

## 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

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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

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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

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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  
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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  
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6. What would they eventually do because of their king? 1 Samuel 8:18a  
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7. But what would the Lord do in that day? 1 Samuel 8:18b  
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**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  
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2. What did they still insist? 1 Samuel 8:19b  
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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  
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**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)  
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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?  
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## 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  
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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  
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**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  
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5. Therefore, what did they decide to do? 1 Samuel 9:6b-10  
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6. When they inquired if Samuel were in the city, what did they discover?  
1 Samuel 9:11-14  
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**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  
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2. When Saul arrived, what did the Lord tell Samuel? 1 Samuel 9:17  
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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  
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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  
\_\_\_\_\_
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  
\_\_\_\_\_
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

**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 REIGN BEGUN 1 Samuel 11, 12

After Saul had been chosen as king, he stayed at his own home until an emergency arose in Israel. Read to see what he did about this emergency, and what happened after that:

**A. An Emergency in Israel:** Read 1 Samuel 11:1-4

1. What enemy came up against Israel's Jabesh-gilead? 1 Samuel 11:1a

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(Locate this city on a map)

2. What did the men of Jabesh ask the enemies to do? 1 Samuel 11:1c

3. On what condition did the enemies agree to do this? 1 Samuel 11:2c

4. When did the men of Jabesh promise to give their decision? 1 Samuel 11:3

5. To whose city did they send word of their need? 1 Samuel 11:4a

6. What did the people of this city do when they heard these tidings?  
1 Samuel 11:4b, c

**B. Saul's Reaction to This Emergency:** Read 1 Samuel 11:5-11

1. When Saul heard of the plight of Jabesh, what happened to him?  
1 Samuel 11:6

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. When he sent messengers to all Israel to come help him, what happened?  
1 Samuel 11:7

3. When he sent Jabesh word they would have help, how did they feel?  
1 Samuel 11:9

4. What did the men of Jabesh tell the enemy? 1 Samuel 11:10

5. Therefore, did they expect what happened the next day?  
1 Samuel 11:11a-c

6. What were two results of this battle? 1 Samuel 11:11d, e

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**C. The Result of Saul's Action:** Read 1 Samuel 11:12-15

1. After the battle, what did the people want Samuel to help them do?  
1 Samuel 11:12  
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2. Who kept them from doing this, and why? 1 Samuel 11:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Samuel suggest that they do instead? 1 Samuel 11:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. As they did this, what did Saul and all Israel do? 1 Samuel 11:15b  
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**D. Samuel's Speech on This Occasion:** Read 1 Samuel 12

1. After establishing his own blamelessness before Israel (1 Samuel 12:1-5), about what did Samuel say he wanted to reason with Israel before the Lord? 1 Samuel 12:7  
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2. Read his summary of these acts in 1 Samuel 12:8-11
3. Now that they had insisted upon having a king, what did Samuel say would happen
  - a. if they feared God, served and, obeyed Him, not rebelling against His commands?  
1 Samuel 12:14  
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  - b. if they did not obey God, but rebelled against His commands?  
1 Samuel 12:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did Samuel say he would ask God to send rain when they usually had none? 1 Samuel 12:17  
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5. Did God do this? 1 Samuel 12:18a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did the people do as a result? 1 Samuel 12:18c, 19a
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Samuel tell the people to do in the future? 1 Samuel 12:24a  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Did it seem at first that it was good for Israel to have a king? Yet who really won the victory for them? Except for Samuel's speech and object lesson, what might they still have thought concerning their having a king?  
(See Luke 16:15)  
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2. When I insist on having my own way, does it ever seem at first that things will turn out well? Will God ever allow it to continue to seem that way indefinitely? What might God have to do to make me realize how great was my wickedness?  
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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

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

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

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**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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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

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

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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  
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8. When Saul asked God whether he should again go after the Philistines, what happened? 1 Samuel 14:37  
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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  
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(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  
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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  
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7. Read Samuel's answer to this: 1 Samuel 15:22, 23a. What did Samuel finally tell Saul: 1 Samuel 15:23b  
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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  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is it likely that Israel was pleased with the king they had insisted on having?  
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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)  
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## SAUL'S SUCCESSOR CHOSE

### 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  
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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  
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**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  
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  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  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

1 Samuel 16:12a

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

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

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**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

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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

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

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

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

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

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**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?

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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?

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## 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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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

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

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**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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?

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(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

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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?

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## DAVID'S REACTION TO SAUL'S TREATMENT

### 1 Samuel 20 –22

After so many attempts on his life by Saul, it was evident that David must do something about the situation. Read to see who he went to for help, and what was decided:

**A. David's Consultation with Jonathan:** Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4, and 20:1-42

1. What had happened as soon as David had identified himself to Saul after killing the giant? 1 Samuel 18:1  
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2. What had Jonathan done because of this? 1 Samuel 18:3  
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3. What five articles had he given David as tokens of this covenant?  
1 Samuel 18:4  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Now that Saul was chasing David, to whom did David go? 1 Samuel 20:1  
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5. Did Jonathan believe at first that David was in danger? 1 Samuel 20:2-4  
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6. How did they agree they could be sure if Saul was planning to kill David?  
1 Samuel 20:5-7  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did David ask Jonathan, if such was the case? 1 Samuel 20:8-11  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What was Jonathan's answer to this? 1 Samuel 20:12, 13  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What else did Jonathan ask David to promise him? 1 Samuel 20:14-17  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Read how Jonathan was to let David know his father's reaction:  
1 Samuel 20:18-22  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Although Saul said nothing the first day (1 Samuel 20:24-29), how did he react the second day? 1 Samuel 20:30, 31  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. When Jonathan asked what David had done, what did Saul do to Jonathan? 1 Samuel 20:32-34  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. After notifying David of these events as he had promised (1 Samuel 20:35-40), what two things did Jonathan and David do before they parted?  
1 Samuel 20:41, 42  
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**B. David's Flight from Saul:** Read 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5

1. To what place and person did David then flee? 1 Samuel 21:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did this man feel when he saw that David was alone?  
1 Samuel 21:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Notice how David allayed his fears: 1 Samuel 21:2. Then what two things did he ask for and receive from him? 1 Samuel 21:3-6 and 8, 9

