

## Death of “sons” in the monarchy narrative: some examples

1 Samuel 31.8	The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found <b>Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.</b>
2 Samuel 2.18	The <b>three sons of Zeruiah</b> were there, Joab, Abishai, and <b>Asahel</b> .
2 Samuel 2.23	But he refused to turn away. <b>So Abner struck [Asahel] in the stomach</b> with the butt of his spear, so that the spear came out at his back. <b>He fell there, and died where he lay.</b> And all those who came to the place where Asahel had fallen and died, stood still.
2 Samuel 13.28-29	Then Absalom commanded his servants, "Watch when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, ' <b>Strike Amnon,</b> ' then <b>kill him.</b> Do not be afraid; have I not myself commanded you? Be courageous and valiant." <b>So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded.</b>
2 Samuel 21.8-9	The king took <b>the two sons of Rizpah daughter of Aiah</b> , whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; <b>and the five sons of Merab daughter of Saul</b> , whom she bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholahite; he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they <b>impaled them on the mountain before YHWH.</b> The seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.
2 Samuel 18.15	And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded <b>Absalom</b> and <b>struck him, and killed him.</b>
2 Samuel 19.4	The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, " <b>O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!</b> "
1 Kings 2.24-25	"Now therefore as YHWH lives, who has established me and placed me on the throne of my father David, and who has made me a house as he promised, today <b>Adonijah</b> shall be put to death." <b>So King Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he struck him down, and he died.</b>
2 Kings 10.7	When the letter reached them, <b>they took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons;</b> they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel.
2 Kings 25.7	<b>They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes,</b> then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon.