

Leap Over a Wall!
The Life of David
“By My God, I can leap over a wall!”
--David (2 Sam. 22:30)
November 15, 2009

Grief

David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan

¹⁷ David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸
and ordered that the men of Judah be taught this lament:

- ¹⁹ "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights.
How the mighty have fallen!
- ²⁰ "Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.
- ²¹ "O mountains of Gilboa,
may you have neither dew nor rain,
nor fields that yield offerings of grain .
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.
- ²² From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.
- ²³ "Saul and Jonathan— in life they were loved and gracious,
and in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- ²⁴ "O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.
- ²⁵ "How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
- ²⁶ I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.
- ²⁷ "How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!"