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4. Who was there and saw these transactions? 1 Samuel 21:7

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5. To whom did David next flee? 1 Samuel 21:10

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6. When people there recognized him, what did he do to escape from them? 1 Samuel 21:11-15

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7. Where did David then go? 1 Samuel 22:1a

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8. What four groups gathered themselves to him there?  
1 Samuel 22:1b-2c

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

9. How many of these were there? 1 Samuel 22:2e

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10. Where did David then take his parents for safe keeping?  
1 Samuel 22:3, 4

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11. Who told him that he should no longer stay in this place?  
1 Samuel 22:5a-c

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12. Where did he then go? 1 Samuel 22:5e

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(Locate all five of the above places on a map)

**C. Saul's Treatment of the Priests of Nob:** Read 1 Samuel 22:6-23

1. Who told Saul what Ahimelech the priest had done to help David?  
1 Samuel 22:6-10

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2. Although Ahimelech affirmed that he did not know David was fleeing, what did Saul have done to him and many others of his city?  
1 Samuel 22:11-19

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3. Who escaped and told David of this? 1 Samuel 22:20-23

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was Saul fair or even reasonable in any of these dealings with others? Did God lead him to behave so? What motivated his actions?  
(See Song of Solomon 8:6d)

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2. Am I in any way like Saul? Do I want to be? If I am, what should I do? *When?*

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## 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

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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

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(Locate on a map.)

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

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

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

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(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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

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

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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  
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2. What did Saul again do? 1 Samuel 26:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When David knew this, what did he do? 1 Samuel 26:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did David and one of his helpers then do? 1 Samuel 26:6, 7a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did his helper want to do? 1 Samuel 26:8  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why would David not permit this? 1 Samuel 26:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did David say would eventually happen to Saul? 1 Samuel 26:10
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
8. But what *did* he tell his helper to do? 1 Samuel 26:11b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did none of Saul's helpers awake during David's visit? 1 Samuel 26:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. To what place did David then go? 1 Samuel 26:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What did he do there? 1 Samuel 26:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Who recognized David's voice? 1 Samuel 26:17  
\_\_\_\_\_
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  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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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## DAVID AMONG THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL

### 1 Samuel 27, 28:1, 2, 29, 30; 1 Chronicles 12:1 – 22

Since Saul seemed determined to find David in the hills of Judah and kill him, David finally decided he must go elsewhere. See now where he went, and what happened there:

#### A. David's Move from Judah: Read 1 Samuel 27

1. To what place did David decide to move? 1 Samuel 27:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice his reason for making this move. 1 Samuel 27:1c, d. But is there any evidence that he asked God if he should do this, or that God told him to do so? \_\_\_\_\_
3. To what city of the Philistines did David come? 1 Samuel 27:2, 3  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did this move produce the desired effect? 1 Samuel 27:4  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. When David asked for a place in the country to live, what did Achish do?  
1 Samuel 27:5, 6  
\_\_\_\_\_(Locate on a map)
6. How long did David live among the Philistines? 1 Samuel 27:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Find three nations David invaded while he was there: 1 Samuel 27:8. (Remember that God had commanded Israel to destroy *all* the original inhabitants of the land: Deuteronomy 7:1, 2; Joshua 13:1, 2, 12:7, 12; and especially Amalek: Deuteronomy 25:17, 19)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. But whom did David say he had raided? 1 Samuel 17:10  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Was there anyone to contradict his statement? 1 Samuel 27:9, 11  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Therefore what did Achish do? 1 Samuel 27:12a  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. The Controversy Over David: Read 1 Samuel 28:1, 2, 29:1-11

1. When the Philistines decided to fight against Israel, what did Achish say David and his men should do? 1 Samuel 28:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice the ambiguity in David's answer: 1 Samuel 28:2a. Yet what did Achish say he would make David? 1 Samuel 28:2b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. As the Philistine armies left Aphek (locate on a map) with David and his men at the rear, who objected to David's presence? 1 Samuel 29:1-3b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Although Achish defended David, what did these men insist that he do?  
1 Samuel 29:4  
\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Notice David's feigned disappointment at not being able to go with the Philistines: 1 Samuel 29:8. When did he leave them? 1 Samuel 29:10, 11
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**C. David's Return to Ziklag:** Read 1 Samuel 30; 1 Chronicles 12:1-22

1. When David returned home, what did he find had happened to his city?  
1 Samuel 30:1-3
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2. Therefore what did David and his men do? 1 Samuel 30:4
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3. How did David feel, and why? 1 Samuel 30:6a, b
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4. But what did he then do? 1 Samuel 30:6e
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5. When David asked God if he should pursue the enemy, what was he told?  
1 Samuel 30:7, 8
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6. How many of David's men were able to obey completely? 1 Samuel 30:10
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7. Who did they find as they traveled? 1 Samuel 30:11-14
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8. What did he agree to do? 1 Samuel 30:15
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9. What did they find the raiders doing? 1 Samuel 30:16
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10. What three things did David and his men then do? 1 Samuel 30:17-20

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

11. After they returned home, what did David do with the spoil?  
1 Samuel 30:21-31

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
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12. What else happened when David was in Ziklag? 1 Chronicles 12:1, 22
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13. Notice the four tribes they came from: 1 Chronicles 12:2c, 8a, 16, 19

14. Notice the mighty deeds they could do, and did:  
1 Chronicles 12, 2, 8, 15, 18, 21

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was David's move to Philistine country a wise one? Was God pleased with his life there? Is it likely that he was glad afterward that he had made this move?
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2. Of what should I make sure before I make *any* decisions? If I do not, what may happen? Can I always count on God to overrule, and help me recover what was lost?
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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  
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#### 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  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who else was the enemy following hard after? 1 Samuel 31:2a  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

a. What? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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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?

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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?

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## REVIEW OF SAUL'S REIGN AND OF 1 SAMUEL

As you come to the end of Saul's reign over Israel, look back over the entire unit, and the book of 1 Samuel, and try to get an overall picture of what you have studied:

### A. Major Persons and Events During Saul's Reign:

1. Although Saul was the first king of his nation, would you say he was the outstanding character during most of his reign? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, who was? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who else also seems to overshadow Saul in importance?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What friend of David has become proverbially linked with his name?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What enemy nation was very prominent during this era?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the name of their champion, who David killed?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Be able to match the above names with their descriptions.
  - a. The people \_\_\_\_\_ on having a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. God gave them \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. He \_\_\_\_\_ God and was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. God chose \_\_\_\_\_ to replace him.
  - e. Saul became \_\_\_\_\_ of David and repeatedly tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
  - f. David twice \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's life.
  - g. Saul was finally \_\_\_\_\_ in battle.

