



Reading: 2 Samuel 1: 1 - 12

Introduction

- 1 Samuel closes with Saul's death at Mount Gilboa.
- He died as David in [1 Samuel 26:10] had foretold.
- 2 Samuel opens with reference to Saul's death but the scene is 120 miles away at Ziklag.
- David had been involved in a battle with the Amalekites and now an Amalekite brings David the news of Saul's death.

1 Who Were The Amalekites?

- They are referenced 51 times.
- Abraham and Sarah had Isaac who married Rebekah and she was carrying twins. [Genesis 25:22].
- They represented 2 nations and they struggled in her womb.
- The older was Esau and the younger Jacob/Israel.
- Jehovah announced his love for Jacob but He hated Esau. [Malachi 1:2/3 & Romans 9:13].
- [Genesis 36:10] tells us Amalek was a grandson of Esau.

- The Amalekites were the first people to attack Israel after they left Egypt. [Exodus 17:8].
- God declared perpetual war against Amalek for this.
- Saul was told to destroy them. [1 Samuel 15] but disobeyed.
- A descendant of their king was Haman who was planning genocide of Jews in Esther's time.
- Amalek is a picture of our '**old nature**.' We've got to kill it.

2 The Third Day

- There is a recurring theme/motif in Bible of '**the third day**'
- [Genesis 22:14], [Exodus 19:11], [2 Kings 20:5/8], [Esther 5:1], [Hosea 6:2], [Acts 9:9], [Jonah 1:17].
- Jesus rose from the dead on '**the third day**'
- The third day speaks of deliverance, rescue, victory, good news, restoration.
- Do you need '**a third day?**'

3 The Lost Crown

- [1:10] Saul was the king who lost his crown.
- In the NT there are crowns reserved for believers.
- Consider [1 Corinthians 9:24/25], [2 Timothy 4:8], [1 Peter 5:4].
- They are rewards for service and faithfulness.
- **Beware:** Jesus warns in [Revelation 3:11] that they can be lost, just as Saul lost his.
- Whatever you do don't let someone take your crown.
- Don't forfeit your coronation.

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