

1 SAMUEL 4.12-17

A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head. When he arrived, Eli was sitting upon his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, "What is this uproar?" Then the man came quickly and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. The man said to Eli, "**I have just come from the battle; I fled from the battle today.**" He said, "**What is the word, my son?**" The messenger replied, "**Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great slaughter among the people; your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead,** and the ark of God has been captured."

2 SAMUEL 1.1-4

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. On the third day, **a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head.** When he came to David, he fell to the ground and did obeisance. David said to him, "Where have you come from?" He said to him, "**I have escaped from the camp of Israel.**" David said to him, "**What is the word? Tell me!**" He answered, "**The people fled from the battle, but also many of the people fell and died; and Saul and his son Jonathan also died.**"