### B. Outline, Authorship, and Date of Writing of 1 Samuel:

1. Make a three part outline of 1 Samuel, including the names of its three main characters.
  - a. Ch. \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Ch. \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Ch. \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_
2. What three men wrote acts of David the king?  
1 Chronicles 29:29 \_\_\_\_\_
3. About what did Samuel write? 1 Samuel 10:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTE:** This verse could be considered the key-text of the book of 1 Samuel.
4. How much of the book of 1 Samuel could Samuel have written?  
(See 1 Samuel 25:1 and *THINK!*) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Since 1 and 2 Samuel were all one book in the Hebrew, what might 1 Chronicles 29:29 indicate? *THINK!* \_\_\_\_\_
6. If these events were recorded by three different writers, was it necessary that the whole book be written at one time? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. It is thought that the book of 1 Samuel covers about 115 to 125 years.

**C. Picture and Prophecies of Christ in 1 Samuel:**

1. Tell how Samuel was like Jesus in his
  - a. birth: 1 Samuel 1:2, 6, 11, 20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. boyhood: 1 Samuel 2:11, 26, 3:1-18 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. ministry: As \_\_\_\_\_ : 1 Samuel 3:19-4:1a; as \_\_\_\_\_ :  
1 Samuel 3:35, 7:9; and as \_\_\_\_\_ : 1 Samuel 7:6, 15, 17b (which  
was similar to a king).
  - d. prayer-life: See Jeremiah 15:1; Hebrew 7:25 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice also how David was like Jesus, in that he was anointed to be king some time before he actually became king.
3. Read 1 Samuel 2:10. To whom do you think the “king” mentioned probably refers? \_\_\_\_\_  
But to whom might it also refer? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Read 1 Samuel 2:35. Although the “priest” here referred to evidently is primarily Samuel, what two words could not be true of Samuel, and therefore show that this passage refers indirectly to Jesus as well? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Theme of 1 Samuel:**

1. Notice the two major contrasts in the book of 1 Samuel: In chapters 1-7, between the unfaithful and faithful priests, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; and in chapters 8-31, between the unfaithful and the faithful kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Find at least two great reasons for these contrasts. See for hints,
  - a. Mark 7:21-23; 1 Samuel 16:7 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 Samuel 7:5, 8, 8:6, 21, 12:17, 23, 23:2, 4, 10 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Recall the many outward differences which these inward differences produced. On a separate sheet of paper, list as many of these differences as you can.

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What is the one great lesson God wants people today to learn from Saul’s reign?  
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2. Have I begun to learn this lesson in *my* own personal life? Is *my* heart right with God, and do I constantly seek Him and depend upon Him, so that my outward actions may also be right? (If you are in a class, be prepared to tell what part of this study has helped you most, and why or how it helped you.)  
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## 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

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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

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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

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#### 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

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

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

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

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**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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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

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**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)

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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)

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## 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  
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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  
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5. When David heard that the men of Jabesh-gilead had buried Saul, what did he do? 2 Samuel 2:4c-5  
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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  
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8. Read 2 Samuel 2:7. What do you think David hoped they would do after this message? *THINK!*  
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### 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  
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2. How long did Saul's son reign? 2 Samuel 2:10  
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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

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

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**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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

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

1. To what city did David and his men then go? 2 Samuel 5:6a  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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**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)  
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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?  
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## DAVID'S ACTIONS CONCERNING THE ARK OF GOD

### 2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13, 15, 16

As soon as David's kingdom was established in Jerusalem, his thoughts immediately turned toward the ark which symbolized God's presence. See now what he did about this:

**A. David's Proposal Concerning the Ark:** Read 1 Chronicles 13:1-4

1. What did David propose to the leaders of Israel that they do?  
1 Chronicles 13:3a

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2. How long had they not inquired at the ark? 1 Chronicles 13:3b

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3. Did the leaders agree to do this? 1 Chronicles 13:4b

**B. David's Journey to Get the Ark:** Read 1 Chronicles 13:5-14; 2 Samuel 6:1-11

1. How many men did David gather together after this? 2 Samuel 6:1

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2. After they arrived in Kirjath-jearim (locate on a map), how did they carry the ark? 1  
Chronicles 13:7

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3. Was this according to God's instructions? Exodus 25:14;  
Deuteronomy 10:8a, b

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4. What did David and all Israel do? 2 Samuel 6:5

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5. When they came to a certain threshing-floor, what two things did the oxen pulling the  
cart do? 1 Chronicles 13:9c; 2 Samuel 6:6c

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6. Therefore, what did Uzza do? 1 Chronicles 13:9b

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7. How did God feel about this? 1 Chronicles 13:10a

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8. Therefore, what did he do to Uzza? 1 Chronicles 13:10b-d

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9. How did this cause David to feel? 1 Chronicles 13:11, 12

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10. Notice where David then left the ark: 1 Chronicles 13:13. How long did it stay  
there? 1 Chronicles 13:14a

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11. What happened because of this? 1 Chronicles 13:14b

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**C. David's Second Journey to Get the Ark:** Read 1 Chronicles 15, 16;

2 Samuel 6:12-23

1. After this, what did David do for the ark? 1 Chronicles 15:1b, c

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2. Notice what he then realized: 1 Chronicles 15:2

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3. Therefore, what did David again do? 1 Chronicles 15:3

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4. After gathering the priests and Levites, what did he ask them to do?  
1 Chronicles 15:12, 13

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5. Did these men do as David asked? 1 Chronicles 15:14

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6. This time, how did they carry the ark? 1 Chronicles 15:15

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7. What did David ask the chief Levites to appoint their brothers to be?  
1 Chronicles 15:16

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8. What two emotions filled the Israelites' hearts as they went for the ark?  
1 Chronicles 15:25c; 2 Samuel 6:12d

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9. What did they do after the ark had gone only six paces? 2 Samuel 6:13

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10. What did David do at this time? 2 Samuel 6:14a

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11. Who saw David doing this? 1 Chronicles 15:29b

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12. What did she do as a result? 1 Chronicles 15:29c

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13. Notice three things David did after the ark was set in place:  
1 Chronicles 16:1-3

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14. Then what did he appoint certain of the Levites to do? 1 Chronicles 16:4

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15. After this, what did he himself do? 1 Chronicles 16:7

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16. Notice what happened after David returned to his home: 2 Samuel 6:20-23

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. If even David must follow God's instructions exactly, could *anyone ever* get by with *not* doing so?

