

THE REQUEST CONCERNING A KINGDOM

1 Samuel 8

Although under Samuel, the people of Israel had been brought back to God and had been able to subdue their enemies the Philistines, it was not long until once again there was a feeling of unrest among them. Read to find what caused this feeling, and what was done about it:

A. Conditions During Samuel's Old Age: Read 1 Samuel 8:1-3

1. When Samuel was old, who did he appoint to be judges over Israel?

1 Samuel 8:1

2. What four things did these men do? 1 Samuel 8:3

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____

B. The People's Request: Read 1 Samuel 8:4-9

1. Because of the above conditions, what did the elders of Israel ask Samuel to do? 1

Samuel 8:5

2. How did Samuel feel about their request? 1 Samuel 8:6a
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3. What did he do after this? 1 Samuel 8:6b
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4. What did the Lord tell him to do concerning the people's request?

1 Samuel 8:7a

5. What did the Lord indicate was the reason for their request?

1 Samuel 8:7b, c

NOT because _____
but because _____

6. What did God tell Samuel to do before granting their request?

1 Samuel 8:9b, c

a. _____
b. _____

C. God's Message to the People: Read 1 Samuel 8:10-18

1. Whose words did Samuel tell to the people? 1 Samuel 8:10
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2. What did he say the king would do with their sons? 1 Samuel 8:11, 12

a. 11b (3 items) _____

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- b. 11c _____
c. 12a _____
d. 12b, c _____
e. 12d, e _____
3. What would he take their daughters to be? 1 Samuel 8:13

4. What else would he take from the people? 1 Samuel 8:14-17
a. 14 (3 items) _____
b. 15 _____
c. 16 (4 items) _____
d. 17a _____
5. What would the people be to their king? 1 Samuel 8:17b

6. What would they eventually do because of their king? 1 Samuel 8:18a

7. But what would the Lord do in that day? 1 Samuel 8:18b

D. The People's Reaction to God's Message: Read 1 Samuel 8:19-22

1. How did the people react to God's message to them through Samuel?
1 Samuel 8:19a

2. What did they still insist? 1 Samuel 8:19b

3. For what two reasons did they insist upon this? 1 Samuel 8:20
a. _____
b. (3 parts) _____
4. When Samuel told the Lord of the people's response, what did the Lord again tell him to do? 1 Samuel 8:22

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Were the Israelites wise to insist upon having a king, after God had warned them that it would not be the best thing for them? (See Jeremiah 10:23)

2. Is there anything which I would like very much to have, do, or be? Has God in any way indicated that this might not be the best thing for me? Will I insist on it anyway? Can I count on God to stop me if it is not His best for me?

THE CHOICE OF A KING

1 Samuel 9, 10

Although God had told Samuel to hearken to the voice of the Israelites and make them a king, Samuel did not do this immediately. Instead, he sent the people to their own cities until later. Read to discover how long he waited to appoint a king, and why:

A. An Event in One Family in Israel: Read 1 Samuel 9:1-14

1. To what tribe did the man Kish belong? 1 Samuel 9:1a

2. How is his son Saul described? 1 Samuel 9:2
 - a. (2 items) _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. When the donkeys of Kish became lost, through the territory of what two tribes did Saul and his servant seek them? 1 Samuel 9:4

NOTE: The exact locations of the lands of Shalisha and Shalim are not known.

4. To whose city did they finally come? 1 Samuel 9:6a, 14

5. Therefore, what did they decide to do? 1 Samuel 9:6b-10

6. When they inquired if Samuel were in the city, what did they discover?
1 Samuel 9:11-14

B. The Purpose for This Event: Read 1 Samuel 9:15-10:16

1. Notice what the Lord had told Samuel the day before Saul came:
1 Samuel 9:16

2. When Saul arrived, what did the Lord tell Samuel? 1 Samuel 9:17

3. After inviting Saul to eat with him, what did Samuel tell Saul? 1 Samuel 9:20
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. For what two reasons did Saul wonder why Samuel spoke so to him?
1 Samuel 9:21

5. Notice the two ways Saul was honored at the feast that day:
1 Samuel 9:22, 23
6. After Saul spent the night with Samuel (1 Samuel 9:25, 26), what did Samuel say he wanted to show Saul? 1 Samuel 9:27

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7. What two things did Samuel then do to Saul? 1 Samuel 10:1a
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8. Why did he say he was doing this? 1 Samuel 10:1b
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9. Notice the three predictions Samuel made concerning events which would happen that day: 1 Samuel 10:2-5. What three things would then happen to Saul? 1 Samuel 10:6
10. Did these things happen as Samuel had said? 1 Samuel 10:9-13
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C. The Result of This Event: Read 1 Samuel 10:17-27

