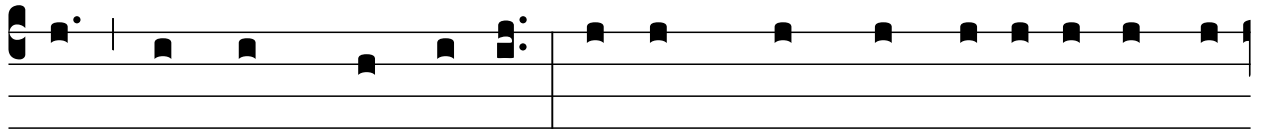
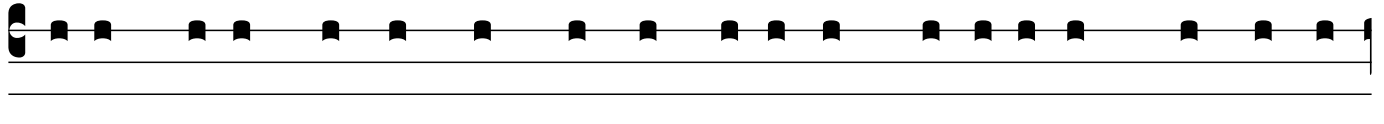


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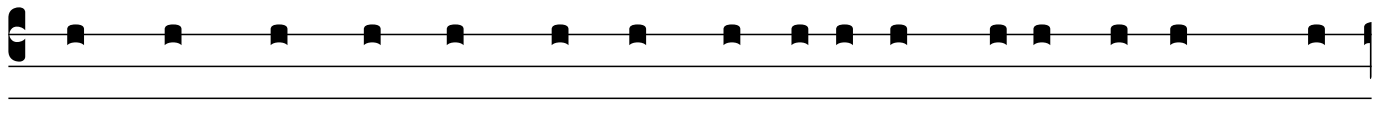
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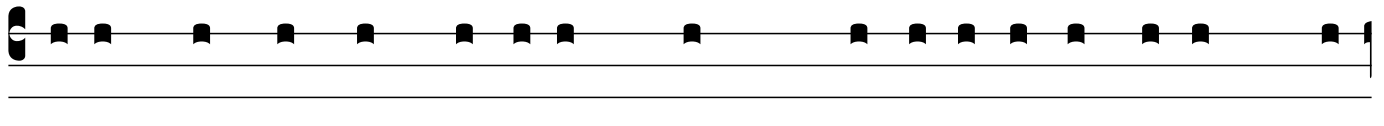
And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gid-



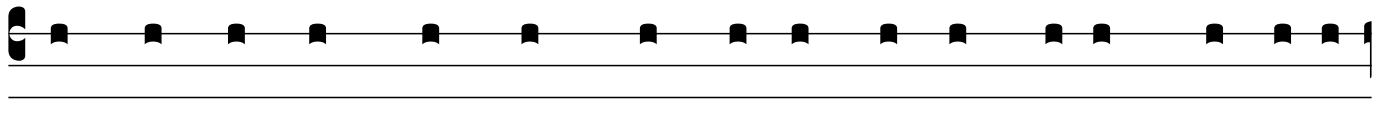
e-on, Bar-ak, Samson, Jephthah, of Da-vid and Samu-el and the prophets,



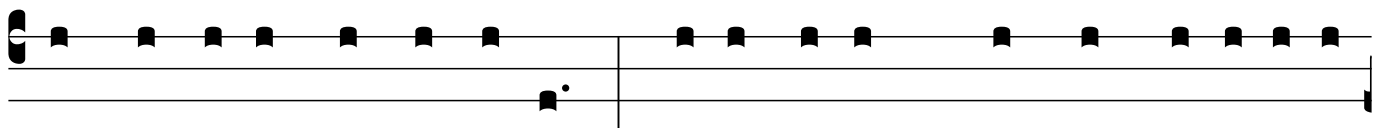
who through faith conquered kingdoms, admin-is-tered justice, obtained prom-



