

I SAMUEL 31; April 15; King Saul Commits Suicide

ANALYSIS:

1. Which sons of Saul were slain in battle by the Philistines at Mount Gilboa? _____, _____, _____
2. Saul was badly wounded by what weapon? _____
3. After Saul was wounded and was afraid of being captured by the Philistines, what did he ask his armourbearer to do? _____
4. When his armourbearer did not obey, what did Saul do?

5. What did the Philistines do with the bodies of Saul and his sons?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Someone may ask, "Why did a good man like Jonathan have to die in the same battle as his profane father, Saul?" Remember Exodus 20:5b-6 "For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Let every father determine to obey and serve the LORD in Godly integrity. Let all who are not fathers purpose to love and obey the LORD with singleness of heart also.

War costs the lives of God-fearing as well as ungodly soldiers. Jonathan died as a loyal member of King Saul's army serving his nation Israel in battle against the Philistines.

HELP:

1. Jonathan, Abinadab, Melchishua (v 2).
2. Arrows (v 3).
3. To kill him by thrusting him through with his sword (v 4).
4. Saul took a sword and fell upon it, committing suicide (v 4).
5. They fastened the bodies to the wall of Beth-shan (v 10).