1. To what place did Samuel call the people together? 1 Samuel 10:17
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2. After reminding them of all the Lord had done for them, and their rejection of Him (1 Samuel 10:18, 19c), what did he tell them to do? 1 Samuel 10:19d
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3. What tribe, family, and person were chosen? 1 Samuel 10:20, 21c
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4. When they could not find this person, where did the Lord show them that he was? 1 Samuel 10:21d-22
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5. When he came among them, what did Samuel say concerning him? 1 Samuel 10:24c
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6. What two things did the people then do? 1 Samuel 10:24d
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7. Notice the reactions to Saul as Samuel sent the people home: 1 Samuel 10:26b, 27
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Although the Israelites had rejected God in asking for a king, what was God's attitude toward them? Was there anything God *could* have done for them at this time, that He did *not* do for them? How should this have made them feel?
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2. If in anything I reject God today, what is His attitude toward me? (See Romans 5:8.) What should my attitude be toward others who reject God?
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SAUL'S EARLY WARS

1 Samuel 13 – 15

Although Israel was now fully convinced that they had done wrong in asking for a king, they still had that king, and had to keep him. See now what kind of king he became:

A. Saul's Preparation for War: Read 1 Samuel 13:1-14

1. Of the 330,000 men who fought against Jabesh-gilead (1 Samuel 11:8), how many did Saul choose to serve him continually? 1 Samuel 13:2a

2. Who helped him command these forces? 1 Samuel 13:2c

3. What did Jonathan and his group do? 1 Samuel 13:3

NOTE: A garrison is a fortified place in which troops are quartered.

4. When Saul called Israel to Gilgal, what did some of them do?

1 Samuel 13:6, 7a

a. _____

b. _____

5. What did those with Saul do? 1 Samuel 13:7b

6. When Samuel had not come by the time he said he would, what did Saul do? 1 Samuel 13:9

7. What happened as soon as he had done this? 1 Samuel 13:10

8. Notice why Saul said he had done this: 1 Samuel 13:11. How did Samuel say Saul had acted? 1 Samuel 13:13

9. What did Samuel say would happen because of this action. 1 Samuel 13:14

B. Saul's War Against the Philistines: Read 1 Samuel 13:15-14:52

1. How many warriors remained with Saul? 1 Samuel 13:15

2. Notice where the armies camped: 1 Samuel 13:16. Locate both places on a map.

3. How many Israelites had swords or spears? 1 Samuel 13:22

4. Read the story of Jonathan's venture in 1 Samuel 14:1-20. When the other Israelites saw this, what did they do? 1 Samuel 14:21, 22

5. Yet what hindered them in fighting? 1 Samuel 14:24-28

6. Did Jonathan think his father had been wise to order this? 1 Samuel 14:29, 30

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7. What did the people finally do? 1 Samuel 14:32

8. When Saul asked God whether he should again go after the Philistines, what happened? 1 Samuel 14:37

9. Read the vow he made after this: 1 Samuel 14:39-42. Did Jonathan or the people think this was a wise move? 1 Samuel 14:43-45

10. How long did this war continue? 1 Samuel 14:52

11. Against what other four nations did Saul also fight? 1 Samuel 14:47

(Locate these on a map.)

C. Saul's War Against the Amalekites: Read 1 Samuel 15

1. What did Samuel tell Saul the Lord wanted him to do to Amalek?
1 Samuel 15:1-3

2. Read why God had commanded this: Exodus 17:8-14;
Deuteronomy 25:17-19.
3. Although Saul did kill all the people, what else did he do?
1 Samuel 15:9a

4. What did God say about Saul's actions? 1 Samuel 15:10, 11

5. Yet notice what Saul said, as he met Samuel the next morning:
1 Samuel 15:13

6. Read Samuel's answer to this: 1 Samuel 15:14-19. On whom did Saul blame the disobedience? 1 Samuel 15:20, 21

7. Read Samuel's answer to this: 1 Samuel 15:22, 23a. What did Samuel finally tell Saul: 1 Samuel 15:23b

8. What did this cause Saul to acknowledge he had done, and why?
1 Samuel 15:24

9. What did Samuel then do? 1 Samuel 15:32, 33

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is it likely that Israel was pleased with the king they had insisted on having?

2. Will that which I insist on having, doing, or being outside God's will for me ever bring me any real or lasting peace, joy, or happiness?
(See Psalm 106:15)

SAUL'S SUCCESSOR CHOSEN

1 Samuel 16

Now that Saul has been rejected as king because of his disobedience to God, it was necessary that someone be chosen to replace him. See now how this was accomplished.