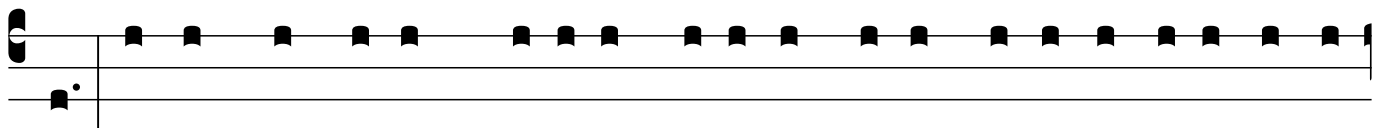
is-es, shut the mouths of li- ons, quenched the power of fire, escaped the



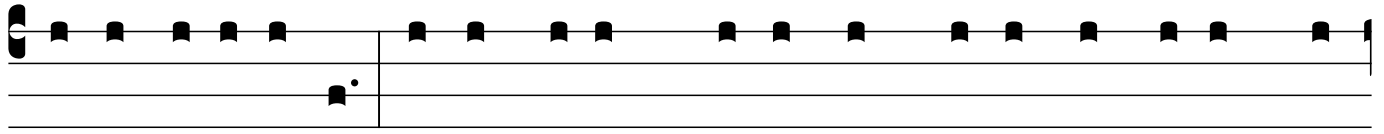
edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, be-came mighty in



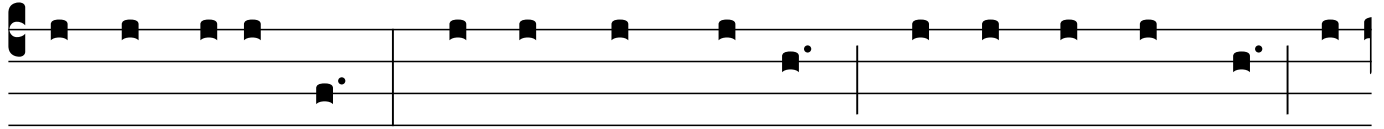
war, put for-ign armies to flight. Women re-ceived their dead by res-urrec-



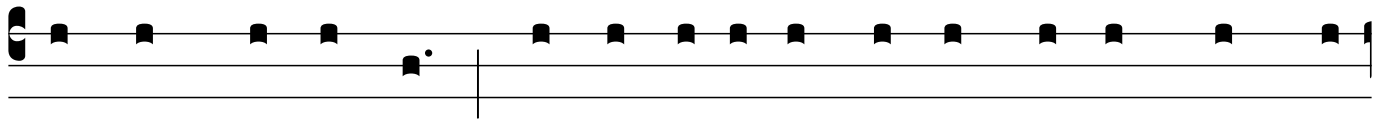
tion. Others were tortured, re-fus-ing to accept re-lease, in order to obtain a



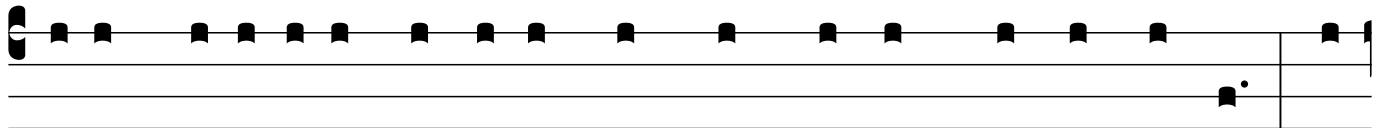
bet-ter res-urrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and e-ven chains



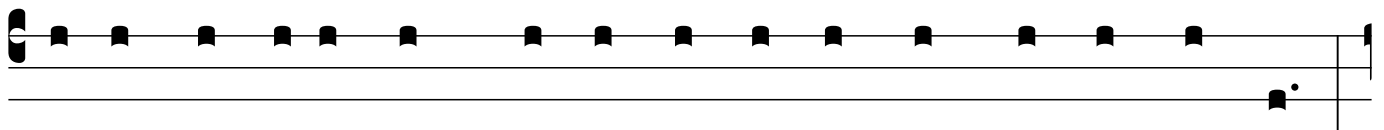
and impris-onment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they