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2. Am I always careful to follow God's instructions exactly? Do I know what His instructions are for each part of my life? How could I learn and remember them?

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## DAVID'S DESIRE CONCERNING A HOUSE FOR GOD 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17

After David had brought the ark of God into Jerusalem, a great desire arose within his heart. Read now about this desire, and the outcome of it:

**A. David's Desire Expressed:** Read 2 Samuel 7:1-3; 1 Chronicles 17:1, 2

1. As David sat in his house, after God had given him rest from all his enemies, with whom did he talk with? 2 Samuel 7:2a

2. What did he indicate did not seem quite right to him? 2 Samuel 7:2b, c

3. What did Nathan then tell the king to do, and why? 2 Samuel 7:3

**B. God's Message Concerning David's Desire:** Read 2 Samuel 7:4-17;  
1 Chronicles 17:3-15

1. On the night following this discussion, what happened to Nathan?  
2 Samuel 7:4

2. Did God appreciate David's desire concerning His house? (See 1 Kings 8:18)

3. Yet what did God tell David? 1 Kings 8:19a; 1 Chronicles 17:4

4. Find one reason why David was not allowed to do this: 1 Chronicles 28:3

5. Had God ever dwelt in a house since He led Israel out of Egypt?  
2 Samuel 7:6

6. Had He ever asked any leader of Israel to build him a house?  
1 Chronicles 17:6

7. What three things did God say He had already done for David?  
2 Samuel 7:8, 9

a. 8 \_\_\_\_\_

b. 9a, b \_\_\_\_\_

c. 9c, d \_\_\_\_\_

8. Notice what He said He would yet do for Israel: 2 Samuel 7:10, 11a. Then what two things did He say He would yet do for David? 1 Chronicles 17:10b, c

9. After David died, what did God promise He would do? 2 Samuel 7:12

10. What would David's son then do? 2 Samuel 7:13a

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11. Read the other promises God made concerning David's son:  
2 Samuel 7:13b-16. Could all of these be true of a mere human son?  
Justify your answer: \_\_\_\_\_
12. To what other son of David could these verses also refer? (See Luke 3:23, 31)  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. After receiving this message from God, what did Nathan do? 2 Samuel 7:17  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. David's Response to God's Message:** Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29;

1 Chronicles 17:16-27

1. When David heard God's message, what did he do? 2 Samuel 7:18a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Did he even feel worthy of all that God had done for him in the past?  
2 Samuel 7:18c, d  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Yet what did he realize about these things, compared to what God was now promising him? 2 Samuel 7:19  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did David feel he could adequately thank God for His promises?  
2 Samuel 7:20  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. For what two reasons did David say God had done these things?  
2 Samuel 7:21  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Therefore, what did he realize about God and about Israel? 2 Samuel 7:22-24  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did David then ask God to do concerning the promise He had made to him? 2 Samuel 7:25, 26  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Why did he feel free to make such a request of God? 2 Samuel 7:27  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did he also ask God to do to his household? 2 Samuel 7:28, 29  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why did God not allow David to do for Him what he so much wanted to do?  
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2. Will God be pleased with just anything that I want to do for Him? Who should determine which services I shall perform for God, and which I shall not?  
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## DAVID'S EARLY CONQUESTS

### 2 Samuel 8 – 10, 12:26 – 31; 1 Chronicles 18:1 – 20:3

Although God would not allow David to build a house for Him, there was a work God had for David to perform for Him. Read the following to discover what this work was:

**A. David's Early Encounters:** Read 2 Samuel 8:1-14; 1 Chronicles 18:1-13

1. Against what four nations did David fight? 2 Samuel 8:1-3, 5  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice the many items he was able to take from these nations: 2 Samuel 8:1-8  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What two things did both the Moabites and the Syrians do after this?  
2 Samuel 8:2f, g, 6b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. When the king of Hamath heard of David's conquests, what did he send to David? 2 Samuel 8:10a, d  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did David do with these gifts, and with all the spoils he had taken in war? 2 Samuel 8:11, 12  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened as a result of David's victory over the Syrians in the valley of salt? 2 Samuel 8:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did David then do throughout all Edom? 2 Samuel 8:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did all of Edom become? 2 Samuel 8:14b  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What happened throughout all David's conquests? 2 Samuel 8:14c, 6c  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. David's Inquiry Concerning Saul's House:** Read 2 Samuel 9:2

1. Why did David want to locate any remaining members of Saul's household?  
2 Samuel 9:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Whom did he locate to ask concerning this? 2 Samuel 9  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. As a result of this inquiry, what did he discover? 2 Samuel 9:3  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Read more about Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 4:4. What did David then do?  
2 Samuel 9:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. As Mephibosheth came into David's presence, what did he do? 2 Samuel 9:6  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Notice the three things David promised to do for Mephibosheth: 2 Samuel 9:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Did Mephibosheth feel that he was worthy of all this? 2 Samuel 9:8  
\_\_\_\_\_

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8. What did David also command Saul's servant to do for Mephibosheth?  
2 Samuel 9:10

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9. Like whom was Mephibosheth treated after this? 2 Samuel 9:11f

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**C. David's Encounter with the Ammonites:** Read 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19

1. When the king of Ammon died, what did David decide to do, and why?  
2 Samuel 10:2

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2. When he sent messengers for this purpose, why did the princes of Ammon say they had come? 2 Samuel 10:3

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3. Therefore, notice what the new king did to them: 2 Samuel 10:4, 5

4. When the Ammonites realized how this would make David feel toward them, what did they do? 2 Samuel 10:6

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5. As David's forces under Joab faced the enemy before and behind, on whom did they depend for victory? 2 Samuel 10:12