A. God's Message to Samuel: Read 1 Samuel 16:1-3

1. What did Samuel do because Saul had been rejected as king of Israel?
1 Samuel 16:1a

2. What two things did God tell him to do instead? 1 Samuel 16:1b

3. Why was he to do this? 1 Samuel 16:1c

4. What did Samuel fear Saul would do if he heard of this? 1 Samuel 16:2a

5. Notice what God said he could do, so that Saul would not be suspicious of him: 1 Samuel 16:2b-3

B. Samuel's Visit to Bethlehem: Read 1 Samuel 16:4-13

1. Did Samuel do what the Lord had told him to do? 1 Samuel 16:4a

 2. What did the elders of the city do when they saw him? 1 Samuel 16:4b

 3. Notice that Samuel made sure Jesse and his sons were sanctified (made ceremonially clean) for the feast: 1 Samuel 16:5

 4. When the guests came to the feast, what did Samuel say (probably to himself) about Eliab? 1 Samuel 16:6

 5. What two things evidently influenced Samuel to say this? 1 Samuel 16:7a

 6. But did the Lord see Eliab as Samuel did? 1 Samuel 16:7b

 7. What was God able to see, which Samuel could not see? 1 Samuel 16:7c

- (In the following lesson, look for indications as to what God saw in his heart).
8. How many of Jesse's sons failed to pass God's test for king?
1 Samuel 16:8-10

 9. Which of Jesse's sons had he not even called to the feast, and why?
1 Samuel 16:11a

 10. What did Samuel then tell him to do, and why? 1 Samuel 16:11b

11. What three things did Samuel notice about him as he came?

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1 Samuel 16:12a

12. What did the Lord then tell Samuel to do, and why? 1 Samuel 16:12b

13. When Samuel did this, what happened to David? 1 Samuel 16:13

C. Events in Saul's Palace: Read 1 Samuel 16:14:23

1. About this same time, what two things happened to Saul? 1 Samuel 16:14

a. _____

b. _____

2. What did his servants propose as a remedy for this? 1 Samuel 16:15, 16

a. _____

b. _____

3. When Saul gave permission for this, who did one of his servants recommend? 1 Samuel 16:18a

4. List his other qualification besides the ability to play the harp:

1 Samuel 16:18

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

e. _____

5. Therefore, what did Saul do? 1 Samuel 16:19

6. When David came, how did Saul feel toward him? 1 Samuel 16:21b

7. What other position was he also given? 1 Samuel 16:21c

8. Did the proposed remedy help Saul? 1 Samuel 16:23

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Samuel possibly have chosen wisely the one who should be king of Israel?

2. When it becomes necessary for me to choose someone for an important position or task, do I choose for myself, on the basis of the outward appearances? Or do I ask and *allow* the Lord to choose for me, on the basis of the heart? (See 1 Samuel 16:7)

SAUL'S SUCCESSOR INTRODUCED TO ISRAEL

1 Samuel 17:1 – 54

After David's private anointing to be king, God brought about events which would prepare him to be king, and prepare Israel to accept him as such. Read about these below:

A. A Challenge to Israel: Read 1 Samuel 17:1-16

1. What enemy came against Israel in battle? 1 Samuel 17:1a

2. From 1 Samuel 17:1b-3, locate the place of their battle on a map.

3. Who came against Israel as the Philistines' champion? 1 Samuel 17:4a, b

4. Read the description of this man and his armor: 1 Samuel 17:4c-7.

5. What did he ask Israel to do? 1 Samuel 17:8, 10b

6. Notice what he said would happen as a result of this encounter:
1 Samuel 17:9.

7. What did he say he was doing to the armies of Israel? 1 Samuel 17:10a

8. What was the reaction of Saul and all Israel to these words?
1 Samuel 17:11

9. How many of David's brothers were among those who reacted in this way?
1 Samuel 17:12-14

10. How long did the Philistine's defiance continue? 1 Samuel 17:16

B. David's Answer to the Challenge: Read 1 Samuel 17:17-39

1. Meantime, what had David done? 1 Samuel 17:15

2. Notice why his father sent him to the scene of the battle:
1 Samuel 17:17, 18

3. Just after he arrived and delivered his supplies, what happened?
1 Samuel 17:23

4. What did all the men of Israel do when they saw this man? 1 Samuel 17:24

5. By contrast, notice David's attitude: 1 Samuel 17:26. For whom was he concerned?

6. Notice what was promised to anyone who would kill this giant:
1 Samuel 17:25, 27. Yet did any of the soldiers of Israel respond to this challenge?

