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1 Samuel

1 Samuel 1

1 Samuel 1:1

ULT

¹ Now there was one man from the Ramathaim, the Zuphites, from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ^[1]

UST

¹ There was a man named Elkanah, {a descendant of} Zuph, who {lived} in {the city of} Ramah in the hill country, where {the people of the tribe of} Ephraim {lived}. His father was Jeroham, his grandfather was Elihu, his great-grandfather was Tohu, and his great-great-grandfather was Zuph, who lived in the territory of Ephraim.

Who were the two wives of Elkanah? (vv1-2)

The wives of Elkanah were Hannah and Peninnah.

1 Samuel 1:2

ULT

² And for him were two wives: the name of the first was Hannah and the name of the second was Peninnah. And it happened that for Peninnah were children, but for Hannah there were no children.

UST

² He had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah. Now Peninnah had {several} children, but Hannah had no children.

How many children did Hannah have?

Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:3**ULT**

³ And that man went up from his city from days to days to worship and to sacrifice to Yahweh of hosts in Shiloh. And the two of the sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests of Yahweh, were there.

UST

³ {Once} every year Elkanah went up {with his family} from Ramah to the city of Shiloh. He would go there to worship Yahweh, {commander of the angel} armies, and offer sacrifices to him. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, {helped their father to do the work as} priests of Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:4**ULT**

⁴ And it happened the day when Elkanah sacrificed that he gave portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters.

UST

⁴ Each time Elkanah offered sacrifices {there}, he would give some of the {meat} to Peninnah and some to each of her sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:5**ULT**

⁵ But to Hannah he would give one portion of two faces, for he loved Hannah. (Now Yahweh had shut her womb.)

UST

⁵ But he gave a larger amount of {meat} to Hannah because he loved her {very much}, even though Yahweh had not {permitted} her to give birth to any {children}.

Why did Elkanah give a double portion to Hannah?

He gave a double portion to Hannah because he loved her.

1 Samuel 1:6**ULT**

⁶ And her rival would provoke her, even with provocation in order to cause her to thunder, because Yahweh had shut up her womb.

UST

⁶ But his other wife, Peninnah, would mock Hannah to make her feel miserable, reminding her Yahweh had not allowed her to bear children.

Why did Hannah's rival provoke her?

She provoked Hannah in order to irritate her, because Yahweh had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:7**ULT**

⁷ And thus it would be year by year, as often as she went up in the house of Yahweh, thus she would provoke her. And she would weep and would not eat.

UST

⁷ This happened every year. When they went up to the temple of Yahweh at Shiloh, Peninnah always ridiculed Hannah so much that Hannah cried and would not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:8**ULT**

⁸ And Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart displeased? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

UST

⁸ Then Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you crying? Why are you eating nothing? You are so sad! Surely it is better for you to have me as your husband than to have even ten sons!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:9**ULT**

⁹ And Hannah got up after eating and after drinking in Shiloh. (Now Eli the priest was sitting upon the seat by the doorway to the temple of Yahweh.)

UST

⁹ One year, after they had finished eating and drinking at Shiloh, Hannah stood up to pray. Eli the priest was {nearby}, sitting on a chair by the doorway of the sacred tent of Yahweh.

**What did Hannah do because she was so deeply distress about not having children?
(vv9-10)**

She went to the house of Yahweh and prayed and wept bitterly.

1 Samuel 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And she was bitter of spirit, and she prayed to Yahweh and wept abundantly.

UST

¹⁰ Hannah was very distressed, and she cried very sorrowfully as she prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "Yahweh of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me, and not forget your female servant, and give to your female servant a seed of men, then I will give him to Yahweh all the days of his life, and a razor will not go up on his head."

UST

¹¹ She made a solemn promise, saying, "O Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, if you will look at me and see how miserable I am, and think kindly about me and allow me to give birth to a son, then I will dedicate him to you for the rest of his life. And {to show that he is dedicated to you}, no one will ever be allowed to cut his hair."

What did Hannah vow to Yahweh?

Hannah vowed that if Yahweh would give her a son, she would give him to Yahweh and no razor would touch his head.

1 Samuel 1:12**ULT**

¹² And it happened when she increased to pray before the face of Yahweh that Eli was watching her mouth.

UST

¹² As she was praying like that to Yahweh, Eli the priest saw Hannah's lips moving (as she was praying).

Because Hannah was speaking to Yahweh from her heart, what did Eli, the priest, think about her actions? (vv12-14)

Eli saw Hannah's lips moving but didn't hear her voice, so he thought she was drunk from wine.

1 Samuel 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Now Hannah, she was speaking to her heart, only her lips were quivering and her voice was not heard. So Eli thought of her as drunk.

UST

¹³ But Hannah was only praying silently; she was not making any sound. So Eli thought that she was drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Eli said to her, "Until when will you make yourself drunk? Remove your wine from with you!"

UST

¹⁴ He said to her, "You should not be getting drunk. Get rid of your wine!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Hannah answered and said, "No, my master, a woman difficult of spirit am I. And wine and intoxicating drink I have not drunk, but I have been pouring out my soul before the face of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁵ Hannah replied, "Sir, I am not drunk! I have not been drinking wine or any other alcoholic drink. I feel very miserable and I have been telling Yahweh about how I feel.

What did Hannah assure Eli she was doing? (vv15-16)

Hannah assured Eli that she was not drunk but was speaking to Yahweh from her heart.

1 Samuel 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Do not give your female servant to the face of a daughter of worthlessness. For I have been speaking from the abundance of my complaint and my provocation until now."

UST

¹⁶ Do not think that I am a worthless woman. I have been praying like this because I am so ashamed and upset."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Eli answered and said, "Go in peace. And may the God of Israel grant your request that you requested from with him."

UST

¹⁷ Eli replied, "I wish that things may go well for you. I desire that God, the one we Israelite people worship, may give you what you asked of him."

What did Eli say to Hannah that caused her to go on her way, eat and no longer feel sad? (vv17-18)

Eli told her to go in peace and asked the God of Israel to grant her the request she was asking him.

1 Samuel 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And she said, "May your female servant find favor in your eyes." And the woman went to her way and she ate. And her face was no longer against her.

UST

¹⁸ She replied, "I want you to think highly about me." Then she returned to her family and after she ate something, she was sad no more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the face of Yahweh. And they returned and came to their house in the Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife and Yahweh remembered her.

UST

¹⁹ Early the next morning, Elkanah and his family got up and worshiped Yahweh again, and then they returned to their home at Ramah. Then Elkanah slept with Hannah, and Yahweh answered her prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it happened at the turning of the days that Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, for, "I requested him from Yahweh."

UST

²⁰ She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which sounds like the words in the Hebrew language that mean "heard by God," because she said, "Yahweh heard me when I requested a son from him."

When Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, what did she name him?

Hannah named her son Samuel because she asked for him from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:21**ULT**

²¹ And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to sacrifice to Yahweh the sacrifice of the days and his vow.

UST

²¹ The following year, Elkanah went up to Shiloh with his family to make the kind of sacrifice he made each year, and also to give a special offering to God that he had promised to give him previously.

Why did Hannah not go with her husband to the temple for the yearly sacrifice? (vv21-23)

Because she was still nursing her son.

1 Samuel 1:22**ULT**

²² But Hannah did not go up. For she had said to her husband, "Until the boy is weaned, then I will bring him. And he will appear with the face of Yahweh and dwell there until eternity."

UST

²² But Hannah did not go with them. She said to her husband, "After I have weaned the baby, I will take him to Shiloh and present him to Yahweh, and he will stay there for the rest of his life."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:23**ULT**

²³ And Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do the good thing in your eyes. Stay until you have weaned him. Only, may Yahweh raise up his word." And the woman stayed and nursed her son until she weaned him.

UST

²³ Elkanah said, "Do what you think is best. Stay here until you have weaned him. What I desire is that Yahweh may enable you to do what you have promised." So Hannah stayed at home and nursed her son until she weaned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ And she brought him up with her when she had weaned him, with three bulls and one ephah of flour and a skin of wine. And she brought him to the house of Yahweh in Shiloh. (Now the boy was a boy.)

UST

²⁴ After she weaned him, even though Samuel was very young, she took him to the house of Yahweh that was at Shiloh. She took along with her and her son a three year old bull, about twenty liters of flour, and a container of wine.

What did Hannah take with her, along with her son, to the house of Yahweh to give to Eli the priest? (vv24-25)

Hannah took a sacrifice of a three year old bull, one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine to give to the priest.

1 Samuel 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ And they slaughtered the bull. And they brought the boy to Eli.