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6. What was the result of this battle? 2 Samuel 10:13, 14

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7. Although the Syrians sent for reinforcements, what happened in their next encounter? 2 Samuel 10:18

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8. After this, what two things did all the northern kings do? 2 Samuel 10:19

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9. Since these kings were afraid to help the Ammonites any more, what happened the next time Joab fought Ammon? 2 Samuel 12:26

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10. What two things did David take from the Ammonites? 2 Samuel 12:30

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Although David fought many wars, did he do it out of a heart of hatred for others? Why *did* he do it? (See Exodus 23:23-33; Deuteronomy 7:17-26)

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2. Does God ever have battles for *me* to fight? Or other somewhat distasteful tasks? What should be my attitude as I carry out His plan for my life? (See 2 Samuel 10:12)

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## DAVID'S GREAT SIN 2 Samuel 11

As a result of David's conquest, Israel was now in control of virtually all the territory God had promised to them through Moses. On a map notice the size of Israel now, compared to what it had been under the Judges and Saul. Now study to see what happened during the last conflict studies:

### A. David's Actions During War Times: Read 2 Samuel 11:1-4

1. What did kings usually do at this particular time of year? 2 Samuel 11:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. However, instead of going himself, what did David do at this time?  
2 Samuel 11:1c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice that the battle they engaged in is the one described at the end of the previous lesson: Compare 2 Samuel 11:1d, e, with 2 Samuel 12:26. What did David do while his forces were fighting? 2 Samuel 11:1f  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What two things did he do on a certain evening? 2 Samuel 11:2b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. From the roof of his house, what did he see? 2 Samuel 11:2d  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Could he help catching a glimpse of this? \_\_\_\_\_ Whose fault was it that he saw this woman? (*THINK!*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. But, what did David evidently do after he got the first glimpse?  
Read 2 Samuel 11:2e and *THINK!*  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Was this wrong? (See Matthew 5:28 and tell why or why not.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What should David have done at this point? (See 2 Timothy 2:22;  
Philippians 4:8)  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. But what did he do instead? 2 Samuel 11:3a  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What did he discover about the woman he had seen? 2 Samuel 11:3e  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What should he by all means have done, as soon as he discovered that the woman was married? (See Exodus 20:17b, 14)  
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13. Notice what he did instead: 2 Samuel 11:4. Did he seem to realize what a terrible sin he had committed?  
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### B. The Results of Davids' Actions: Read 2 Samuel 11:5-27c

1. Notice the first recorded natural result of David's sin: 2 Samuel 11:5.

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2. Since Bathsheba's husband was one of David's mighty men (2 Samuel 23:8, 39) and had been at war for some time, would this be readily explainable?  
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3. If David had not realized it before, what should he certainly have realized about his actions at this time? (*THINK!*)  
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4. What could he have done, if he had realized this? (See 1 John 1:9)  
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5. But what did he try to do instead? (Read 2 Samuel 11:6-13, compare with Proverbs 28:13)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When this scheme failed, what did David instruct Joab to do?  
2 Samuel 11:14, 15  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. When Joab did this, of what additional sin did David become guilty?  
2 Samuel 11:16, 17; Exodus 20:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. After Bath-sheba's mourning for her husband was past, what did David do?  
2 Samuel 11:27b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What happened after this? 2 Samuel 11:27d  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. An Evaluation of David's Actions:** Read 2 Samuel 11:27d

1. No doubt David was greatly relieved after he had married Bath-sheba, thinking that at last he had covered up for his sin. But who was aware of all that he had done? (See Proverbs 5:21, 15:3; Jeremiah 16:17; Genesis 16:13b)  
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2. How did God feel about what David had done? 2 Samuel 11:27d  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Would God let David get away with this sin? Watch the next few lessons to see.  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. If David had been completely occupied with what God had called him to do. Would he have been very likely to have committed this sin? What else could he have done to keep from committing this sin? What had God provided for him all along the path of his temptations? (See 1 Corinthians 10:13d and review Proverbs 4:23)  
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2. Am I ever tempted as David was? What do I do at such times? What *should* I do?  
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## GOD'S MESSAGE CONCERNING DAVID'S SIN 2 Samuel 12:1 – 25

Although it may have seemed to David that at last his sin was covered up, this was far from true. Read now to see how it was discovered, and what was done concerning it:

**A. God's First Message to David:** 2 Samuel 12:1-6

1. After David's sin, what messenger did the Lord send to him? 2 Samuel 12:1a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Read the story Nathan told to David: 2 Samuel 12:1b-3. Who was pictured by:
  - a. the rich man with many flocks and herds? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. the poor man with only one ewe lamb? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When a traveler came to the rich man, what did he do in order to feed him?  
2 Samuel 12:4  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. When David heard this story, how did he feel toward the rich man?  
2 Samuel 12:5a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What two things did he say the man must do because he had done this, and had had no pity? 2 Samuel 12:5c, 6  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. God's Second Message to David:** Read 2 Samuel 12:7-15

1. What did Nathan then say to David? 2 Samuel 12:7b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice all that God had done for David: 2 Samuel 12:7c-8c. If this had been too little, what would God have done? 2 Samuel 12:8d  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What two things did Nathan indicate David had done in killing Uriah and taking his wife? 2 Samuel 12:9a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Therefore, what three things did Nathan say would happen to David?  
2 Samuel
  - a. 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 12:11a, b \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 12:11c, 12 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did David then realize? 2 Samuel 12:13b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What two things did Nathan then tell David concerning his sin?  
2 Samuel 12:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. However, what did he say David had done through this deed?  
2 Samuel 12:14a  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Therefore, what additional punishment was promised? 2 Samuel 12:14b  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. God's Actions Toward David:** Read 2 Samuel 12:15-25