7. For what two reasons did David's oldest brother accuse him of coming to the battleground? 1 Samuel 17:28

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8. When Saul heard of David's words and sent for him, what did David offer to do? 1 Samuel 17:31, 32

9. Why did Saul say this would not be practical? 1 Samuel 17:33

10. What two things had David done in the past, which gave him confidence now? 1 Samuel 17:34-36

11. On whom was this confidence based? 1 Samuel 17:37, 45

12. With what four things did Saul arm David for his conflict?
1 Samuel 17:38, 39a

13. Yet why did David refuse to use these, and put them off?
1 Samuel 17:39b-e

C. David's Action Concerning the Challenge: Read 1 Samuel 17:40-54

1. With what three things did David then arm himself? 1 Samuel 17:40

2. What two things did the Philistine do, when he saw David coming against him? 1 Samuel 17:42, 43b

3. Notice his boast: 1 Samuel 17:44. But why did David say God would help *him* win?
a. 1 Samuel 17:46a, e _____
b. 1 Samuel 17:47a _____

4. Find three things David then did to the Philistine:
1 Samuel 17:48-50c, d, 51e

5. What did the armies of the Philistines do after this? 1 Samuel 17:51f, g

6. What two things did the armies of Israel then do? 1 Samuel 17:52, 53

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused the great difference between the attitude of David toward the Philistine giant, and that of Saul and the armies of Israel?

2. When some enemy threatens God's work in which I am engaged, how do I react? Am I dismayed and afraid, so that I flee? Or do I advance with courage, confident that God who has helped in the past will give victory now for His name's sake?

SAUL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DAVID

1 Samuel 17:55 – 19:24

After David's great victory over the giant, it was natural that not only Saul, but all Israel, should take notice of him. See now how this took place, and what it led to:

A. Saul's Reaction to David's Victory: Read 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5

1. Did Saul recognize who David was when he fought the giant?
1 Samuel 17:55-58

2. What did Saul do with David after his victory over the giant? 1 Samuel 18:2

3. Where was David placed after this? 1 Samuel 18:5c

4. How did David behave himself in this new position? 1 Samuel 18:5b

5. What effect did this have upon all the people, and Saul's servants?
1 Samuel 18:5d, e

B. The Women's Reaction to David's Victory: Read 1 Samuel 18:6, 71

1. What did the women do when David and Saul returned from battle?
1 Samuel 18:6b, c

2. Notice three things they did this with: 1 Samuel 18:e

3. What did they say as they rejoiced? 1 Samuel 18:7

C. Saul's Reaction to the Women's Praise: Read 1 Samuel 18:8-16

1. In what two ways did Saul react to the women's praise? 1 Samuel 18:8a

2. What did he say was the only thing greater that David might have?
1 Samuel 18:8d

3. Therefore, what did he do from that day forward? 1 Samuel 18:9

4. The next day, as David played for him, what did he try to do?
1 Samuel 18:10, 11b

5. How many times did David escape from him then? 1 Samuel 18:11c

6. How did Saul then feel toward David? 1 Samuel 18:12

7. Therefore, what did he do to David? 1 Samuel 18:13

8. How did David behave himself then, and why? 1 Samuel 18:14

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9. How did all Israel and Judah feel toward David? 1 Samuel 18:16

D. Saul's Early Schemes Against David: Read 1 Samuel 18:17-30

1. What did Saul then offer to do for David? 1 Samuel 18:17a-c

2. What did Saul hope would happen because of this offer? 1 Samuel 18:17d-g

3. When this plan failed, what did Saul plan to do? 1 Samuel 18:20, 21

4. What was Saul's real reason for making this offer? 1 Samuel 18:25e

5. When this plan also failed, what did Saul know about David? 1 Samuel 18:28

6. Therefore, how did Saul feel, and what did he do? 1 Samuel 18:29

7. What happened as David continued to behave himself very wisely?
1 Samuel 18:30d

E. Saul's Continued Schemes Against David: Read 1 Samuel 19

1. Summarize the ways in which Saul tried to kill David in the days which followed:

a. 1 Samuel 19:1-7 _____

b. 1 Samuel 8-10 _____

c. 1 Samuel 19:11-17 _____

d. 1 Samuel 19:18-24 _____

2. Did any of these schemes succeed?

(Know these stories well enough to tell them to your class, if you are in school)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the secret of David's continual success? 1 Samuel 16:8h,
18:12, 14, 28

2. As long as the Lord is with me, can any enemy prevail against me? Therefore, of what should I make sure? Is this true of me *now*? Is there anything in my life now which might prevent this from being true of me? If so, what should I do?

