

Clothing symbolism in the Saul-David story

14.3	Ahijah son of Ahitub , Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas son of Eli, the priest of YHWH in Shiloh, carrying an ephod .
15.27-28	As Samuel turned to go away, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. And Samuel said to him, "YHWH has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this very day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.
17.38-39	Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.
18.4	Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.
19.13-14	Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed; she put a net of goats' hair on its head, and covered it with the clothes. When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."
19.24	[Saul] too stripped off his clothes, and he too fell into a frenzy before Samuel. He lay naked all that day and all that night. Therefore it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"
22.18	Doeg the Edomite turned and attacked the priests; on that day he killed eighty-five who wore the linen ephod.
23.6	When Abiathar son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, he came down with an ephod in his hand.
24.4	Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak.
28.8	So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him.
28.14	He said to her, "What is his appearance?" She said, " An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe. " So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.
31.8-9	The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. They cut off his head, stripped off his armor, and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines to carry the good news to the houses of their idols and to the people.
2 Samuel 1.11	[In response to the messenger's report of Saul's death]: Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them; and all the men who were with him did the same.
2 Samuel 1.24	[David singing the praises of Saul and Jonathan]: "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. "