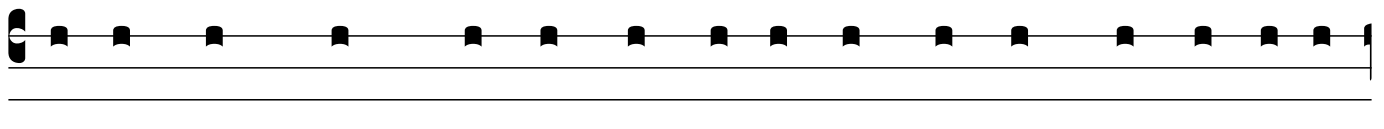
were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, des-



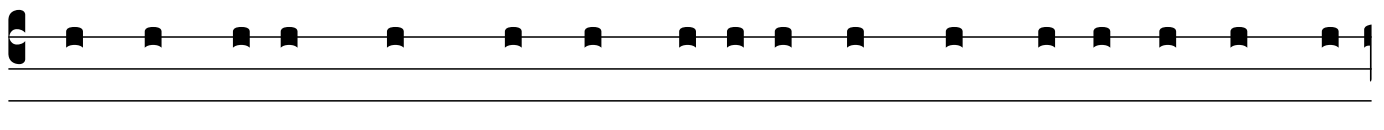
ti-tute, perse-cut-ed, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They



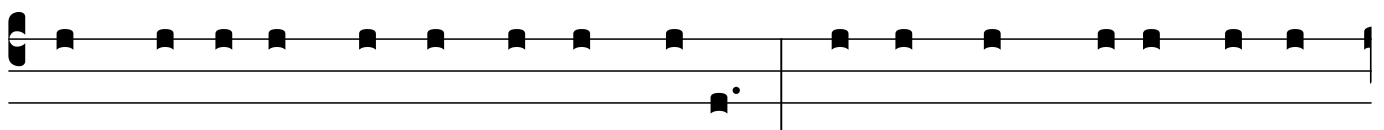
wandered in de-serts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.



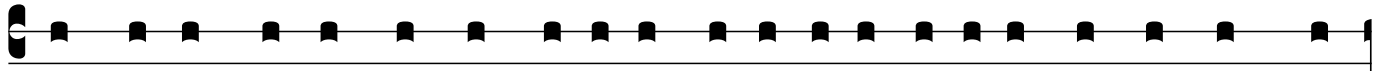
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not re-ceive



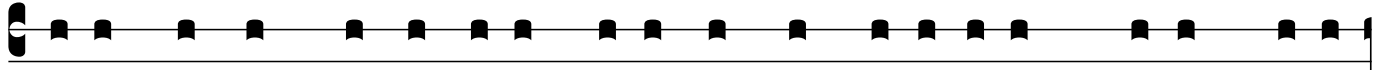
what was promised, since God had pro-vid-ed something bet-ter so that they



would not, a-part from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surround-



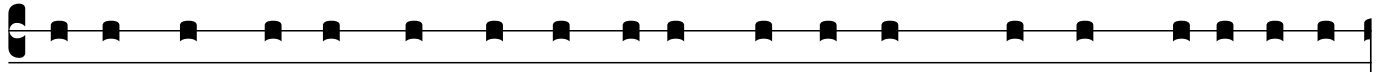
ed by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay a-side every weight and



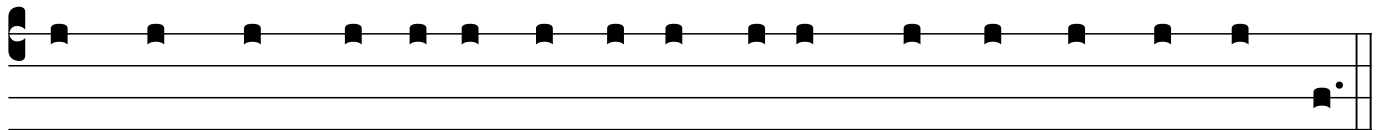
the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perse-ver-ance the race that is



set be-fore us, looking to Je-sus, the pi- oneer and perfecter of faith, who for



the sake of the joy that was set be-fore him endured the cross, disre-garding



its shame, and has tak-en his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.