DAVID'S EARLY LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS

1 Samuel 23, 24

As David continued his life as an outlaw, several interesting situations arose. Read to see how he decided what to do in each case, and what he actually did after that:

A. David at Keilah: Read 1 Samuel 23:1-13

1. When David learned that the Philistines were fighting and robbing the Israelites of Keilah (locate on a map), how did he determine whether he should do anything about it? 1 Samuel 23:2a, b

2. What was the Lord's answer? 1 Samuel 23:2c, d

3. When David's men objected to this, what did David again do? 1 Samuel 23:4

4. Notice what he and his men then did to the Philistines: 1 Samuel 23:5.
5. Who then heard that David was in Keilah? 1 Samuel 23:7a

6. Notice what he believed had happened: 1 Samuel 23:7b. Therefore, what did he do? 1 Samuel 23:8

7. When David learned of this, what did he again do? 1 Samuel 23:10-12

8. What did he use in doing this? 1 Samuel 23:6, 9

9. When David received the Lord's answer, what did he and his men do? 1 Samuel 23:13a, c

10. How many men were with him at this time? 1 Samuel 23:13b

11. When Saul learned of David's escape from Keilah, what did he do? 1 Samuel 23:13d, e

12. Where did David then go? 1 Samuel 23:14a

(Locate on a map.)
13. What happened after that, and with what results? 1 Samuel 23:14b

B. David at Ziph and Maon: Read 1 Samuel 23:14-29

1. As David was in Ziph in a wood, who came to him, and for what reason? 1 Samuel 23:16

2. Notice what position he expected to have when David became king: 1 Samuel 23:17.

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3. What did they again do at this time? 1 Samuel 23:18

4. What did the Ziphites then do? 1 Samuel 23:19, 20

a. _____

b. _____

5. When Saul arrived at Ziph, where had David and his men gone?
1 Samuel 23:24

(Locate on a map.)

6. How close did Saul get to David at this time? 1 Samuel 23:26

7. Notice the message Saul received at this time: 1 Samuel 23:27. Therefore, what did he do? 1 Samuel 23:28

8. Where did David go after this? 1 Samuel 23:29

(Locate on a map.)

C. David at Engedi: Read 1 Samuel 24

1. When Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, how many men did he take to seek David and his men? 1 Samuel 24:2

2. Into what place did Saul then enter? 1 Samuel 24:3a

3. Who were already there? 1 Samuel 24:3b

4. Notice what David's men believed had happened? 1 Samuel 24:4. But what happened when David only cut off the skirt of Saul's robe, and why?
1 Samuel 24:5, 6

5. After Saul had left the cave, what did David prove to Saul? 1 Samuel 24:11

6. On whom did he call to avenge him and plead his cause? 1 Samuel 24:12, 15

7. When Saul heard this, what did he do? 1 Samuel 24:16

8. What did he say he knew? 1 Samuel 24:20

9. Therefore, what did he ask David to promise him? 1 Samuel 24:21

10. After David did this, what did Saul do? 1 Samuel 24:22

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. In whom did David trust for guidance, protection, and the defeat of his enemy?

2. Do I always trust God for every tiny part of my life? *Should I?* (See Proverbs 3:5, 6) If not, could I begin to do so? When? *Will I do this? Right now?*

DAVID'S LATER LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS

1 Samuel 25, 26

After Saul had returned to his home, David and his men continued to live in the wilderness. Read about some of the events which took place after this.

A. David at Paran and Maon: Read 1 Samuel 25

1. What sad event took place about this time? 1 Samuel 25:1a

2. To what place did David then travel? 1 Samuel 25:1e

NOTE: This was near or the same as the wilderness of Shur between Egypt & Judah.
3. To whom did David send for supplies for his men? 1 Samuel 25:2-8

4. Read this man's answer to David's request: 1 Samuel 25:9-11. When David heard of this, how many men did he arm to go up against Nabal?
1 Samuel 25:13

5. But who did one of Nabal's servants tell of his mean answer?
1 Samuel 25:14-17 (see also verse 3)

6. Notice the tremendous supply which she sent to David: 1 Samuel 25:18, 19.

7. What three things did she ask David to do? 1 Samuel 25:24c, d, 28a, 31e
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. What did David realize after hearing her speech? 1 Samuel 25:32, 33