UST

²⁵ After Hannah and Elkanah had slaughtered the bull and offered it to Yahweh on the altar, they brought the boy to Eli.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ And she said, "Please, my master! As your spirit is alive, my master! I am the woman who was standing with you at here to pray to Yahweh.

UST

²⁶ Then Hannah said to him, "Sir, do you remember me? I am the woman who prayed as I stood here beside you several years ago.

What did Hannah give Yahweh? (vv26-28)

Hannah gave her son to Yahweh for as long as he would live.

1 Samuel 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ For this boy I prayed and Yahweh gave to me my request which I had requested from with him.

UST

²⁷ I prayed that Yahweh would enable me to give birth to a child, and this is that child!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ And also I have lent him to Yahweh all the days that he is lent to Yahweh." And he worshiped Yahweh there.
1:1 ^[1] but it is understood that really refers to the region in which the clan descended from Zuph resided.

UST

²⁸ So now I am presenting him to Yahweh. He will belong to Yahweh as long as he lives." Then Elkanah and his family worshiped Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2

1 Samuel 2:1

ULT

¹ And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in Yahweh. My horn is exalted in Yahweh. My mouth is wide against my enemies. For I rejoice in your salvation.

UST

¹ Then Hannah prayed, saying, "In my inner being I rejoice in what you, Yahweh, have done. I am strong because I belong to you. I laugh at my enemies because you, Yahweh have rescued me from being mocked by them.

Why did Hannah speak boldly over her enemies?

Hannah spoke boldly because she rejoices in Yahweh's salvation.

1 Samuel 2:2

ULT

² There is no one holy like Yahweh. Indeed, there is no one besides you. And there is no rock like our God.

UST

² There is no one who is holy like you, Yahweh. There is no other god like you. There is no one like you, our God, who can protect us as though you were putting us on top of a huge rock where we can be safe from danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:3

ULT

³ Do not speak so much very proudly! Let arrogance go out from your mouth. For Yahweh is a God of knowledge. And by him actions are weighed.

UST

³ You people who oppose God, stop boasting! Yahweh is a God who knows everything, and he will evaluate everyone's actions. So do not speak so arrogantly!

Why does Hannah say that we should not boast or speak arrogantly?

We should not boast or speak arrogantly because Yahweh is a God of knowledge and by him all actions are weighed.

1 Samuel 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Mighty men are shattered of bow. But those who stumble gird on strength.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, you destroy the weapons of mighty soldiers, but you give strength to those who stumble because they are weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:5**ULT**

⁵ The satisfied ones hired themselves out for bread, but the hungry ones cease. Even the barren woman bears seven, but the woman of many sons languishes.

UST

⁵ Many people who previously had plenty to eat, now have to work for other people to earn money to buy food, but many who were always hungry are not hungry anymore. The woman who could not have any children before, now has given birth to many children, and the woman who had many children before, now is very lonely because they have all died.

In Hannah's song, who is the one who is filled with sorrow?

The woman who has many children is filled with sorrow.

1 Samuel 2:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh puts to death and brings to life, brings down to Sheol and brings up.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, you cause some people to die, and you restore some people who were almost dead. For some people, it seems that they will soon go to where dead people go, but you cause them to become healthy again.

Who decides death and life, if one goes down to Sheol or is raised up?

Yahweh is the one who decides death and life, and Sheol or raised up.

1 Samuel 2:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh makes poor and makes rich, makes low, but also lifts up.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, you cause some people to be poor, and you cause some people to be rich, you humble some people, and you honor some people.

Who makes the poor and the rich?

Yahweh makes the poor, and he makes the rich.

1 Samuel 2:8**ULT**

⁸ Raising the lowly from the dust, he lifts up the needy from the trash heap to make sit with nobles and causes them to inherit the seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are for Yahweh and he has set the world on them.

UST

⁸ Sometimes you lift poor people up so that they are no longer sitting in the dust, and you raise up needy people so that they are no longer sitting on heaps of ashes; you cause them to sit next to princes; you cause them to sit on seats where people who are highly honored sit. Yahweh, you are the one who laid the foundations of the earth, and you have set the whole world on those foundations.

Who raises up the poor and lifts the needy to sit in the seat of honor?

Yahweh raises them up to sit at the seat of honor.

1 Samuel 2:9**ULT**

⁹ He will keep the feet of his loyal ones, but the wicked ones will be silenced in the darkness. For not by strength does a man prevail.

UST

⁹ You will protect your loyal people, but you will cause the wicked to die and to descend to the dark place where the dead go. We do not defeat our enemies by our own strength.

Who does Hannah say will guard the feet of his faithful people and silence the wicked in darkness?

Yahweh will guard their feet and silence the wicked.

1 Samuel 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ By Yahweh the ones who oppose him will be shattered. He makes thunder against him in the heavens. Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth. And he will give strength to his king and lift up the horn of his anointed one."

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh, you will break into pieces those who oppose you. You will cause thunder in the sky to show that you oppose them. Yahweh, you will judge people everywhere, even those who live in the most remote places on the earth. You will give strength to the king whom you will appoint, and give him great power over his enemies."

Who judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to his king?

Yahweh judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to his king.

1 Samuel 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Elkanah went to the Ramah, to his house. And the boy was serving Yahweh with the face of Eli the priest.

UST

¹¹ Then Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah, but Samuel, the little boy, stayed to help Eli the priest serve Yahweh.

What child served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest?

Samuel served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 2:12**ULT**

¹² Now the sons of Eli were sons of worthlessness. They did not know Yahweh.

UST

¹² Eli's two sons, who were also priests, were very wicked. They were not faithful to Yahweh.

Whose sons were evil men?

Eli the priest's sons were evil men.

1 Samuel 2:13**ULT**

¹³ And the custom of the priests with the people was: when any man was sacrificing a sacrifice, then the servant of the priest would come with a fork of three prongs in his hand as soon as the meat was boiling.

UST

¹³ The custom was that while the people were boiling the meat from their sacrifices in the huge pot at the temple, a priest would send his servant, who would come with a large three-pronged fork in his hand.

What was the custom of the priests with the people at the time of sacrifice? (vv13-14)

Their custom was for the priests' servant come with a three pronged fork to get the meat for the priest to take for himself.

1 Samuel 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he would stick it into the pan, or into the kettle, or into the cauldron, or into the pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take with him. Thus they did to all Israel, the ones who came there at Shiloh.

UST

¹⁴ He would stick the fork into the meat in the pot, and whatever meat fastened onto the fork, he would take and give it to the priest who sent him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Also, before they burned the fat, the servant of the priest would come, and he would say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat to roast for the priest. And he will not take boiled meat from you, but only living."

UST

¹⁵ However, before the man who was making the sacrifice could cut the fat off the meat and burn the fat as a sacrifice to Yahweh, the servant of Eli's sons would come to him and say to him, "Give me some meat now to take to the priest for him to roast! He wants raw meat; he does not want boiled meat."

What evil thing did the priest's sons instruct their servants? (vv15-16)

Instead of eating the boiled meat, Eli's sons instructed their servants tell the people they only ate raw meat.

1 Samuel 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the man would say to him, "Let them burn the fat completely as the day, then take for yourself what your self desires," And he would say, "No, rather now you will give it; and if not, I will take it by force."

UST

¹⁶ If the man said to the servant, "Let the priests cut off and burn the fat first; then you can take what you want," the servant would reply, "No, give it to me now; if you do not give it to me, I will take it forcefully!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the sin of the young men was very great with the face of Yahweh. For the men spurned the offering of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh considered that the young sons of Eli were committing a very great sin, because they were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that were being given to Yahweh.

Why was the sin of Eli's sons so great?

Their sin was great before Yahweh because they despised Yahweh's offering.

1 Samuel 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Samuel was serving with the face of Yahweh, a boy girded with an ephod of linen.

UST

¹⁸ As for Samuel, who was still a very young boy, he continued to do work for Yahweh, wearing a little sacred apron made out of linen, like the high priest wore.

What would Samuel's mother make for him form year to year to cloth him? (vv18-19)

She would make him a linen ephod robe.

1 Samuel 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And his mother would make a small robe for him and she would bring it to him from days to days, when she came up with her husband to sacrifice the sacrifice of the days.

UST

¹⁹ Each year his mother made a new little robe for him and took it to him when she went up to Shiloh with her husband to offer a sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and would say, "May Yahweh set seed from this woman for you in place of the request that he requested to Yahweh." And they would go to his place.

UST

²⁰ Then Eli would ask God to bless Elkanah and his wife, and he would say to Elkanah, "I hope that Yahweh will enable your wife to give birth to other children, to take the place of the one whom she dedicated to Yahweh." Then Elkanah and his family would return home.

