2 Samuel 1

David's Lament

1. **1:1-4 – The Report of Saul's Death**
    a. 1 Samuel ended with Saul's death. 2 Samuel 1:1 begins by tying it all together.
        i. (29) David sent away by Philistines, while they fight Israel.
        ii. (30) David slaughters the Amalekites and restores Ziklag.
        iii. (31) Meanwhile, the house of Saul dies in the battle with the Philistines.
    b. 1:2 – *"on the third day... a man .... from Saul"* - It took 3 days to travel to Ziklag.
    c. 1:3-4 – The man reports bad news of Israel's defeat, many dead, including Saul.
        i. Those following Saul died, those following David in the wilderness lived.

2. **1:5-10 – Saul and the Amalekite**
    a. 5 - *"How went the matter?"* - David removed from the battle to save Ziklag.
    b. 5-6 – The young man tells a somewhat incredible story.
        i. *"by chance"* – Why was among those slain in Israel and not killed himself?
        ii. *"leaned upon his spear"* - 31:4-5 said he fell on his sword and died.
        iii. *"he called unto me"* – where is his armorbearer in this account?
    c. 8 - *"I am an Amalekite"* – The nemesis of Israel/Saul/David – 1 Sam 15:18-19, 26-28
    d. 9 - Why would Saul fear the uncircumcised, but beseech an Amalekite?
        i. If this is not a lie, then it's poetic justice against Saul for his transgression.
    e. 10 - Amalekite caused Saul to lose his throne, now an Amalekite takes his crown.

3. **1:11-16 – David Avenges Saul**
    a. Why would he confess to this? (2) obeisance (3) camp of Israel (10) my lord
    b. The man thinks by killing Saul, bringing his crown, he would be rewarded.
    c. Since Saul was enemy to David, nations think David would glory in his death, but...
    d. 11-12 – David and his men mourned and wept til evening:
    e. *"for Saul"* as anointed, *"for Jonathan"* as friend to David, *"for Israel"* as God's people.
    f. 13 - *"I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite"* – did he weep for Israel, Jonathan, Saul?
    g. 14 - *"how wast thou not afraid"* - An opportunist, with no fear of God or his people.
    h. *"LORD's anointed"* = Christ, Messiah, a question that could be asked of Romans, too.
    i. He just returned from slaughtering Amalekites, and now this one takes Saul - 30:17
    j. 15-16 - *"thy blood be upon thy head"* – David's swear about killing Saul - 1 Sam 26:8-11
    k. Those who curse Israel (even fallen kings) are not getting a blessing acc to Gen 12:3
    l. (Our blessings come not from Israel, but Christ alone – Eph 1:3, Rom 4:6, Gal 3:9)

4. **1:17-27 – David's Lament**
    a. 17 - A lamentation is an expression of sorrow, grief, mourning. The Bible has many.
        i. Like in the day of the Lord's punishment Israel will mourn - Isa 1:25-26
    b. 18 - *"the book of Jasher"* – A book lost to history, but that also contained Josh 10:13
        i. The 'books of Jasher' today are frauds but accepted by Mormons & heretics.
        ii. Jasher means "upright" or "righteous", thus a book of the righteous ones.
        iii. The same bow was used by Jonathan to keep covenant with David - 20:36-39

c. 19 – *"beauty of Israel"* – The king, anointed, glory, throne, 1 Sam 9:2 "choice", 2:4
d. 20 – It is a shame for enemies of the Lord to triumph - Israel's shame is the Lord's.
e. Saul died, not by strength of their enemies, but by his own sin against God.
f. 21 – A curse on Gilboa because of the death of Saul. (Not mentioned again.)
g. 22 – Remember Jonathan and Saul's brave victories - 1 Sam 11:6,11, 13:22, 14:6, 15
h. 23 – *"lovely and pleasant"* – David doesn't hold grudge upon Saul for his jealousy.
i. 24 – *"scarlet...gold"* – The king brought wealth/spoils to Israel.
j. 25-26 - *"distressed...my brother Jonathan"* – Grief an expression of love for Jonathan.
k. *"the love of women"*- Women (mother/wife) love best, but this brothers love excelled.
l. Greater love hath no man than this... John 15:13-14 (but also Rom 5:8)
m. 27 – *"the mighty fallen... weapons of war"* - The king of Israel seen as a weapon of God.
    i. Also, the Anointed and the Love that exceeds the love of man/woman.

Books Mentioned in the Bible

1. *Other inspired books:*
    a. Book of the covenant, book of Samuel - Exo 24:7, 1 Chron 29:29
    b. Jeremiah – Dan 9:2, Ezra 1:1, Matt 2:17 -- Psalms – Acts 1:20
    c. Paul's epistles – 2 Pet 3:16
    d. Law, prophets, psalms – Luke 24:44
2. *Historical/prophetic books not in the Bible:*
    a. Book of the wars of the LORD – Num 21:14
    b. Book of Jasher – Joshua 10:13, 2 Sam 1:18
    c. Book of the Acts of Solomon - 1 Kings 11:41 (likely, Chronicles)
    d. Chronicles of King David – 1 Chron 27:24
    e. Book of Nathan the prophet, Ahijah, Iddo – 2 Chron 9:29 (perhaps Kings)
    f. Book of Shemaiah the Prophet and Iddo – 2 Chron 12:15
    g. Book of Jehu – 2 Chron 20:34
    h. Acts of Uzziah - 2 Chron 26:22 (perhaps some of Isaiah)
    i. Acts of the Kings of Israel – Acts and Prayers of Manasseh – 2 Chron 33:18
    j. Sayings of the Seers – 2 Chron 33:19
    k. Solomon's 1005 Songs and 3000 Proverbs – 1 Kings 4:32
    l. Prophesy of Enoch – Jude 14
    m. Greek poets (Aratus) – Acts 17:28 – Epimenides (poet of Crete) Titus 1:12
    n. Book of the Purchase – Jer 32:12 that witnessed the transaction.
    o. Book of the Records – Ezra 4:15
    p. Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia – Esther 2:23, 10:2
3. *Books in heaven not in the Bible:*
    a. Book of the Living – Ps 69:28
    b. Book of Life – Phi 4:3, Rev 20:12
    c. Books of our works and words – Rev 20:12
4. *Other epistles not in the Bible:*
    a. Third Epistle to the Corinthians – 1 Cor 5:9
    b. Epistle from Corinth to Paul – 1 Cor 7:1
    c. Epistle from Laodicea – Col 4:16