9. The next day when Abigail told her husband what she had done, what happened to him?
1 Samuel 25:37

10. What happened about ten days later? 1 Samuel 25:38

11. Then what did David do? 1 Samuel 25:39-42

12. Who else did he also marry? 1 Samuel 25:43

13. What had been done with his first wife, Saul's daughter Michal?
1 Samuel 25:44

B. David at Ziph Again: Read 1 Samuel 26

1. What did the Ziphites again do? 1 Samuel 26:1

2. What did Saul again do? 1 Samuel 26:2

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3. When David knew this, what did he do? 1 Samuel 26:5
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4. What did David and one of his helpers then do? 1 Samuel 26:6, 7a
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5. What did his helper want to do? 1 Samuel 26:8
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6. Why would David not permit this? 1 Samuel 26:9
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7. What did David say would eventually happen to Saul? 1 Samuel 26:10
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
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8. But what *did* he tell his helper to do? 1 Samuel 26:11b, c
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9. Why did none of Saul's helpers awake during David's visit? 1 Samuel 26:12
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10. To what place did David then go? 1 Samuel 26:13
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11. What did he do there? 1 Samuel 26:14a
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12. Who recognized David's voice? 1 Samuel 26:17
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13. After David pleaded with him for his life, what three things did Saul say he had done? 1 Samuel 26:21a, e, f
-
14. After David allowed Saul's men to take back his spear, what did Saul do? 1 Samuel 26:25
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What would it require for David to live such a life as this over such a long period of time? (See Hebrews 11:37e-40)
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2. Do I have the kind of faith which would remain steadfast under conditions such as these? If not, could it be developed? What would it take to develop such faith? (See Romans 10:17)
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SAUL'S BATTLE AGAINST THE PHILISTINES

1 Samuel 28:3 – 25, 31; 1 Chronicles 10

With the Philistines rapidly approaching him, Saul was faced with the necessity of doing something to meet this challenge. See now what he did, and how effective it was:

A. Saul's Preparations for Battle: Read 1 Samuel 28:3-25

1. What two things had happened before the Philistines came to Israel?
1 Samuel 28:3
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. Where were the two armies pitched? 1 Samuel 28:4

(Locate both on a map)
3. How did Saul feel when he saw the host of the Philistines? 1 Samuel 28:5

4. When he inquired of the Lord, what happened? 1 Samuel 28:6

5. Therefore, what did Saul decide to do for guidance? 1 Samuel 28:7
(See Leviticus 20:27)

6. Although the woman protested at first, when she finally agreed, what did Saul ask her to do? 1 Samuel 28:11

7. When she saw Samuel, what did she realize? 1 Samuel 28:12

8. After Saul stated his problem (1 Samuel 28:15) what did Samuel say God had done? 1 Samuel 28:17

9. Review why God had done this: 1 Samuel 28:18
10. What other predictions did Samuel also make? 1 Samuel 28:19
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
11. What did Saul do when he heard this? 1 Samuel 28:20a, b, d

12. Notice one reason for this: 1 Samuel 28:20f, g. Therefore, what did the woman and Saul's servants compel him to do? 1 Samuel 28:21-25

B. The Battle Itself: Read 1 Samuel 31:1-7; 1 Chronicles 10:1-7

1. When the Philistines began fighting against Israel, what two things did the men of Israel do? 1 Samuel 31:1

2. Who were among those who were killed? 1 Samuel 31:2b

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3. Who else was the enemy following hard after? 1 Samuel 31:2a

4. Then what happened to Saul? 1 Samuel 31:3

5. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do and why? 1 Samuel 31:4a, b

a. What? _____

b. Why? _____

1. Why would his armor bearer not do this? 1 Samuel 31:4c, d

2. Therefore, what did Saul do? 1 Samuel 31:4e

3. Then what did his armor bearer do? 1 Samuel 31:5

4. When the men of Israel saw how the battle went, what did they do?
1 Samuel 31:7a-f

10. Then what did the Philistines do? 1 Samuel 31:7g

C. Events Following the Battle: Read 1 Samuel 31:8-13; 1 Chronicles 10:8-14

1. From 1 Samuel 31:9, 10 and 1 Chronicles 10:9, 10, tell what the Philistines did with Saul's

a. head: _____

b. armor: _____

c. body: _____

2. When the people of Jabesh-gilead heard of this, what did their valiant men do?

1 Samuel 31:11-13

3. For what two reasons had Saul died? 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14

a. _____

b. _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Saul to not keep the word of the Lord? How many times did he do this?

2. Would I like to be in a position similar to that of Saul in this lesson? If not, what must I be sure to do? How much of the time?

DAVID'S REACTION TO SAUL'S DEATH

2 Samuel 1

Although Saul and his sons had been killed in battle, David did not yet know of this. Discover below how he learned of this news, and what he did afterwards:

A. The Message to David: Read 2 Samuel 1:1-10

1. How long after David returned to his home in Ziklag from recovering his family and goods from the Amalekites did a messenger come to him?

