

# A Grave Miscalculation

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2 Samuel 1:1; 7:1-17

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## **Picking Up the Narrative**

- Our text begins ominously *after the death of Saul!*
- David is clueless about Saul's fate or the fate of Israel
- David has just experienced a great victory over<sup>15:30:17</sup> Amalekites
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day this young man comes... with news.

## **Where do you come from?**<sup>3</sup>

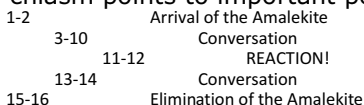
- young man comes in mourning, pays homage to David<sup>2</sup>
- says he has 'escaped' from the camp of Israel

## **How did it go?**<sup>4</sup>

- early on things aren't 'quite right'... escape? Why make long trip?
- battle was bad: people fled and fallen... Saul & Jonathan dead

## **How do you know?**<sup>5</sup>

- 3x *the young man who told him*<sup>5,6,13</sup> {implying not fully truthful?}
- David: *odd that you were there and now here...*
- young man: *by chance I happened to be on Mt. Gilboa*<sup>6</sup>...
- young man tells an embellished story<sup>6-10</sup> hoping to please David
- David's reaction is intense and grief-filled
- Hebrew chiasm points to important point of narrative:



- David's reaction is important – story stops while they mourn<sup>11-12</sup>
- Young man was likely expecting reward & everyone grieved
- Godly grief over God's judgment & those fallen by sword
- Let us never be arrogant<sup>Lk18:11</sup> – we deserve judgment
- Let us be Kingdom minded<sup>Phil2:5-7</sup>
- Knowing will of God didn't turn grief into joy, but not overwhelmed
- David saw through 'lies' or 'embellishments' of sneaky sojourner

## **Where do you come from?**<sup>13</sup>

- Repeat ? But previously about 'location', now about 'person'
- a sojourner<sup>ProtectedEx22:21</sup>, son of an Amalekite<sup>enemy of God</sup>
- as sojourner should have known Israel's laws & truths

## **How is it you were not afraid?**<sup>14</sup>

- young man finally figures out he miscalculated things!
- likely he had just stumbled across Saul when looting bodies
- perhaps decided to 'write himself into the story' seeking gain
- Didn't understand David's high view of God's anointed<sup>15:24:10;26:23</sup>
- sojourner man had wrongly observed God's truths
- David as righteous judge had man executed by his own words<sup>15-16</sup>

## **So What?**

- As kingdom people let us not play fast and loose with personal righteousness - like David remember Christ alone is Savior & King!
- This was written for our instruction<sup>Rm15:4</sup>
- Young man was among God's people as sojourner - don't be like him and miss importance of Lord's Anointed: Christ
- David foreshadows Christ<sup>Mk6:34</sup> - grieved over defeat & loss of God's people, concerned for God's glory
- David had more than compassion, he has strength & power to be the king. Jesus has power to rescue God's people... let us be His ambassadors & proclaim that truth<sup>2Cor5:17-6:2</sup>