1. After Nathan went home, what two things happened to David's child?  
2 Samuel 12:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What three things did David therefore do? 2 Samuel 12:16  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When the elders of his house tried to raise him up from the ground, would he let them do it? 2 Samuel 12:17a-d  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What else did he also refuse to do? 2 Samuel 12:17e  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What finally happened on the seventh day? 2 Samuel 12:18a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How did his servants react to this? 2 Samuel 12:18c  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Notice why this was true: 2 Samuel 12:18d-i
8. But when David saw the servants whispering, what did he realize?  
2 Samuel 12:19  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. After the servants confirmed this fact, notice what David did: 2 Samuel 12:20.
10. Could the servants understand David's actions? 2 Samuel 12:21  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Why did David fast and weep as long as the child was alive? 2 Samuel 12:22  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. But now that the child was dead, was there any hope of this? 2 Samuel 12:23  
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13. Notice what David did after this: 2 Samuel 12:24a-c. What son was born to Bathsheba afterwards? 2 Samuel 12:24d, e  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What two things did the Lord do concerning this son? 2 Samuel 12:24f, 13  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is it likely that David was glad afterwards that he had committed the sin of adultery? That he had tried to cover up for this sin?  
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2. Would I like to have such consequences in my family as were promised to David because of his sin? If not, what must I do? (See Proverbs 4:23; Proverbs 28:13)  
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## TROUBLE CONCERNING AMNON

### 2 Samuel 13:1 – 14:23

Although the trouble which had come to David as a result of his sin was very terrible, this was only the beginning; for so far, only one of the four predictions concerning his punishment had been fulfilled. See now how two of the others began to be fulfilled:

**A. Amnon's Actions Toward Tamar:** Read 2 Samuel 13:1-18

1. How did David's son Amnon feel toward his half-sister Tamar? 2 Samuel 13:1  
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2. What did this feeling cause him to do? 2 Samuel 13:2a, b  
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3. Notice why he did not carry out his desires for her at first: 2 Samuel 13:2c, d.
4. When his friend and cousin Jonadab learned of his plight, notice what he said Amnon should do to get Tamar to his house: 2 Samuel 13:3-5.
5. Did this scheme work? 2 Samuel 13:6-8  
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6. After putting all others out of the house, where did Amnon ask Tamar to serve him? 2 Samuel 13:9, 10  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. When she unsuspectingly did this, notice what he did: 2 Samuel 13:11.
8. Did she agree to what he asked? 2 Samuel 13:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did she say such a deed would:
  - a. bring to her? 2 Samuel 13:13a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. cause him to be? 2 Samuel 13:13b \_\_\_\_\_
10. What did she suggest that he do instead? 2 Samuel 13:13c, d  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Did he listen to her suggestion? 2 Samuel 13:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. How did he feel toward her after this? 2 Samuel 13:15a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Therefore, what did he ask her to do? 2 Samuel 13:15c, d  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. When she did not obey, notice what he had his servant do:  
2 Samuel 13:17, 18.

**B. Results of Amnon's Action:** Read 2 Samuel 13:19-38

1. Notice the four things Tamar did after this: 2 Samuel 13:19
2. Although her brother Absalom tried to comfort her, what did she do?  
2 Samuel 13:20  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When king David heard of this, how did he feel? 2 Samuel 13:21  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did Absalom feel toward Amnon after this? 2 Samuel 13:22  
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5. After two full years, whom did Absalom persuade David to let go with him to a sheep shearing festival? 2 Samuel 13:27  

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6. What had he commanded his servants to do to Amnon after his heart was merry with wine? 2 Samuel 13:28  

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7. After they had done this, what did all the king's sons do? 2 Samuel 13:29  

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8. What report reached David concerning his sons? 2 Samuel 13:30  

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9. Notice what David did after he heard this: 2 Samuel 13:31. But who corrected this report for David? 2 Samuel 13:32, 33  

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10. What did Absalom do after this? 2 Samuel 13:34a  

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11. When the other sons of the king returned home, what did they and the king and all his servants do? 2 Samuel 13:36  

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12. Where did Absalom go? 2 Samuel 13:37b  

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13. See 1 Chronicles 3:2 for a clue as to why he went to this place. How long did he stay there? 2 Samuel 13:38  

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**C. David's Decision Concerning Absalom:** Read 2 Samuel 13:39, 14:1-23

1. At the end of this time, how did David feel concerning his son Amnon, and why? 2 Samuel 13:39b, c  

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2. Therefore, what did David inwardly long to do? 2 Samuel 13:39a  

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3. Who realized that David felt this way? 2 Samuel 14:1  

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4. Did God's law permit a willful murderer to live in Israel? Numbers 35:16-21  

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5. Yet notice what Joab did to persuade David to bring Absalom home and let him live: 2 Samuel 14:2-20. Did Joab's plan work? 2 Samuel 14:21-23  

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Although Amnon, Tamar and Absalom all suffered because of their wrongs against each other, who suffered even more than any one of them?  

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2. When I wrong my brother(s) or sister(s), who suffers? Do I want to cause such suffering? If not, what must I do to avoid it?  

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## **TROUBLE CONCERNING ABSALOM**

### **2 Samuel 14:24 – 17:29**

At last it seemed that David's troubles concerning Absalom were ended. But in reality, they were only beginning. See now how he treated Absalom upon his return, and what events took place following this:

**A. David's Actions Toward Absalom:** Read 2 Samuel 14:24, 28:33

1. When Absalom returned to Jerusalem, what did David order that he do?  
2 Samuel 14:24  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did this continue? 2 Samuel 14:28  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When Absalom sent for Joab to have him contact David about this, what happened? 2 Samuel 14:29  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice what Absalom finally did to be able to contact Joab:  
2 Samuel 14:30, 31
5. What did he tell Joab he wanted to do, regardless of the consequences?  
2 Samuel 14:32  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When this was arranged, what did David do to Absalom? 2 Samuel 14:33  
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**B. Absalom's Actions Towards Israel:** Read 2 Samuel 14:25-27, 15:1-12

1. Read the description of Absalom's physical appearance: 2 Samuel 14:25. What was one of his most outstanding features? 2 Samuel 14:26  
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  2. Notice that Absalom had four children, and his daughter was grown:  
2 Samuel 14:27
  3. After David finally saw Absalom, notice what Absalom began to do?  
2 Samuel 15:1-5. By these actions, what did he do? 2 Samuel 15:6b  
\_\_\_\_\_
  4. After four years of such actions (scholars agree it could not be forty, since David reigned only forty years in all), what did Absalom ask David's permission to do?  
2 Samuel 15:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
  5. But notice his real purpose in going to this city: 2 Samuel 15:10
  6. Who did he take with him? 2 Samuel 15:11a  
\_\_\_\_\_
  7. Did they know why Absalom was inviting them? 2 Samuel 15:11b  
\_\_\_\_\_
  8. For what special person did Absalom send? 2 Samuel 15:12a  
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- NOTE:** Jewish writers tell us this man was Bathsheba's grandfather.
9. Notice the extent of the conspiracy: 2 Samuel 15:12c, d

