

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



1 Samuel

MEMORIZATION – 1 Samuel 16:7 – “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Chapter 1

1. Where is the temple (tabernacle)?
2. Name the three priests.
3. Hannah’s prayer is answered. What is her son’s name?

Chapter 2

1. True or false: Eli’s sons are faithful priests.
2. Bad news for Dad - judgment is pronounced against Eli’s family. What will happen to Phinehas and Hophni as a sign?

Chapter 3

1. Samuel grows up and as what does all of Israel recognize Samuel?

Chapter 4

1. Notice the Philistines’ testimony to the actions of the Lord when He led the Israelites out of Egypt.

2. Follow the movement of the ark of the Lord. Number the cities in order of their mention in chapters 4-7.

- _____ Kireath Jearim
- _____ Ebenezer
- _____ Shiloh
- _____ Gath
- _____ Beth Shemesh
- _____ Ashdod
- _____ Ekron

Chapter 5

1. The ark is captured and spends the night in the temple of the Philistine god, Dagon.

a) What happens the first night?

b) What happens the second night?

Extra credit: We've heard of a temple of Dagon before. When?

2. True or false: The Philistines of Ashdod are proud and happy to keep the captured ark.

3. Notice the comments of the Philistines. Does it seem that they see this as a spiritual battle?

Chapter 6 - none

Chapter 7 - none

Chapter 8

1. Samuel follows the Lord, but once again we see sons succumb to the world's temptations. How do Joel and Abijah become judges of Israel?

2. When the people of Israel request a king, whom are they rejecting as king?

Chapter 9 - none

Chapter 10

1. Whom does Samuel anoint as king?
2. List something “king-like” about Saul.
3. List something “non-king-like” about Saul.

Chapter 11 - none

Chapter 12 - none

Chapter 13

1. How old is Saul when he becomes king?
2. How many years does Saul reign over Israel?
3. At Gilgal, Samuel tells Saul that he (Saul) has acted foolishly and has not kept the Lord’s command. What has Saul done?
4. Samuel also tells Saul “Your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man _____.”
5. What is the name of Saul’s son who is mentioned here?
6. What occupation is not to be found in the whole land of Israel?

Chapter 14

1. a) What is your first impression of Jonathan – favorable or unfavorable?
b) Why?

Chapter 15

1. Saul disobeys the Lord's order regarding the Amalekites. From that day on Samuel does not go to see Saul again. "And the Lord _____ that He had made Saul king over Israel."

Chapter 16

1. To what town does the Lord send Samuel to anoint a new king?
2. Samuel is impressed with Jesse's son Eliab, but what does the Lord tell him?
3. List some of David's attributes.
4. David becomes close to King Saul. What is his job?

Chapter 17

1. How tall is Goliath?
2. David sees Goliath's taunts as defiance against the armies of the _____.
3. How's the relationship between the brothers, Eliab and David?
4. True or false: David was talked into facing Goliath.
5. Whom does David say will save him from the hand of the Philistine?

Extra credit: Lions and bears in Israel. Think about it.

6. How much armor is David wearing when he fights Goliath?

7. Goliath curses David by his gods and David's response is "I come against you _____, _____, whom you have defied. This day _____ will hand you over to me ... and the whole world will know that _____. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for _____, and He will give all of you into our hands."

Chapter 18

1. Jonathan, the son of King Saul, sees David as (circle one):

- a) a threat
- b) a kindred spirit

2. Women meet the soldiers with the song:

"Saul has slain his _____,

And David his _____."

And so, as my husband likes to say, we see that David has become the first "rock star."

3. Try to count the times Saul attempts to kill David in chapters 18 & 19.

Chapter 19 – none

Chapter 20

1. Jonathan protects David and only asks "do not ever _____."

2. Saul is playing politics for his son, Jonathan. Complete the sentence Saul says to Jonathan: "As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth..."

3. Picture the emotional parting of David and Jonathan. What are Jonathan's words to David?

Chapter 21

Extra credit: Where is Gath?

Chapter 22 - none

Chapter 23 - none

Chapter 24

1. David is on the run from Saul and has some close calls. But then Saul is caught in a vulnerable situation. What “souvenir” does David take from Saul?
2. True or false: Saul’s reaction upon learning of David’s sparing his life is one of disbelief and anger.

Chapter 25

1. Abigail, Nabal’s wife, greets David with quite a statement. It is how many verses long?
2. How does Nabal die?
3. Abigail becomes David’s (circle one):
 - a) first wife
 - b) second wife
 - c) third wife

Chapter 26

1. Saul is back to hunting David. David goes to Saul’s camp at night. What “souvenirs” does David take this time?
2. Repeat situation = repeat question.
True or false: Saul’s reaction upon learning of David’s sparing his life is one of disbelief and anger.

Chapter 27

1. Among what nation does David seek asylum once again?

Chapter 28

1. Here's something positive about Saul. Whom had he expelled from the land?

2. Saul seems to be a troubled man with a troubled and inconsistent personality. He can get no answer from the Lord, so he decides to consult a medium. (All of whom were supposed to have been expelled.) Name the medium Saul consults.

Chapter 29

1. It must have been a catchy tune. Notice this third mention of David slaying tens of thousands.

Chapter 30 – none

Chapter 31

1. The battle between the Philistines and the Israelites at Mt. Gilboa was a slaughter of the Israelites. List the four slain Israelites who are named.

Extra credit: Saul's body and those of his sons are displayed by the Philistines at Beth Shan. Why would the people of Jabesh Gilead send their valiant men to retrieve the bodies and bury their bones with respect? (See I Samuel chapter 11.)

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