2 Samuel 1:1, 2b

2. Notice two things that were unusual about this messenger: 2 Samuel 1:2c, d
NOTE: *Rent* is the past tense of *rend*: to tear (clothes) from one's body.

2. What two things did he do as he approached David? 2 Samuel 1:2e, f
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3. When David asked where he came from, what did he say? 2 Samuel 1:3
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4. When David asked him how the battle had gone, what was his reply?

2 Samuel 1:4

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. When David asked how he knew this last to be true, what did he say he had seen Saul doing? 2 Samuel 1:6a
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6. Notice what had made matters even worse for Saul: 2 Samuel 1:6b

7. Therefore, what had Saul asked this messenger to do, and why?

2 Samuel 1:9

8. Why had this messenger done what Saul asked? 2 Samuel 1:10a, b
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9. What two things did he have with him to prove that his story was true?

2 Samuel 1:10c-e

B. David's Reaction to the Message: Read 2 Samuel 1:11-16

1. What was David's first reaction to this news? 2 Samuel 1:11a
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2. Notice that his men did likewise: 2 Samuel 1:11b. What three other things did they all do? 2 Samuel 1:12a
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3. Notice the four groups for whom they thus mourned: 2 Samuel 1:12b

4. After finding out who the messenger was, what did David ask him?
2 Samuel 1:14

5. What did David then command one of his young men to do? 2 Samuel 1:15

6. As he did so, notice what David said to the messenger: 2 Samuel 1:16

C. David's Words Following the Message: Read 2 Samuel 1:17-27

1. After this, what two things did David do? 2 Samuel 1:17, 18

a. _____

b. _____

2. What two phrases did David use to describe those who were slain in battle?
2 Samuel 1:19

3. Where did he say not to tell this news, and why? 2 Samuel 1:20

4. What three things did he ask might not be upon Mt. Gilboa? 2 Samuel 1:21a-c

5. Notice why he asked this: 2 Samuel 1:21d, e

6. Did David praise Saul any less than he did Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:22

7. What did David say about both Saul and Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:23a, e, d

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

8. On whom did he call to weep for Saul? 2 Samuel 1:24

9. What did he call Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:26a

10. What did he say about Jonathan's love to him? 2 Samuel 1:26c-d

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was David genuinely sorry that Saul was dead? How could he mourn for his worst enemy just as he did for his best friend? (See Matthew 5:44)

2. Am I genuinely sorry when misfortune or calamity overtakes any of my enemies? Should I be? Who could give me the proper attitude at such times? (See Matthew 5:45-48)

EVENTS FOLLOWING SAUL'S DEATH

2 Samuel 2, 3; 1 Chronicles 3:1 – 4

Now that Saul was dead, it would seem that David would immediately become king over all Israel. See now if David took this for granted, and if it did in fact happen:

A. David's Actions Following Saul's Death: Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7

1. What did David do immediately after mourning the death of Saul and Jonathan? 2 Samuel 2:1b

2. List the two questions David asked, and the answers he received: 2 Samuel 2:1c-f
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. What did David and his men do after receiving these instructions from the Lord? 2 Samuel 2:2, 3

4. What happened after they had done this? 2 Samuel 2:4a, b

5. When David heard that the men of Jabesh-gilead had buried Saul, what did he do? 2 Samuel 2:4c-5

6. What did he ask the Lord to do for them? 2 Samuel 2:6a

7. What did he say that he also would do? 2 Samuel 2:6b

8. Read 2 Samuel 2:7. What do you think David hoped they would do after this message? *THINK!*

B. Abner's Actions Following Saul's Death: Read 2 Samuel 2:8-3:5

1. After Saul's death, what did Abner, captain of Saul's army do? 2 Samuel 2:8, 9

2. How long did Saul's son reign? 2 Samuel 2:10

3. How long did David remain king over only Judah? 2 Samuel 2:11

4. When Abner fought against David's forces, who won? 2 Samuel 2:12-17

5. When one of David's men would not stop following Abner, what did Abner do? 2 Samuel 2:18-23

6. Who finally asked that the battle stop? 2 Samuel 2:26

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7. As the warfare between Saul's house and David's continued, what happened? 2 Samuel 3:1

