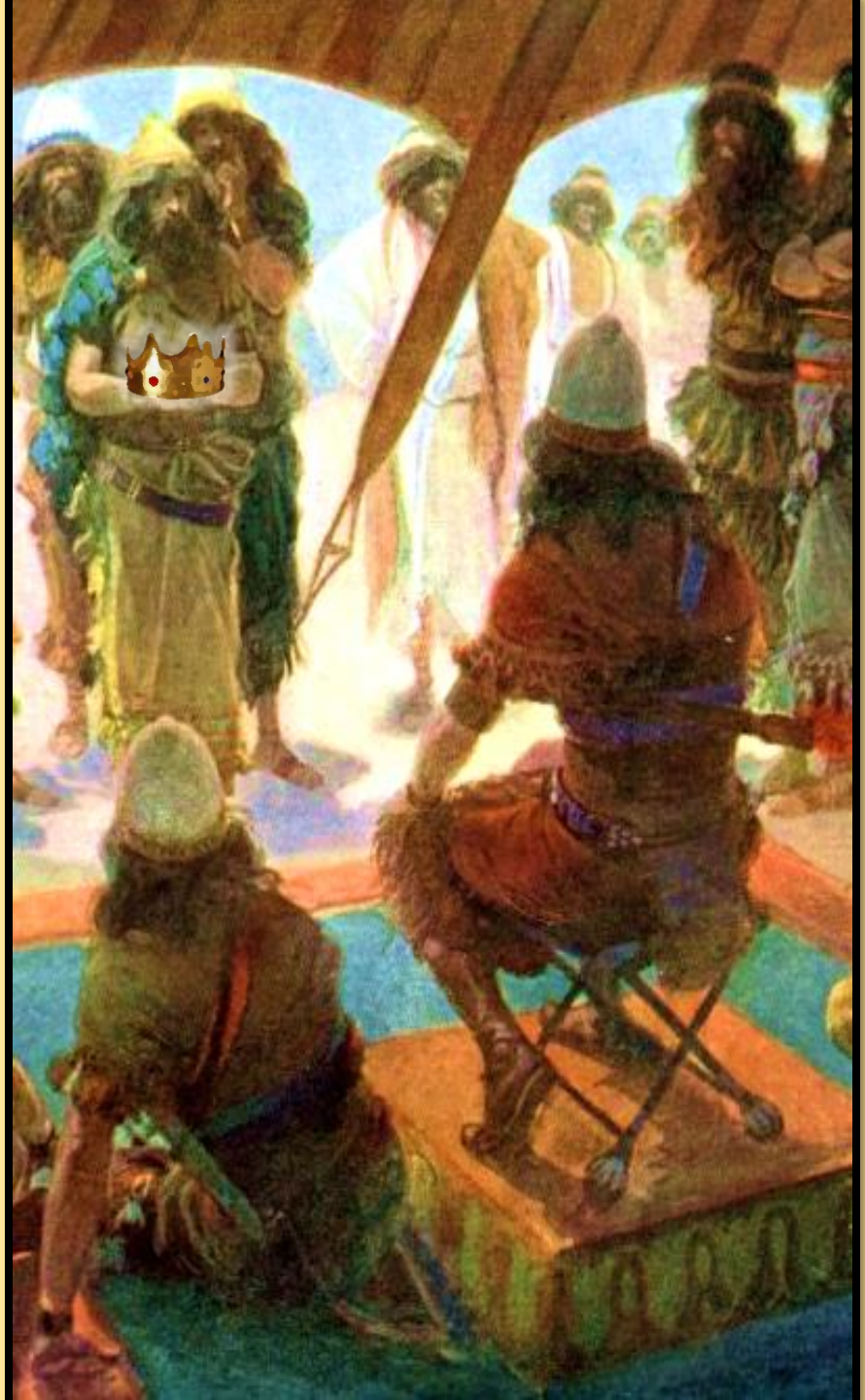
⁷And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. ⁸And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an **Amalekite**.



He was an Amalekite! The Amalekites were enemies of David. They had destroyed Ziklag with fire and captured David's wives and the families of his men. David had slaughtered their camp.