How would Eli bless Elkanah and his wife?

Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife by praying for them to have more children by Hannah.

1 Samuel 2:21**ULT**

²¹ Because Yahweh visited Hannah, she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew with Yahweh.

UST

²¹ Yahweh was indeed very kind to Hannah, for he enabled her to give birth to three other sons and two daughters. Their son Samuel grew up while he was doing work for Yahweh in his temple.

What was Yahweh's response to Eli's prayer for Samuel's parents to have more children?

Yahweh once more helped Hannah and she bore three more sons and two daughters.

1 Samuel 2:22**ULT**

²² Now Eli was very old. And he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel and that they were lying with the women who were serving at the opening of the Tent of Meeting.

UST

²² Now Eli became very old. He often heard about all the evil things that his sons were doing to the Israelite people. He heard that they sometimes slept with the women who worked at the entrance to the tent where God spoke to his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:23**ULT**

²³ And he said to them, "Why do you do like these things that I am hearing, your evil things, from with all these people?"

UST

²³ He said to them, "It is terrible that you do such things! Many people keep telling me about the evil things that you do."

What did Eli say to his sons as he was getting very old? (vv23-24)

Eli told his sons that they were doing evil things and they caused Yahweh's people to disobey.

1 Samuel 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ No, my sons! For the report is not good that I am hearing the people of Yahweh passing on.

UST

²⁴ My sons, stop it! The reports about you that the people who belong to Yahweh tell others are terrible!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ If a man sins against a man, then God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against Yahweh, who will intercede for him?" And they would not listen to the voice of their father, for Yahweh desired to put them to death.

UST

²⁵ If one person sins against another person, God can intercede between them. But if someone sins against Yahweh, who will speak up for him?" But Eli's sons would not listen to what their father said. This was because Yahweh had decided that someone needed to kill them.

Why did Eli's sons not listen to his voice?

Eli's sons did not listen to his voice because Yahweh intended to kill them.

1 Samuel 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel was going and growing, and good, both with Yahweh and also with men.

UST

²⁶ The boy Samuel continued to grow up, and the things that he did pleased Yahweh and the people.

Who grew up and increased in favor with Yahweh and also with men?

Samuel grew up and increased in favor with Yahweh and with men.

1 Samuel 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ And a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Did I clearly reveal myself to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt for the house of Pharaoh?"

UST

²⁷ One day, a prophet came to Eli and told him, "This is what Yahweh has told me: 'When your ancestors were slaves of the king of Egypt, I appeared to Aaron.

Who told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors out of all the tribes of Israel to be Yahweh's priest? (vv27-28)

A man of God told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors.

1 Samuel 2:28**ULT**

²⁸ And I chose him from all the tribes of Israel to be for me for a priest, to bring up on my altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before my face. And I gave to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire of the sons of Israel.

UST

²⁸ From all the tribes of the Israelite people, I chose him and his male descendants to be priests for me. I appointed them to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear a sacred apron as they worked for me. And I declared that they could take and eat some of the meat that the Israelite people burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:29**ULT**

²⁹ Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering that I commanded for the Dwelling, and honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves from the first of every offering of Israel, of my people?'

UST

²⁹ So why do you show disrespect for the sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to me? You are honoring your sons more than you are honoring me, by allowing them to get fat from eating the best parts of all the sacrifices that the Israelite people bring to me!

How had Eli scorned Yahweh's sacrifices and offerings?

He scorned the sacrifices and offerings by honoring his sons above Yahweh.

1 Samuel 2:30**ULT**

³⁰ Therefore, this is the declaration of Yahweh the God of Israel: 'I indeed said your house and the house of your father would walk about before my face until eternity.' But now this is the declaration of Yahweh: 'Far be it for me! For I will honor those who honor me, but those who despise me will be slighted.'

UST

³⁰ Therefore, this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares: 'I definitely promised that Aaron and his descendants would continue to serve me forever. But now I declare this: It will not continue like that! I will honor those who honor me, but I will despise those who despise me.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:31**ULT**

³¹ Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your arm and the arm of the house of your father from there being an old man in your house.

UST

³¹ Listen carefully! There will soon be a time when I will cause all the strong young men in your family to die. The result will be that no men in your family will live long enough to become old men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:32**ULT**

³² And you will see the distress of the Dwelling, in all that he will do good with Israel. And there will not be an old man in your house all the days.

UST

³² You will be distressed and envious as you see the blessings that I will give to the other people in Israel. And I repeat that no men in your family will ever live long enough to become old men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:33**ULT**

³³ But I will not cut off a man from near my altar for you, to cause your eyes to fail and to cause your spirit to grieve. But all the increase of your house will die as men.

UST

³³ There is one of your descendants whom I will spare; I will not prevent him from serving me as a priest. But he will become blind from weeping; he will always be sad and grieving. But all your other descendants will die violently.

What did Yahweh tell Eli would happen to the men in his family?

Yahweh told Eli that all the men born in Eli's family would die.

1 Samuel 2:34**ULT**

³⁴ And this is the sign for you that will come to the two of your sons, to Hophni and Phinehas: in one day the two of them will die.

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³⁴ And your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will both die on the same day. And that will prove to you that all that I have said will come true.

What did Yahweh say would be a sign that all the men in Eli's family would die?

Both of Eli's sons would die on the same day.

1 Samuel 2:35**ULT**

³⁵ And I will raise up for myself a priest who is faithful. He will do just as is in my heart and in my self. And I will build for him a house that is faithful; and he will walk before the face of my anointed one all the days.

UST

³⁵ I have chosen another man to be my priest. He is one who will serve me faithfully; He will do everything I want. I will make sure that his descendants will be priests and will always serve me by helping the king whom I will choose.

Who will walk before Yahweh's anointed king forever?

A faithful priest who Yahweh raises up will walk before Yahweh's anointed king forever.

Why will everyone in Eli's family come and bow down to the faithful priest?

They will ask him for a position as a priest so that they can have food to eat.

1 Samuel 2:36**ULT**

³⁶ And it will happen that all the ones who remain in your house will come to bow down to him for a payment of silver and a round loaf of bread. And he will say, "Please assign me to one of the priestly positions to eat a bit of bread.""

UST

³⁶ All of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to that priest and ask him to give them money and food, and they will each have to say, "Please allow me to help the other priests, in order that I may earn some money to buy some food.""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3**1 Samuel 3:1****ULT**

¹ Now the boy Samuel was serving Yahweh before the face of Eli. And the word of Yahweh was rare in those days; there was no widespread vision.

UST

¹ While he was still a boy, Samuel was serving Yahweh while Eli supervised him. At that time there were very few messages that anyone received from Yahweh, and very few people saw visions that Yahweh gave them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:2**ULT**

² And it happened in that day, that Eli was lying down in his place. And his eyes had begun to be dim; he was not able to see.

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² By that time Eli's eyes were very weak; he was almost blind. One night he was sleeping in his room,

What was Samuel's reply when he heard Yahweh call to him as he was lying down in his bed? (vv2-4)

Samuel replied, "Here I am."

1 Samuel 3:3**ULT**

³ And before the lamp of God had gone out Samuel was lying down in the temple of Yahweh, there where the Box of God was.

UST

³ and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of Yahweh, where the sacred chest was kept. There was a lamp there that represented the presence of God, and it was still burning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:4**ULT**

⁴ And Yahweh called to Samuel. And he said, "Here I am."

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⁴ Just then Yahweh called, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel replied, "I am here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:5**ULT**

⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called to me." And he said, "I did not call. Go back, lie down." And he went and lay down.

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⁵ Then he got up and ran to Eli. He said to him, "I am here, because you called me!" But Eli replied, "No, I did not call you. Go back to your bed." So Samuel went and lay down again.

What did Eli tell Samuel to do when Samuel ran to him?

Eli said that he did not call Samuel, and told him to go lie down again.

1 Samuel 3:6**ULT**

⁶ And Yahweh did again call again, "Samuel." And Samuel rose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called to me." And he said, "I did not call, my son. Go back, lie down."

UST

⁶ Then Yahweh called again, "Samuel!" So Samuel got up again and went to Eli and said, "I am here, because you called me!" But Eli said, "No, my son, I did not call you. Go back and lie down."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:7**ULT**

⁷ (Now it was before Samuel knew Yahweh, and before the word of Yahweh had been revealed to him.)

UST

⁷ At that time Samuel had not yet known what it was like for Yahweh to speak to him, because Yahweh had not previously revealed anything to him.

What had never been revealed to Samuel?