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**C. David's Reaction to Absalom's Actions:** Read 2 Samuel 15:13-17:29

1. When David heard of Absalom's actions, what did he advise that he and his servants should do? 2 Samuel 15:14  
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2. Who did they leave to keep the house? 2 Samuel 15:16b  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Notice the three groups who came with David besides his servants:  
2 Samuel 15:18. The Cherethites were from a Philistine tribe in southern Palestine, and together with the Pelethites, who were couriers, made up David's bodyguard.  
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4. Notice how David tested the Gittites, and their response: 2 Samuel 15:19-22.
5. Who did David send back into the city, to work for him there?  
2 Samuel 24:37
  - a. 24, 29, 27 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 32-34, 37 \_\_\_\_\_
6. As David travelled, what two men met him, and what did each do?  
2 Samuel 16:1-8
  - a. 1-4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 5-8 \_\_\_\_\_
7. When Abishai wanted to kill the latter, notice what David said:  
2 Samuel 16:9-14
8. When Absalom came into the city, notice what Ahithophel counseled him to do: 2 Samuel 16:21. What did this fulfill?  
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9. Read what Athithophel counseled Absalom to do, 2 Samuel 17:1-4; and what Hushai counseled him to do, 2 Samuel 17:5-13. Which did the men of Israel decide was the better advice? 2 Samuel 17:14  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Notice what each of these men did after this: 2 Samuel 17:15-22, 23.
11. Trace David's journeys on a map. 2 Samuel 15:23, 32, 16:5, 17:22, 24.
12. Where did Israel and Absalom camp? 2 Samuel 17:26  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Notice what three men did for David's forces in Mahanaim:  
2 Samuel 17:27-29.

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was David wise to bring Absalom back to Israel? To refuse to see him for two years? Did this help prompt Absalom's revolt? What was the main cause of it?  
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2. Does it *ever* pay to break even *one* of God's commands? Have I broken one recently? What may I expect to happen as a result? Is there any way I can avoid this?  
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## THE BATTLE AGAINST ABSALOM'S FORCES

### 2 Samuel 18:1 – 19:4

Since the forces of Absalom were bent on the destruction of David and his forces, it was inevitable that there must be a battle. See now what happened during this battle:

**A. David's Preparations for the Battle:** Read 2 Samuel 18:1-5

1. What two things did David first do to prepare for the battle? 2 Samuel 18:1  
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2. How did he divide his forces? 2 Samuel 18:2a-c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did David plan to do? 2 Samuel 18:2d, e  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice why the people said this would not be a good idea: 2 Samuel 18:3
5. After the people had filed out of the city, what did David command his three captains to do, and why? 2 Samuel 18:5a, b  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who heard this charge? 2 Samuel 18:5c  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Events During the Battle:** Read 2 Samuel 18:6-18

1. Where did the battle occur? 2 Samuel 18:6b  
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2. What happened during the battle? 2 Samuel 18:7  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What killed more people than the sword? 2 Samuel 18:8  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice what happened to Absalom as he met the servants of David:  
2 Samuel 18:9
5. When one of David's men saw this, and told Joab, what did Joab ask?  
2 Samuel 18:11  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did the man say he would not kill Absalom for any amount of money?  
2 Samuel 18:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Notice what the man said would have happened if he *had* done this?  
2 Samuel 18:13
8. What three things then happened to Absalom? 2 Samuel 18:14, 15, 17a-c
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Was this what Absalom had planned for his burial? 2 Samuel 18:18  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What did the two armies then do? 2 Samuel 18:16, 17d
  - a. David's: 16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Absalom's: 17d \_\_\_\_\_

C. **Reports Concerning the Battle:** Read 2 Samuel 18:19-19:4

1. Who asked to bear tidings of the victory to the king? 2 Samuel 18:19

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2. Notice why Joab said he should not bear tidings on this day: 2 Samuel 18:20
3. Whom did Joab send with tidings instead? 2 Samuel 18:21

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4. After he had left, what did Ahimaaz still beg to be allowed to do?  
2 Samuel 18:22

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5. Although he had no tidings, because of his persistence, what did Joab finally tell him? 2 Samuel 18:23b

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6. How did he go, and with what results? 2 Samuel 18:23c, d

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7. How did David learn that the messengers were coming? 2 Samuel 18:24-26

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8. When David learned that the first was Ahimaaz, what kind of tidings did he expect? 2 Samuel 18:27

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9. Did he bring good tidings? 2 Samuel 18:28-30

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10. Try to decide why he had insisted on running, and made sure he got there first.
11. When Cushite brought his tidings (2 Samuel 18:31, 32), what did the king do?  
2 Samuel 18:33a-c

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12. Notice what he said as he went: 2 Samuel 18:33d, e
13. As his forces came back into the city after their victory, what did he continue to do? 2 Samuel 19:1-4

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Who suffered most from Absalom's death? Was David realistic in ordering his captains to deal gently with Absalom? Was there any effective way to stop his revolt without killing him? Who allowed him to be killed, and why?  
2 Samuel 12:10, 11

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2. Would I like to have my child revolt against me? To cause my parents or God such sorrow as David's by revolting against them? How could I avoid both?