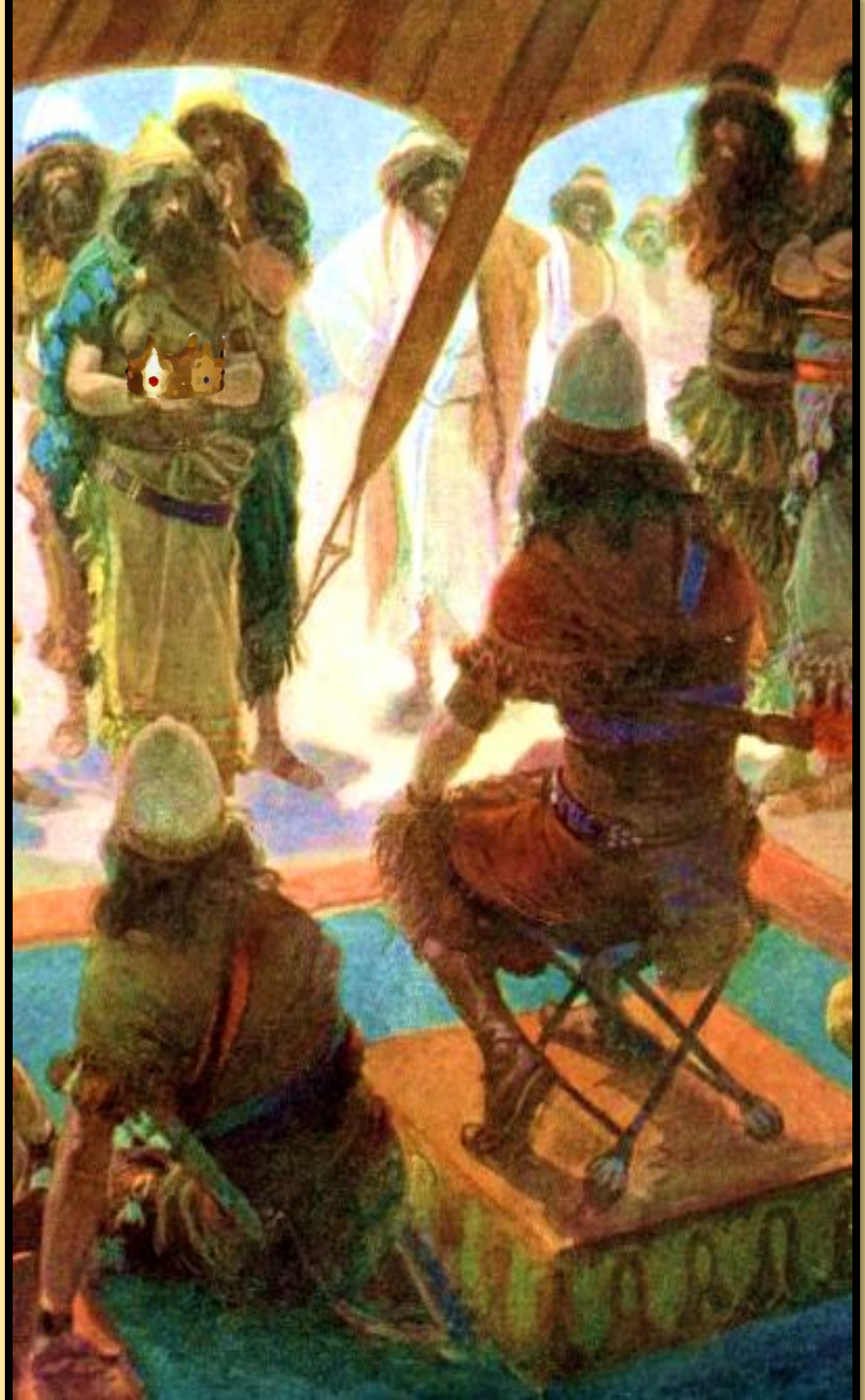
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“⁹He said unto me again, **Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me:** for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. ¹⁰**So I stood upon him, and slew him,** because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and **I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.**”



2 Samuel 1

“¹¹Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:
¹²And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.”



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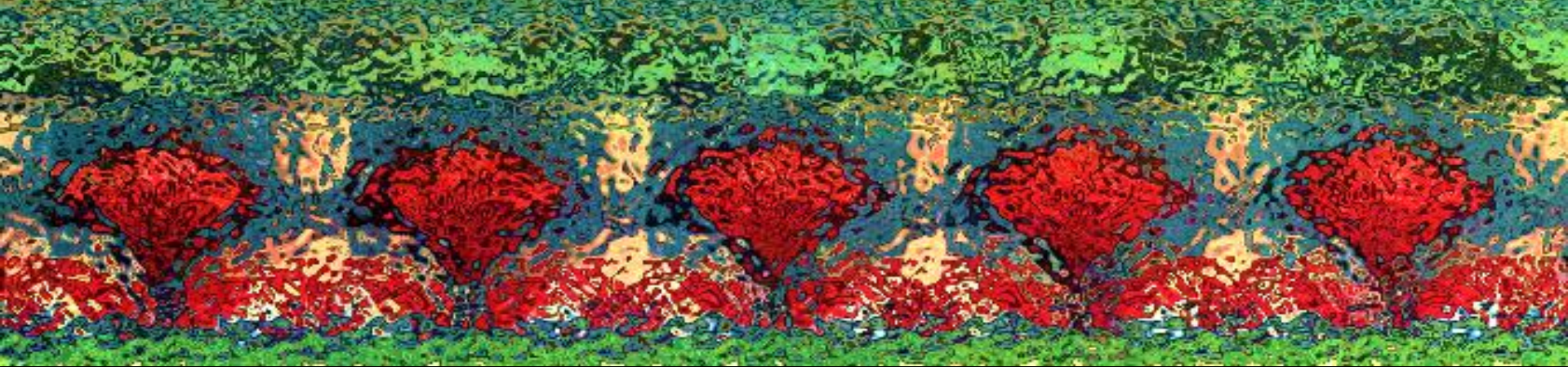
“¹³And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. ¹⁴And David said unto him, **How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD’S anointed?”**”



2 Samuel 1

“¹⁵And David called one of the young men, and said, **Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.** ¹⁶And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD’S anointed. ¹⁷And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son.”





THE END