A message from Yahweh had never been revealed to Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:8**ULT**

⁸ And Yahweh did again call Samuel at the third time. And he rose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called to me." And Eli understood that Yahweh was calling to the boy.

UST

⁸ After Samuel lay down again, Yahweh called him a third time. So again Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, because you called me!" Then Eli realized that it was Yahweh who was calling the boy.

What did Eli realize after the third time that Samuel came to him?

Eli realized that Yahweh had called the boy.

1 Samuel 3:9**ULT**

⁹ And Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down. And it will happen that, if he calls to you, then you shall say, 'Speak, Yahweh, for your servant is listening.'" And Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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⁹ So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again. If someone calls you again, say 'Speak to me, Yahweh, because I am listening!'" So Samuel went and lay down again.

What did Eli tell Samuel to say if Yahweh called him again?

Eli told Samuel to say, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Yahweh came and stationed himself and called as time on time, "Samuel, Samuel." And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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¹⁰ Then Yahweh came and stood and called as he had done the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak to me, because I am listening!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel that everyone who hears it, the two of his ears will tingle.

UST

¹¹ Then Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen carefully. I am about to do something here in Israel that will shock everyone who hears about it.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the ears of everyone when they heard what Yahweh was going to do?

Yahweh said the ears of everyone that hears what he is about to do will shake.

1 Samuel 3:12**ULT**

¹² In that day I will raise against Eli all that I have spoken against his house, beginning and ending.

UST

¹² When that happens, I will punish Eli and his family. I will do to them everything that I said that I would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:13**ULT**

¹³ And I have told him that I am about to judge his house until eternity because of the iniquity that he knew. For his sons were cursing against themselves and he did not rebuke them.

UST

¹³ His sons have shown great disrespect for me by the disgraceful things they have done, and Eli did not keep them back from doing it. So I told him that I would punish his family forever.

What did Eli's sons bring upon themselves?

Eli's sons brought a curse upon themselves..

1 Samuel 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And therefore, I have sworn to the house of Eli: The iniquity of the house of Eli will not be covered by sacrifice or by offering until eternity."

UST

¹⁴ I solemnly promised to Eli's family, "You will never be able to avoid the consequences for your sin, even if you give me sacrifices or offerings."

What would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering?

The sins of Eli's house would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.

1 Samuel 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Samuel lay down until the morning, and he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh. And Samuel was afraid of telling the vision to Eli.

UST

¹⁵ Samuel lay down again until morning. Then he got up and opened the doors of the building as usual. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision that Yahweh had given him.

What was Samuel afraid to do in the morning after he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh?

He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

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¹⁶ But Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son!" Samuel answered, "I am here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he said, "What is the word that he spoke to you? Do not hide it from me! Thus may God do to you and thus may he add, if you hide from me a word of all the word that he spoke to you."

UST

¹⁷ Eli asked him, "What was it that Yahweh told you? Do not conceal it! I want God to punish you severely if you do not tell me everything that he said to you."

What did Samuel do after Eli told him that he must not hide from him the words that Yahweh had spoken?

Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from Eli.

1 Samuel 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Samuel told him all the words, and did not hide it from him. And he said, "It is Yahweh. May he do the good in his eyes."

UST

¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything. He did not refuse to tell him anything. Then Eli said, "He is Yahweh. I am willing for him to do what he thinks is best."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Samuel grew. And Yahweh was with him and he did not cause any of his words to fall to the ground.

UST

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, Yahweh helped him; he made everything that Samuel predicted to come true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ And all Israel from Dan and as far as Beersheba knew that Samuel was faithful as a prophet of Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ So all the people of Israel, from the northern end of the country to the southern end, realized that Samuel was truly a prophet of Yahweh.

What did all Israel from Dan to Beersheba know about Samuel?

All Israel knew that Samuel was appointed to be a prophet of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 3:21**ULT**

²¹ And Yahweh continued to appear in Shiloh. For Yahweh revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Yahweh.

UST

²¹ Yahweh continued to appear to Samuel in Shiloh and give messages to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4

1 Samuel 4:1

ULT

¹ And the word of Samuel was to all Israel. And Israel went out to meet the Philistines for the battle. And they camped at Ebenezer and the Philistines camped at Aphek.

UST

¹ Samuel told to all the people of Israel the messages that God gave him. At that time the Israelite army went to fight against the army of the Philistine people. The Israelite army set up their tents at Ebenezer, and the Philistine army set up their tents at Aphek.

What was the result of the battle between Israel and the Philistines? (vv1-2)

Israel was defeated by the Philistines.

1 Samuel 4:2

ULT

² And the Philistines lined up to meet Israel and the battle spread and Israel was defeated before the face of the Philistines. And they struck down about 4,000 men in the battle line in the field. ^[1]

UST

² The Philistine army attacked the Israelite army, and as the battle continued, the Philistines defeated the Israelites and killed about four thousand of their soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:3

ULT

³ And the people came into the camp and the elders of Israel said, "Why did Yahweh strike us today before the face of the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from Shiloh. And it will come in our midst and it will save us from the palm of our enemies."

UST

³ When the remaining Israelite soldiers returned to their camp, the Israelite elders said, "Why did Yahweh allow the Philistine army to defeat us today? We should bring the sacred chest here from Shiloh, in order that Yahweh will go with us when we go to the battle again, so that our enemies will not defeat us again!"

What did the elders of Israel decide to do so that they could be kept safe from the power of their enemies?

The elders decided that they should bring the ark of the testimony of Yahweh to be with them.

1 Samuel 4:4**ULT**

⁴ And the people sent to Shiloh and from there they lifted the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh of hosts, who sits on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Box of the Covenant of God.

UST

⁴ So the soldiers sent some men to Shiloh, and those men brought back the sacred chest, the chest of Yahweh, who sat on a throne between the statues of winged creatures that were on top of the chest. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, went with them.

Who was with the ark of the testimony of Yahweh of hosts?

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were there with the ark.

1 Samuel 4:5**ULT**

⁵ And it happened as soon as the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh came into the camp, that all Israel shouted a great shout. And the earth resounded.

UST

⁵ When the Israelite people saw the men bringing the sacred chest into their camp, they were so happy that they shouted loudly. They shouted so loudly that the ground shook!

What did the Philistines wonder when they heard the great shout of all the people of Israel? (vv5-6)

The Philistines wondered what the loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews meant.

1 Samuel 4:6**ULT**

⁶ And the Philistines heard the sound of the shout, and they said, "What is the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?" Then they knew that the Box of Yahweh had come into the camp.

UST

⁶ The Philistines asked, "What are the people in the Hebrew camp shouting about?" Someone told them that they were shouting because the sacred chest of Yahweh had been brought to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:7**ULT**

⁷ And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "A god has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For it was not like this yesterday and three days ago!

UST

⁷ Then they became very afraid. They said, "Their God has come into their camp to help them! We are in big trouble now! Nothing like this has happened to us before!

Who did the Philistines say had come into the camp of the Hebrews?

The Philistines said that God had come into the camp of the Hebrews.

1 Samuel 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Woe to us! Who will rescue us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are they: the gods who struck the Egyptians with every plague in the wilderness.

UST

⁸ No one can save us now! This is the God who made the people of Egypt suffer with many plagues before the Israelites left Egypt and traveled through the desert.

With what did the Philistines say that God had attacked the Egyptians in the wilderness?

They said that God had attacked the Egyptians with many different kinds of plagues.

1 Samuel 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Strengthen yourselves and become men, Philistines, lest you serve for the Hebrews, just as they have served for you. Now become men and fight!"

UST

⁹ You Philistine men, be courageous! Fight very hard! If you do not do that, they will defeat us, and then you will become their slaves, just as they have been our slaves previously!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was struck and fled, a man to his tent, and it was a very great blow. And 30,000 foot soldiers from Israel fell.

UST

¹⁰ So the Philistine men fought very hard, and they defeated the Israelites. They killed thirty thousand Israelite soldiers, and the other Israelite soldiers fled and ran away to their tents.

What happened to the two sons of Eli when the Philistines fought and defeated Israel? (vv10-11)

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Samuel 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the Box of God was taken. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

UST

¹¹ The Philistines captured the sacred chest, and they killed Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:12**ULT**

¹² And a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh on that day. And his clothing was torn and earth was on his head.

UST

¹² On that same day, one man of the tribe descended from Benjamin ran from the place where the armies were fighting. He tore his clothes and threw soil on his head to show that he was very sad. He arrived at Shiloh late that afternoon.

What did the whole city do when the man from the battle line entered the city and told the news? (vv12-13)

When the man told the news, the whole city cried out.