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## EVENTS FOLLOWING ABSALOM'S REVOLT

### 2 Samuel 19:1 – 20:22

Although David's beloved son was dead, other matters urgently demanded his attention. See how Joab turned his attention to these, and what took place following this:

**A. Joab's Advice to David:** Read 2 Samuel 19:1-8

1. What did David's weeping and mourning for his son do to the victory his forces had won against Absalom? 2 Samuel 19:1, 2a  
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2. How did David's people come back into the city? 2 Samuel 19:3a  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did Joab tell David his behavior indicated? 2 Samuel 19:6a  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he advise David to do? 2 Samuel 19:7a-c  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Notice what he said would happen if David did not do this: 2 Samuel 19:7d-g
6. When David followed Joab's advice, what did the people do? 2 Samuel 19:8  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Deliberations of Israel Concerning David:** Read 2 Samuel 19:9, 10

1. What was the condition of Israel after their defeat in battle? 2 Samuel 19:9a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice the four facts which they considered: 2 Samuel 19:9b-10a. In view of these facts, what did they believe they should do? 2 Samuel 19:10b  
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**C. The Actions of Judah Toward David:** Read 2 Samuel 19:11-40

1. When David heard of these deliberations, to whom did he send a message?  
2 Samuel 19:11a  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he tell them to ask the elders of Judah? 2 Samuel 19:11b, c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. For what reason should they have been among the first to do this?  
2 Samuel 19:12  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did he say he would make Amasa, captain of Absalom's forces, who was also kin to David? 2 Samuel 19:13  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did David accomplish through these messages? 2 Samuel 19:14a, b  
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6. What message did they send to him as a result? 2 Samuel 19:14c, d

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7. Therefore, what did the king do? 2 Samuel 19:15a, b

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8. List those who came to meet him, and tell briefly what each did: 2 Samuel 19:

a. 15d, e \_\_\_\_\_

b. 16, 18c-23 \_\_\_\_\_

c. 17 \_\_\_\_\_

d. 24-30 \_\_\_\_\_

e. 31 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Notice how David rewarded Barzillai for having helped him?  
2 Samuel 19:32-39

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10. Who were with David as he came to Gilgal? 2 Samuel 19:40c

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**D. The Actions of Israel Toward David:** Read 2 Samuel 19:41-20:22

1. Why did some of the Israelites become angry with the people of Judah?  
2 Samuel 19:43d

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2. When Sheba blew a trumpet, what did all the men of Israel do?  
2 Samuel 20:1, 2b

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3. After David returned to his home, what did he ask his warriors to do?  
2 Samuel 20:6c

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4. Notice what Joab did to Amasa on the way: 2 Samuel 20:8-10.

5. Where did they catch up with Sheba? 2 Samuel 20:15a

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6. Be able to tell how they subdued him there: 2 Samuel 20:15b-22

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Were the men of Israel wise to become angry with the men of Judah? Of whom were they thinking? Did this make for a happy homecoming for David? Why did God allow all these things to happen to David? (Review Numbers 32:23b, c; Proverbs 13:15d)

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2. Does my thoughtless self-interest ever spoil what otherwise might be a wonderful occasion for others? What is the cure for such an attitude?  
(See Philippians 2:3-8)

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## REVIEW OF DAVID'S EARLY REIGN AND OF 2 SAMUEL

As you come to the end of these lessons, look back over all of David's reign which you have studied thus far, and try to get an over-all picture of what you have learned:

### A. Major Persons and Events of David's Early Reign:

1. Who was by far the most outstanding person during David's early reign?  
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2. Divide David's reign thus far into three parts, giving a title to each part:
  - a. Ch. 1 - \_\_\_\_: David's reign in \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Samuel 5:5a
  - b. Ch \_\_- \_\_\_\_: David's reign in \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Samuel 5:5b
  - c. Ch \_\_- 20 : David's great \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Samuel 12:13
3. Notice that the above could be an outline of 2 Samuel thus far, with the remaining chapters, 21-24, telling of David's last years. 2 Samuel covers 40 years.
4. Probably the second most important character during David's early reign was Joab, who was probably David's nephew (see 1 Chronicles 2:15, 16). Besides leading David's army, for what is he especially noted? 2 Samuel 3:30, 18:14, 20:8-10  
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5. Although Joab was an able general, did he seem to be very spiritual? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Be able to match the names and descriptions of these other important people:
  - a. The king who built David a house: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Jonathan's son, to whom David showed kindness for Jonathan's sake:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The woman with whom David sinned: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. The prophet God sent to cause David to realize his sin:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. David's son who wronged his sister: \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. David's son who rebelled against him: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Pictures and Prophecies of Christ and of God in 2 Samuel:

1. Notice how the setting up of the kingdom of Israel foreshadows the setting up of Christ's kingdom. In what specific way was David like Christ as king?  
1 Corinthians 15:24, 25  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Notice how the preservation of David's kingdom from Absalom and Ahithophel, who were usurpers, foreshadows the preservation of Christ's kingdom from Antichrist.
3. Study the prophecy of Christ recorded in 2 Samuel 7:12-16 and 1 Chronicles 17:11-14, noticing how each clause looks forward to some part of Christ's life. Even 2 Samuel 7:14c may be translated "If he *assume* iniquity..." or, "If sin be laid upon Him..." (See Isaiah 53:6), and thus could be true of Christ.

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4. Notice how David twice in 2 Samuel pictures God's attitude toward us today:
  - a. In his allowing Mephibosheth, "such a dead dog," of the enemy household of Saul, to sit at the king's table for the sake of Jonathan, whom he loved. So God allows Christians to sit at His table for the sake of Jesus, His beloved.
  - b. In his love for his son Absalom even after he rebelled against him in spite of all the good David had done to him (See Romans 5:8; Luke 15:11-24).

**C. Theme of 2 Samuel:**

1. Tell briefly what happened to each person below after he did the deed listed:
  - a. David inquired of God what to do: 2:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. David waited many years (12 or 13): 5:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. David wanted to build a house for God: 7:11-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Abner killed Asahel: 3:30 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Baanah and Rechab killed Ishboeth: 4:11a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - f. David killed Uriah: 12:9, 10a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Amnon wronged Tamar: 13:28, 29, 32 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Absalom killed Amnon: 18:14, 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Figure out about how long after David's sin with Bathsheba he still had to suffer:
  - a. Until the child was born and died: approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - b. After Amnon wronged Tamar until Absalom killed him: 13:23 \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - c. After Absalom fled until he was brought home: 13:38 \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - d. After Absalom was brought home before he saw David: 14:28 \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - e. While Absalom was winning the hearts of Israel: 15:7 \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ years
  - f. Minimum time David suffered for his sin, though it was pardoned:  
(Add) \_\_\_\_\_ years

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What is the outstanding message of 2 Samuel for people of my day?  
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2. Would it be wise to plan on committing a sin, thinking that you can later ask God to forgive you for it? What sin have *I* been contemplating doing? What sin am I *now* doing? Is it worth the consequences which might follow?  
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