الفِلِسْطِينِيَّونَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، فَهَرَبَ رِجَالُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْفِلِسْ طِينِيِّينَ وَسَـقَطُوا قَتْلَى فِـي جَبَـل ـدَّ الْفلسْـطينيُّونَ وَرَاءَ شَـاوُلَ وَوَرَاءَ بَنِيـهِ، وَضَرَبَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ يُونَاثَانَ وَأَبِينَادَابَ وَمَلْكِيشُوعَ أَبْنَاءَ شَاوُلَ. وَاشْتَدَّت الْحَرْبُ عَلَى شَاوُلَ فَأَصَاتُهُ رُمَاةُ الْقِسِيِّ، فَانْجَرَحَ مِنَ الرُّمَاةِ. ۖفَقَالَ شَاوُلُ لِحَامِلِ سلاَحِه، اسْتَلَّ سَيْفَكَ وَاطْعَنِّي بِهِ لِئَلاَّ يَأْتِيَ هَؤُلاَءِ الْغُلْفُ وَتُقَتِّحُونِي. فَلَمْ يَشَأَ حَامِلُ سَلاَحِه لأَنَّهُ خَاْفَ حِدّاً. فَأَخَذَ شَاوُلُ السَّيْفَ وَسَقَطَ عَلَيْه. ۚ فَلَمَّا رَأَى حَامِلُ سِلاَحِه أَنَّهُ قَـدْ مَـاتَ شَـاوُلُ، سَـقَطَ هُـوَ أَنْضاً عَلَـي السَّـنْف وَمَاتَ. ۚ فَمَاتَ شَاوُلُ وَنَبُوهُ الثَّلاَنَةُ وَكُلُّ سَته، مَاثُوا مَعاً. ۗ وَلَمَّا رَأَى جَمِيعُ رِجَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ فِي الْوَادِي أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ هَرَبُوا، وَأَنَّ شَاوُلَ وَيَنِيهِ قَدْ مَاتُوا، تَرَكُوا مُدُنَهُمْ وَهَرَبُوا، فَأَتَى الْفلسْطينيُّونَ وَسَكَنُوا بِهَا. ْوَفَى الْغَد لَمَّا جَاءَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ لِيُعَرُّوا الْقَتْلَى وَجَدُوا شَاوُلَ وَبَنِيهِ سَـاقطينَ فـي حَيَـل حِليُـوعَ، فَعَـرَّوْهُ وَأَخَـذُوا رَأْسَـهُ لأُجْل تَبْشير أَصْنَامِهِمْ وَالِشَّعْبِ.10وَوَصَعُوا سِلاَحَهُ فِي َىْتِ الْهَتِهِمْ، وَسَمَّرُوا رَأْسَهُ فِي نَبْتِ دَاحُونَ. [!] وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ كُلُّ يَابِيشِ جِلْعَارَ بِكُلِّ مَا فَعَلَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ بِشَاوُلَ، 12 قَامَ كُلِّ ذِي بَأْسِ وَأَخَذُوا جُثِّةً شَاوُلَ وَجُثَثَ بَنيه وَحَاءُوا بِهَا إِلَى بَاسِشَ، وَدَفَنُوا عِظَامَهُمْ تَحْتَ الْبُطْمَة فِي يَابِيشَ، وَصَامُوا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ.13فَمَاتَ شَاوُلُ بِخِيَانَتِهِ الَّتِي بِهَا خَانَ الرَّبَّ مِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامً الرَّبِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يَحْفَظْهُ. وَأَيْضاً لأَجْل طَلَبِهِ إِلَى الْجَانِّ لِلسُّؤَالِ¹⁴وَلَمْ يَسْأَلْ مِنَ الرَّبِّ، فَأَمَاتَهُ وَحَوَّلَ الْمَمْلَكَةَ إِلَى دَاَّوُدَ بْنِ

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. 4Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not: for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together. And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. ¹⁰ And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. 11 And when all Jabeshgilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul. They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh,

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and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.