1 Samuel 4:13**ULT**

¹³ And he came, and behold, Eli was sitting on the seat at the hand of the road watching because his heart was trembling concerning the Box of God. Now the man came to report in the city, and all the city cried out.

UST

¹³ Eli was waiting beside the road. He wanted to hear news about the battle, and he was also very anxious to know if anything bad had happened to God's sacred chest. When the messenger arrived and told people what had happened, everyone in the town started to cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Eli heard the sound of the outcry, and he said, "What is the sound of this tumult?" And the man hurried and came and reported to Eli.

UST

¹⁴ Eli asked, "Why are they making all that noise?" The messenger ran over to Eli and told him the news.

What question did Eli ask when he heard the noise of the outcry of the city?

Eli asked what was the meaning of the uproar.

1 Samuel 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now Eli was a son of 98 years. And his eyes were set and he was not able to see.

UST

¹⁵ At that time, Eli was ninety-eight years old, and he was blind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the man said to Eli, "I am the one who has come from the battle line. As for me, I fled from the battle line today." And he said, "What was the matter, my son?"

UST

¹⁶ The messenger said to Eli, "I have just come from where the armies were fighting. I left there earlier today." Eli asked, "What happened?"

What did the man tell Eli had happened to his sons and to the ark of God when Israel was defeated by the Philistines? (vv16-17)

The man told Eli that his two sons were dead and the ark of God had been taken.

1 Samuel 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the one who brought news answered and said, "Israel fled before the face of the Philistines. And also, there has been a great blow among the people. And also, the two of your sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died, and the Box of God was taken."

UST

¹⁷ The man replied, "The Philistines defeated our army. They killed thousands of our soldiers, and the others ran away. The Philistines killed your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. They also captured God's sacred chest."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And it happened, as soon as he mentioned the Box of God, that he fell backward from on the seat beside the hand of the gate. And his neck was broken and he died, because the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel 40 years.

UST

¹⁸ Eli was very old, and he was very fat; and when he heard what had happened to the sacred chest, he fell backward from his seat beside the city gate. His neck was broken and he died. He had led the Israelite people for forty years.

What was the injury that took Eli's life when he fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate?

Eli's neck was broken and he died.

1 Samuel 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And she heard the news about the Box of God being taken and that her father-in-law and her husband died. And she knelt down and gave birth, for her pains had turned on her.

UST

¹⁹ The wife of Eli's son Phinehas was pregnant, and it was almost time for her to give birth to her baby. When she heard that God's sacred chest had been captured and that her husband and her father-in-law were dead, her labor pains suddenly began and were too much for her. She quickly gave birth to a boy, but she began to die.

What happened when Phinehas' pregnant wife heard that the ark was captured and her father-in-law and husband were dead?

Phinehas' wife knelt down and gave birth, but her labor pains overwhelmed her.

1 Samuel 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ And about the time of her dying, the women who stood over her said, "Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer and did not put her heart.

UST

²⁰ As she was dying, the women who were helping her tried to encourage her by saying to her, "You have given birth to a son!" But she did not pay any attention to what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:21**ULT**

²¹ And she called the boy Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" about the Box of God being taken, and about her father-in-law and her husband.

UST

²¹ She named the boy Ichabod, which means "no glory," because she said, "God's glory has departed from Israel." She said that because God's sacred chest had been captured and because her husband and her father-in-law had died.

What name did Phinehas' wife give to the baby and why did she give him that name? (vv21-22)

She named the baby Ichabod because the glory had gone away from Israel.

1 Samuel 4:22

ULT

²² And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, because the Box of God has been taken."

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UST

²² She said, "God's glory has left Israel, because God's sacred chest has been captured!" And then she died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5

1 Samuel 5:1

ULT

¹ Now the Philistines had taken the Box of God. And they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

UST

¹ After the army of the Philistia people group captured God's sacred chest in the town of Ebenezer, they took it to Ashdod, one of their largest cities.

In what position did the people find the idol Dagon the next day after the Philistines brought the ark of God into the house of Dagon? (vv1-3)

Dagon was found fallen face down on the ground before the ark of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 5:2

ULT

² And the Philistines took the Box of God, and brought it to the house of Dagon. And they placed it beside Dagon.

UST

² They carried it into the temple of their god Dagon and placed it alongside a statue of Dagon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:3

ULT

³ And the Ashdodites rose early on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen to his face to the ground before the face of the Box of Yahweh! And they took Dagon and returned him to his place.

UST

³ But early the next morning, when the people of Ashdod went to see it, they saw that the statue had fallen on its face in front of Yahweh's sacred chest! So they set the statue up in its place again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:4**ULT**

⁴ And they rose early in the morning on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen to his face to the ground before the face of the Box of Yahweh! And the head of Dagon and the two of the palms of his hands were cut off, on the threshold. Only Dagon was left on him.

UST

⁴ But the following morning, they saw that it had fallen down in front of the sacred chest again. But this time, it was as if someone had cut the statue's head and hands off; they were lying in the doorway. Only its body remained in one piece.

What remained of the idol Dagon the next morning after they had set him back in his place before the ark?

Only the trunk of Dagon remained and his head and hands were lying cut off in the doorway.

1 Samuel 5:5**ULT**

⁵ Therefore, the priests of Dagon and all the ones who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, until this day.

UST

⁵ That is the reason that ever since that time, the priests of Dagon and everyone else who enters the temple of Dagon in Ashdod do not step on the doorsill where the hands and head of Dagon had fallen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And the hand of Yahweh was heavy on the Ashdodites and he devastated them. And he struck them with tumors, Ashdod and its territories.

UST

⁶ Then Yahweh made the people of Ashdod suffer very much with tumors. Many sickened and died, both in the city and in the surrounding region.

Why did the men of Ashdod say that the ark should not stay with them? (vv6-7)

The hand of the God of Israel was hard against them and against Dagon their god.

1 Samuel 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, and they said, "The Box of the God of Israel should not stay with us because his hand is hard on us and on Dagon our god."

UST

⁷ The people of Ashdod realized why this was happening, and they cried out, "The God of the Israelites is punishing us and our god Dagon. So we cannot allow the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites to remain here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:8**ULT**

⁸ And they sent and gathered all of the rulers of the Philistines to them. And they said, "What should we do with the Box of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the Box of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." And they brought around the Box of the God of Israel.

UST

⁸ They summoned the five kings of the Philistia people group and asked them, "What should we do with the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites?" The kings replied, "Take the sacred chest to the city of Gath." So they moved it to Gath.

To what place did the Philistines move the ark of the God of Israel?

The Philistines moved the ark to Gath.

1 Samuel 5:9**ULT**

⁹ And it happened after they brought it around, that the hand of Yahweh was on the city, a very great tumult. And he struck the men of the city from small and as far as great. And tumors broke out to them.

UST

⁹ But after they took it to Gath, Yahweh powerfully struck the people of that city also, with the result that many men, including young men and old men, got tumors on their skins. Then the people became very afraid.

With what did Yahweh afflict the men of the city of Gath?

Yahweh afflicted them with tumors.

1 Samuel 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they sent the Box of God to Ekron. And it happened as soon as the Box of God entered Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought around to me the Box of the God of Israel to put me and my people to death!"

UST

¹⁰ So they took the sacred chest to the city of Ekron. But when the men carried the sacred chest into Ekron, the people there cried out, "Why are you bringing the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites into our city? By doing that you will cause us and the rest of our people to die!"

What did the people of Ekron say that the God of Israel would do to them because the ark was sent to their city?

They said that the God of Israel would kill them and their people.

1 Samuel 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines. And they said, "Send away the Box of the God of Israel, and let it return to its place, and it will not put me and my people to death." For there was a tumult of death in all the city. The hand of God was very heavy there.

UST

¹¹ So the people of Ekron also summoned the Philistine kings. When they came, the people said to them, "Take this sacred chest of the god of the Israelites back to its own place! If you do not do that quickly, we will all die!" The people were terrified because they knew that God was starting to punish them severely.

To what place did the people of Ekron request the rulers to send the ark?

They requested that the ark be sent to its own place.

1 Samuel 5:12**ULT**

¹² And the men who did not die were struck with the tumors. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

UST

¹² Some of the people in Ekron had already died, and the rest of the people were suffering because of tumors on their skins. So they all cried out to their gods to help them.

To what place did the cry of the men of the city go?

The cry of the men of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel 6

1 Samuel 6:1

ULT

¹ And the Box of Yahweh was in the field of the Philistines seven months.

UST

¹ The people of Philistia kept God's sacred chest in their area for seven months.

For what period of time was the ark of Yahweh in the Philistine's country?

The ark was in the country of the Philistines for seven months.

