

# 17 July

2 Samuel 1, Jeremiah 7, Matthew 18



## **How are the mighty fallen**

David and those with him mourned until evening for Saul and Jonathan, the people of Yahweh, “and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword” (2Sa 1:12). David said, “I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!” (2Sa 1:26-27).

Yahweh said “I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not” (Jer 7:13) “Therefore pray not thou for this people.., neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee. (Jer 7:16). “they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them” (Jer 7:24-25). But the mighty had fallen, “truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth” (Jer 7:28).

Yeshua said, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Mat 18:3). To not be mighty, but childlike, and like those “little ones” that believe in Yeshua, “Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish” 18:14). And so we are to treat others well as what we do on earth shall be 'bound in heaven'. Peter asked “how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?”. Jesus said, “Until seventy times seven” (18:21-22). The servant given mercy regarding his debt to the king, when he did not then also extend mercy to his fellow servant, is required to pay his full debt. So a 'mighty' servant may fall.