8. How many sons were born to David in Hebron? 2 Samuel 3:2-5;
1 Chronicles 3:1-4

C. Abner's Proposal to David: Read 2 Samuel 3:6-39

1. Although Abner was fighting for the house of Saul, notice what Saul's son accused him of doing: 2 Samuel 3:7

2. Therefore, what did Abner decide to do? 2 Samuel 3:9, 10

3. What did he ask David to do? 2 Samuel 3:12

4. On what condition did David say he would meet with Abner?
2 Samuel 3:13, 14

5. Did Abner fulfill this condition? 2 Samuel 3:15, 16

6. To whom did Abner speak concerning making David king over all Israel?
2 Samuel 3:17, 18a, 19a

7. After talking with David, how did Abner go away? 2 Samuel 3:21

8. However, before Abner could complete his plans, what did Joab do to him?
2 Samuel 3:27, 30

9. Did David approve of Joab's actions? 2 Samuel 3:28, 29

10. What three things did he command all his people to do? 2 Samuel 3:31c-e

11. Notice three things he himself did: 2 Samuel 3:31f, 32, 35

12. How did the people feel when they saw this? 2 Samuel 3:36

13. What did they understand through his actions? 2 Samuel 3:37

14. Who did David say would reward the killers for their evil? 2 Samuel 3:39

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it seem that God would *ever* fulfill His promise to make David king over all Israel?
What did David have to learn to do during those days?
Review Psalm 37:7

2. Has God made a promise to me? Does it sometimes seem that it will *never* be fulfilled?
What could help me to keep on believing at such times?
(See Romans 10:17)

EVENTS FOLLOWING ABNER'S DEATH

2 Samuel 4, 5; 1 Chronicles 3:5 - 9, 11:1 – 9, 12:23 – 40, 14:1 – 17

Now that Abner was dead, all hope that Israel might be turned to David as their king seemed to be lost. But read the following to see if this was true:

A. Results of Abner's Death in Saul's House: Read 2 Samuel 4

1. When news of Abner's death reached Saul's house, what was the effect on:
 - a. Saul's son, Ishbosheth? 2 Samuel 4:1a _____
 - b. all the Israelites? 2 Samuel 4:1b _____
2. Then what did two of Ishbosheth's captains do to him? 2 Samuel 4:2, 3, 5-7

3. What did they do with his head? 2 Samuel 4:8

4. Did David approve of their actions? 2 Samuel 4:9-11

5. Therefore, what did he command his young men to do? 2 Samuel 4:12

B. Israel's Request of David: Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 1 Chronicles 12:23-40, 11:1-3

1. After this, who came to David at Hebron? 2 Samuel 5:1a, 3a

2. What was the purpose of their coming? 2 Chronicles 12:23, 38

3. Notice the tribes from which these many men of war came?
1 Chronicles 12:24-37

4. List the three reasons they gave for wanting David as their king:
2 Samuel 5:1, 2
 - a. 1b _____
 - b. 2a _____
 - c. 2b _____
5. What did David do with these men? 2 Samuel 5:3b

6. Then what did they do to him? 2 Samuel 5:3c

7. Whose prophecy was thus fulfilled? 1 Chronicles 11:3d

8. How long did these men stay with David after this? 1 Chronicles 12:39a

9. What did they do during this time? 1 Chronicles 12:39b

10. What was the result in Israel? 1 Chronicles 12:40

C. David's First Acts as King: Read 2 Samuel 5:6-25; 1 Chronicles 11:4-9

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1. To what city did David and his men then go? 2 Samuel 5:6a

2. Notice what the inhabitants of the city thought as he came: 2 Samuel 5:6d. Yet what did David do? 2 Samuel 5:7, 9a

3. Notice what he promised to the one who would smite the people of the city first: 1 Chronicles 11:6a. Who won this honor? 2 Chronicles 11:6b

4. What did David and Joab afterward do to the city? 1 Chronicles 11:8

5. What happened to David after this, and why? 1 Chronicles 11:9;
2 Samuel 5:10

6. What did Hiram king of Tyre do for David? 2 Samuel 5:11; 1 Chronicles 14:1

7. What did David know after this? 2 Samuel 5:12; 1 Chronicles 14:2
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
8. How many children were born to David in Jerusalem? 2 Samuel 5:13-16;
1 Chronicles 3:5-9, 14:3-7

9. When the Philistines heard that David was king over Israel, what did they do?
2 Samuel 5:17

10. As they camped in the valley of Rephaim southwest of Jerusalem, what did David do? 2 Samuel 5:19

11. What happened as a result? 2 Samuel 5:20b

12. When they came up again, who guided David to victory? 2 Samuel 5:22-25

13. What happened as a result of these conquests? 1 Chronicles 14:17

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who brought about the events which finally made David king over Israel? Did David recognize this, and respond accordingly? (See 1 Chronicles 11:9, 14:16a, 17)

2. When God finally fulfills a promise to me, what do I do? Do I take it for granted? Or am I grateful, seeking to fulfill the greater obligations it entails?