1 Samuel 6:2

ULT

² And the Philistines called to the priests and to the ones who practice divination, saying, "What should we do for the Box of Yahweh? Make known to us with what we should send it away to its place."

UST

² Then they summoned their priests and their diviners. They asked them, "What should we do with the sacred chest of Yahweh? Tell us how we should send it back to its own land."

Who did the Philistines call to ask advice on how the ark of Yahweh should be sent back to its own country?

They called for the priests and the diviners to tell them how to send the ark back to its own country.

1 Samuel 6:3

ULT

³ And they said, "If you are about to send away the Box of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but surely return to him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand has not turned aside from you."

UST

³ Those men replied, "Send with it an offering to show Yahweh that you know that you are guilty for capturing the chest, in order that the plague will stop. If you do that, and then if you are healed, you will know that he is the one who caused the plague to strike you. And you will know why you have been suffering until now."

What did the priests and diviners tell the Philistine people to send as a gift to the God of Israel as a guilt offering? (vv3-4)

They told the Philistines to send five golden tumors and five golden mice.

1 Samuel 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And they said, "What is the guilt offering that we should return to him?" And they said, "Five tumors of gold and five mice of gold, from the number of the rulers of the Philistines, for one plague was for all of them and for your rulers.

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⁴ The people of Philistia asked, "What kind of offering should we send?" The men replied, "Make five gold models of the tumors on your skin, and five gold models of rats. Make five of each because that will be the same number as the number of your kings, and because the plague has struck both you people and your five kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:5**ULT**

⁵ And you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice, the ones destroying the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from on you and from on your gods and from on your land.

UST

⁵ Make models that represent the tumors and the rats that are ruining your land. Make them in order to honor the god of the Israelite people. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will stop punishing you, your gods, and your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:6**ULT**

⁶ And why do you make heavy your heart, just as the Egyptians and Pharaoh made their heart heavy? When he dealt severely with them, did they not send them away and they went?

UST

⁶ Do not be stubborn as Pharaoh and the Egyptians were. Remember that Yahweh finally made them suffer more than they could bear, and that they finally allowed the Israelites to leave their land.

Why did the priests and diviners say God had dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh?

God had dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh because they had hardened their hearts.

1 Samuel 6:7**ULT**

⁷ So now, take and make one new cart with two nursing cows on which a yoke has not gone up. And tie the cows to the cart and return their sons from behind them to the house.

UST

⁷ So you must build a new cart. Then get two cows that have very recently given birth to calves. They must be cows that have never been hitched to a cart. Hitch those cows to the new cart, and take the calves away from their mothers.

What animals did the priests and diviners tell the Philistines to tie to the cart on which they were to place the ark of Yahweh?

They told the Philistines to tie two nursing cows to the cart.

1 Samuel 6:8**ULT**

⁸ And take the Box of Yahweh and put it into the cart, and set the objects of gold that you are returning to him as a guilt offering in the box by its side. And send it away and it will go.

UST

⁸ Put their god's sacred chest on the cart. Also put in the cart the five gold models of the tumors on your skin and the five gold models of rats. Put them in a small box alongside the sacred chest. They will be an offering to show that you know that you deserved to be punished for capturing the sacred chest. Then send the cows down the road, pulling the cart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:9**ULT**

⁹ And look; if it goes up the way of its own territory, Beth Shemesh, he has done this great evil to us. But if not, then we will know that his hand did not strike us. It happened to us by chance."

UST

⁹ Watch the cart as the cows pull it. If they pull it to the town of Bethshemesh in Israel, we will know that it was their god who brought this plague on us. But if they do not take it there, we will know that it was not the god of the Israelites who has punished us. We will know that it happened by chance."

How would the Philistines know that it was Yahweh who had executed the great disaster on them?

The Philistines would know it if the cows pulling the cart went on their own to Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the men did thus, and they took two nursing cows, and tied them to the cart. But they shut up their sons in the house.

UST

¹⁰ So the people did what the priests and diviners told them to do. They made a cart, and hitched two cows to it. They took the calves from their mothers.

Where did the nursing cows go with the cart carrying the ark and the box containing the golden mice and castings of tumors? (vv10-12)

The cows went straight in the direction of Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they set the Box of Yahweh into the cart with the box and the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.

UST

¹¹ They put in the cart Yahweh's sacred chest and the box with the models of the gold rats and the tumors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:12**ULT**

¹² And the cows went straight in the way, on the road of Beth Shemesh. They went in one highway, going and lowing, and they did not turn aside right or left. And the rulers of the Philistines were going after them as far as the border of Beth Shemesh.

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¹² Then the cows started walking, and they went straight toward Bethshemesh. They stayed on the road, and were mooing all the time. They did not turn to the left or to the right. The five kings of the region of Philistia followed the cows until they reached the edge of Bethshemesh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:13**ULT**

¹³ Now Beth Shemesh was reaping the harvest of wheat in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the Box, and they rejoiced to see it.

UST

¹³ At that time, the people of Bethshemesh were harvesting wheat in the valley outside the city. When the cows came along the road, they looked up and saw the sacred chest. They were extremely happy to see it.

What were the people of Beth Shemesh doing when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark?

They were harvesting their wheat in the valley.

1 Samuel 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Bethshemite and stood there, and a large stone was there. And they split the wood pieces of the cart, and offered up the cows as a burnt up offering to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The cows pulled the cart into the field of a man named Joshua, and they stopped alongside a large rock. Several men from the tribe of Levi lifted from the cart the sacred chest and the box containing the gold models of the rats and the tumors, and put them all on the large rock. Then the people smashed the cart and kindled a fire with the wood from which the cart had been made. They slaughtered the cows and burned their bodies on the fire to be an offering for Yahweh that would be completely burned. That day the people of Bethshemesh offered to Yahweh many sacrifices that were completely burned, and other sacrifices.

What did the people of Beth Shemesh do with the cows that had pulled the cart?

They offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the Levites brought down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it, in which was the objects of gold, and they set them on the large stone. And the men of Beth Shemesh offered up burnt up offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The cows pulled the cart into the field of a man named Joshua, and they stopped alongside a large rock. Several men from the tribe of Levi lifted from the cart the sacred chest and the box containing the gold models of the rats and the tumors, and put them all on the large rock. Then the people smashed the cart and kindled a fire with the wood from which the cart had been made. They slaughtered the cows and burned their bodies on the fire to be an offering for Yahweh that would be completely burned. That day the people of Bethshemesh offered to Yahweh many sacrifices that were completely burned, and other sacrifices.

Who took down the ark of Yahweh and the box that was with it?

The Levites took down the ark of Yahweh and the box that was with it.

1 Samuel 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the five rulers of the Philistines saw and returned to Ekron on that day.

UST

¹⁶ The five kings from the region of Philistia watched all this, and then they returned to Ekron, that same day.

What did the five rulers of the Philistines do when they saw what the men of Beth Shemesh had done?

They returned that day to Ekron.

1 Samuel 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And these are the tumors of gold which the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to Yahweh: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron.

UST

¹⁷ The five gold models of tumors that they sent to be an offering to Yahweh to show that they knew that they deserved to be punished were gifts from those five kings who were rulers of the cities of Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron.

What was the significance of the number of five golden tumors and the number of five golden mice? (vv17-18)

The number of the golden tumors and the golden mice were the same as the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five rulers.

1 Samuel 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the mice of gold were from the number of all the cities of the Philistines of the five rulers, from the cities of fortification and as far as the villages of the open country, and as far as the great Abel on which they rested the Box of Yahweh. It is in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite until this day.

UST

¹⁸ The models of the five gold rats were gifts from the people of those five cities and the surrounding towns. The large rock at Bethshemesh, on which the men of the tribe of Levi placed the sacred chest, is still there in the field that belonged to Joshua. When people see it, they remember what happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And he struck among the men of Beth Shemesh because they had looked in the Box of Yahweh. And he struck 50,070 men among the people. And the people mourned because Yahweh had stricken a great blow among the people. ^[1]

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¹⁹ But some men from Bethshemesh looked into Yahweh's sacred chest, and because of that, Yahweh caused 50,070 of them to die. Then the people mourned very much because Yahweh punished those men like that.

Why did Yahweh kill seventy of the men of Beth Shemesh?

Yahweh killed them because they had looked into his ark.

1 Samuel 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ And the men of Beth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the face of Yahweh, this holy God? And to whom will he go up from on us?"

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²⁰ They said, "Who can stand before Yahweh, our holy God? Where can we send away this sacred chest?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:21**ULT**

²¹ And they sent messengers to those dwelling in Kiriath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the Box of Yahweh; come down and bring it up to you."

6:19 ^[1], a few later copies and modern versions have, .

UST

²¹ They sent messengers to the people of the city of Kiriath Jearim to tell them, "The people of Philistia have returned Yahweh's sacred chest to us! Come here and take it to your city!"

What did the messengers ask the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim to do about the ark that the Philistines had brought back?

The messengers asked the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim to come down and take the ark back with them.

1 Samuel 7

1 Samuel 7:1

ULT

¹ And the men of Kiriath Jearim came and lifted up the Box of Yahweh, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Box of Yahweh.

UST

¹ When the men of Kiriath Jearim received the message, they came to Bethshemesh and took the sacred chest of Yahweh. They took it to the house of Abinadab, which was on a hillside. They set apart Abinadab's son Eleazar to take care of the chest.

What did the men of Kiriath Jearim do to Abinadab's son Eleazar so that he could keep the ark of Yahweh?

They consecrated him to keep the ark of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:2

ULT

² And it happened from the day of the dwelling of the Box in Kiriath Jearim, that the days were numerous, and they were 20 years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh.

UST

² The sacred chest stayed in Kiriath Jearim for a long time. It stayed there for twenty years. During that time all the people of Israel mourned because it seemed that Yahweh had abandoned them, and they wanted to turn to him for help again.

What did all the house of Israel do during the twenty years that the ark remained in Kiriath Jearim?

They lamented during that time and wished to turn to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:3**ULT**

³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, saying "If you are going to return to Yahweh with all your heart, remove the gods of the foreigner and the Ashtoreths from your midst. And make firm your heart to Yahweh, and serve him alone, then he will rescue you from the hand of the Philistines."

UST

³ Then Samuel said to all the Israelite people, "If you truly want to honor Yahweh again, you must get rid of your statues of the goddess Ashtoreth and the idols of all the other foreign gods. You must decide to serve only Yahweh. If you do that, he will rescue you from the oppression of the Philistia people."

What did the people of Israel need to remove from among them in order for Yahweh to rescue them from the hand of the Philistines? (vv3-4)

They needed to remove the foreign gods and Ashtaroth from among them and worship Yahweh only.

1 Samuel 7:4**ULT**

⁴ And the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtoreths. And they served Yahweh alone.

UST

⁴ So the Israelites got rid of all their statues of the gods Baal and Ashtoreth, and they began to worship only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:5**ULT**

⁵ And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to the Mizpah. And I will pray for you to Yahweh."

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⁵ Then Samuel told them, "All you Israelite people must gather with me at Mizpah. Then I will pray to Yahweh for you."

What did the people of Israel admit that they had done when they gathered together at Mizpah and poured water out before Yahweh? (vv5-6)

They admitted that they had sinned against Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:6**ULT**

⁶ And they gathered at the Mizpah, and drew water and poured it out before the face of Yahweh. And they fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against Yahweh." And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in the Mizpah.

UST

⁶ So they gathered at Mizpah, where Samuel acted as leader for the people of Israel. They had a big ceremony there. They fetched water from a well, and poured the water on the ground while Yahweh watched. To show that they were sorry for having worshiped idols, they did not eat any food on that day, and they confessed that they had sinned against Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:7**ULT**

⁷ And the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered at the Mizpah, and the rulers of the Philistines went up against Israel. And the sons of Israel heard, and they were afraid because of the face of the Philistines.

UST

⁷ When the kings of the region of Philistia heard that the Israelite people had gathered at Mizpah, they led their armies there to attack the Israelites. When the Israelites found out that the Philistine army was approaching them, they became very afraid.

What did the people of Israel hear about the Philistines that made them afraid and made them ask Samuel to call out to Yahweh for them? (vv7-8)

They heard that the rulers of the Philistines attacked Israel.

1 Samuel 7:8**ULT**

⁸ And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not be silent from us, from crying out to Yahweh our God! And may he save us from the hand of the Philistines."

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⁸ They told Samuel, "Pray to Yahweh to rescue us from the Philistine army, and do not stop pleading with him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:9**ULT**

⁹ And Samuel took one lamb of milk and he offered it up, a whole burnt up offering to Yahweh. And Samuel cried out to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh answered him.

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⁹ So Samuel took a very young lamb and killed it and offered it to Yahweh to be a sacrifice that was completely burned on the altar. Then he prayed and pleaded that Yahweh would help the Israelites, and Yahweh did help them.

What did Yahweh do when Samuel took a nursing lamb, offered it as a whole burnt offering to Yahweh and cried out to Yahweh?

He answered Samuel.

1 Samuel 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ (Now Samuel was offering up the burnt up offering, and the Philistines approached for the battle with Israel.) And Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines and confused them, and they were struck before the face of Israel.

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¹⁰ While Samuel was burning the offering, the Philistine army came near to attack the Israelites. But Yahweh caused it to thunder very loudly. The men of the Philistine army became very frightened, and then they panicked. So the Israelites were able to drive them back completely.

What was it that Yahweh did that threw the Philistines into confusion as they drew near to attack Israel?

Yahweh thundered with a loud sound that day against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the men of Israel went out from the Mizpah, and they pursued the Philistines and struck them down as far as below Beth Kar.

UST

¹¹ The Israelite men ran out of Mizpah and chased the Philistine soldiers almost to the town of Beth Kar. They killed many Philistine soldiers who were trying to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:12**ULT**

¹² And Samuel took one stone and set it between the Mizpah and the Shen. And he called its name Ebenezer, and he said, "As far as here Yahweh has helped us."

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¹² After that happened, Samuel took a large stone and set it up between the towns of Mizpah and Shen. He named the stone "Ebenezer," which means "stone of help," because he said "Yahweh has helped us until the present time."

What did Samuel set up between Mizpah and Shen as a remembrance that Yahweh had helped them?

Samuel took a stone and set it up.

1 Samuel 7:13**ULT**

¹³ And the Philistines were subdued and did not do again to enter the border of Israel. And the hand of Yahweh was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

UST

¹³ So the Philistine people were defeated, and for a long time they did not enter the Israelite land to attack them again. During the time that Samuel was alive, Yahweh powerfully protected the Israelite people from being attacked by the Philistine army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the cities that the Philistines had taken from with Israel were returned to Israel, from Ekron and as far as Gath. And Israel rescued their territory from the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

UST

¹⁴ The Israelite army was able to capture again the Israelite towns between Ekron and Gath that the Philistine army had captured before. The Israelites were also able to take again the other areas around those cities that the Philistine army had taken from the Israelites previously. And there was peace between the Israelites and the Amor people group.

What happened to the towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel?

They were restored to Israel.

1 Samuel 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

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¹⁵ Samuel continued to be the leader of the Israelite people until he died.

**What did Samuel do as he went on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah and back to Ramah?
(vv15-17)**

Samuel decided disputes for Israel in all these places.

1 Samuel 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he went as often as year by year and went around Bethel, and the Gilgal, and the Mizpah. And he judged Israel, all these places.

UST

¹⁶ Every year he traveled among the cities of Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah. In those cities he listened to disputes between people and made decisions about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And his returning place was the Ramah, because his house was there; and there he judged Israel. And he built an altar there to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ After he made decisions in each of those cities, he returned to his home at Ramah, and he would listen to people's disputes there, also, and make decisions about them. He built an altar at Ramah to offer sacrifices to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8

1 Samuel 8:1

ULT

¹ And it happened when Samuel was old, that he appointed his sons judges of Israel.

UST

¹ When Samuel became old, he appointed his two sons, Joel and Abijah, to lead the people of Israel.

In what ways did the two sons of Samuel, who were judges, not walk in the ways of their father? (vv1-3)

They chased after dishonest gain, taking bribes and perverting justice.

1 Samuel 8:2

ULT

² And the name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba.

UST

² They judged people's disputes in the town of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:3

ULT

³ But his sons did not walk in his ways, and they reached out after dishonest gain. And they took a bribe and perverted justice.

UST

³ But they were not like their father. They wanted only to get a lot of money. They accepted bribes, and they did not make honest decisions about people's disputes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:4**ULT**

⁴ And all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at the Ramah.

UST

⁴ Finally, the Israelite leaders met in the town of Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel.

What the request did the elders of Israel make of Samuel? (vv4-5)

They asked Samuel to appoint for them a king to judge them like all the nations, since he was old and his sons did not walk in his ways.

1 Samuel 8:5**ULT**

⁵ And they said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."

UST

⁵ They said to him, "Listen! You are now old, and your sons are not like you. Appoint a king to rule over us, like the kings that other countries have!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:6**ULT**

⁶ And the matter was evil in the eyes of Samuel when they said, "Give to us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

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⁶ Samuel was very unhappy with them for requesting that, so he prayed to Yahweh about it.

What did Samuel do when he was displeased by the request from the elders of Israel to give them a king?

Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 8:7**ULT**

⁷ And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people according to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them.

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⁷ Yahweh replied, "Do what they have requested you to do. But do not think that you are the one whom they are really rejecting. I have been their king, and I am the one they are really rejecting.

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to obey the voice of the people in everything they would say to him?

Yahweh told Samuel to obey their voice because they were not rejecting Samuel, but they were rejected Yahweh from being king over them.

1 Samuel 8:8**ULT**

⁸ Like all the deeds that they have done from the day I brought them up from Egypt and until this day, they have forsaken me and served other gods. So they are doing also to you.

UST

⁸ Ever since I brought them out of Egypt, they have rejected me, and they have worshiped other gods. And now they are also rejecting you in the same way.

What was the warning which Yahweh told Samuel to give to the people of Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh told Samuel to solemnly warn the people of Israel about the way in which the king would rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:9**ULT**

⁹ And now, listen to their voice. However, solemnly warn them and tell them the custom of the king who will rule over them."

UST

⁹ Do what they are asking you to do. But warn them about how their kings will act toward them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Samuel said all the words of Yahweh to the people who were requesting a king from him.

UST

¹⁰ So Samuel told those people what Yahweh had said.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about the way in which the king would take their sons from them? (vv10-12)

Samuel warned the people that the king would take their sons to be horsemen and soldiers, make them plow the ground and reap the harvest, and use others to make weapons and implements of war.

1 Samuel 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he said, "This will be the custom of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen, and they will run before the face of his chariot;

UST

¹¹ He said, "If a king rules over you, this is what he will do to you: He will force many of your sons to join the army. He will make some of them run in front of the chariots to clear things out of the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:12**ULT**

¹² and appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and to plow his plowing, and to harvest his harvest, and to make the implements of his warfare and the implements of his chariot.

UST

¹² Some of them will be commanders of his soldiers, but others will work for him like slaves. He will force some of them to plow his fields and then later harvest his crops. He will force others to make his weapons and equipment for his chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:13**ULT**

¹³ And he will take your daughters for perfumers and for cooks and for bakers.

UST

¹³ The king will take some of your daughters from you and force them to make perfumes for him and cook food for him and bake bread for him.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about what the king would do with their daughters? (vv13-15)

Samuel warned them that the king would take their daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

1 Samuel 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And your fields and your vineyards and your olive orchards, the good ones, he will take and give to his servants.

UST

¹⁴ He will take your best fields and vineyards and olive tree groves, and give them to his own officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And he will take a tenth of your seeds and your vineyards, and give to his officials and to his servants.

UST

¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your harvests and distribute it among the officers and servants who work in his palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And your male servants and your female servants and your young men, the good ones, and your donkeys he will take and make for his work.

UST

¹⁶ He will take from you your male and female servants, your best cattle and donkeys, and force them to work for him.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about what the king would do with their servants, young men, and animals? (vv16-17)

Samuel warned them that the king would take their servants, the best of their young men and donkeys, a tenth of their flocks, and make them slaves.

1 Samuel 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He will take a tenth of your flock. And you yourselves will be for him for servants.

UST

¹⁷ He will take one tenth of your sheep and goats. And you will become his slaves!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And on that day you will cry out from before the face of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves. But Yahweh will not answer you on that day."

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¹⁸ When that time comes, you will complain loudly to the king, the king that you yourselves have chosen, but Yahweh will not pay attention to you."

What did Samuel warn the people of Israel would happen when they would cry out because of the king which they had chosen for themselves?

Samuel said that when they would cry out to Yahweh, Yahweh would not answer them.

1 Samuel 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But a king will be over us.

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¹⁹ But the people refused to pay attention to what Samuel said. They said, "We do not care about what you say! We want a king!

How did the people of Israel respond to the warnings from Samuel? (vv19-20)

The people insisted that they still wanted a king over them so they could be like the other nations and have a king to judge them and fight their battles.

1 Samuel 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ And we also, we will be like all the nations. And our king will judge us and go out before our face and fight our battles."

UST

²⁰ We want to be like the other nations. We want a king to rule us and to lead our soldiers when they go to fight."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:21**ULT**

²¹ And Samuel heard all the words of the people. And he spoke them in the ears of Yahweh.

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²¹ When Samuel told Yahweh what the people had said,

What was the response of Yahweh when Samuel repeated the words of the people into his ears? (vv21-22)

Yahweh still told Samuel to obey the voice of the people and give them a king.

1 Samuel 8:22

ULT

²² And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and cause a king to reign for them." And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go, a man to his city."

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²² Yahweh replied, "Do what they are telling you to do. Give them a king!" So Samuel agreed, and then he sent the people home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9

1 Samuel 9:1

ULT

¹ And there was a man from Benjamin and his name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a man of a Yaminite, a mighty one of strength.

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¹ Now there was a rich and influential man, whose name was Kish. He belonged to the tribe descended from Benjamin. Kish was son of Abiel and the grandson of Zeror. He was from the family of Bekorath and from the clan of Aphiah.

What were the outstanding physical features of Saul, the son of Kish? (vv1-2)

Saul was a handsome young man who was taller from his shoulders upward than any of the other people.

1 Samuel 9:2

ULT

² And for him was a son and his name was Saul, a young man and good. And there was no man from the sons of Israel better than him. From his shoulder and upward he was taller than all the people.

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² Kish had a son whose name was Saul. He was more handsome than any of the other Israelite men, and he was a head taller than any of the other Israelite men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:3

ULT

³ Now the female donkeys of Kish, the father of Saul, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, "Take now one from the servants with you, and rise, go seek the female donkeys."

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³ One day, some of Kish's female donkeys wandered off. So Kish told Saul, "Take one of my servants with you, and go and search for the donkeys!"

What was the outcome when Kish asked his son Saul to go and look for their lost donkeys? (vv3-4)

Saul took one of the servants and passed through many places without finding the lost donkeys.

1 Samuel 9:4**ULT**

⁴ And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but there was nothing. And he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

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⁴ So Saul did that. He took a servant, and they walked through the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, and then they went through the regions of Shalishah and Shaalim, and then they went through all the region belonging to the tribe of Benjamin, but they could not find the donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:5**ULT**

⁵ They themselves entered in the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease about the female donkeys and worry about us."

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⁵ Finally, they came to the region of Zuph. Then Saul said to the servant, "Let us go back home. If we do not do that, my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

What did Saul tell his servant the should do when they came to the land of Zuph?

Saul told his servant that they should go back or his father would worry more about them than the donkeys.

1 Samuel 9:6**ULT**

⁶ And he said to him, "Behold, please, a man of God is in this city, and the man is honored; all that he speaks certainly comes. Let us go there now. Perhaps he will tell us our way on which we have gone."

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⁶ But the servant said, "I have another idea. There is one of God's prophets who lives in this town. People respect him very much, because everything he predicts comes true. Let us go and talk to him. Perhaps he can tell us where we can go to find the donkeys."

What different idea did the servant present to Saul?

The servant told Saul that they should seek after a man of God in the city who might be able to tell them where they should go on their journey.

1 Samuel 9:7**ULT**

⁷ And Saul said to his servant, "Now behold, we will go, but what will we bring to the man? For the bread is gone from our vessels and there is no gift to bring to the man of God. What is with us?"

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⁷ Saul replied to the servant, "If we go to talk with him, we should give a gift to him, but what can we give to him? We have no more food in our sacks. Do we have anything else to give to him?"

What did the servant have in his possession to give to the man of God so he would tell them which way to go? (vv7-8)

The servant had with him a fourth of a shekel of silver to give to the man of God.

1 Samuel 9:8**ULT**

⁸ And the servant added to answer Saul, and he said, "Behold, one-fourth of a shekel of silver has been found in my hand. And I will give it to the man of God and he will tell us our way."

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⁸ The servant replied, "Look at this! I have a small piece of silver. I can give this to him, and then he will tell us where to go to find the donkeys."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:9**ULT**

⁹ (Before in Israel, a man said thus when he went to seek God, "Come and let us go to the seer." For the prophet today was called the seer before.)

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⁹⁻¹¹ Saul said, "Very good, let us go talk to him." So they went to the town where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the town, they met some young women who were coming out of the town to get some water from a well. One of them asked the women, "Is the seer in the town today?" They said that because previously, if people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, "Let us go to the seer," and people who now are called prophets were at that time called seers, or "those who see visions from God."

What did Saul and his servant inquire of the young women who were coming out to draw water? (vv9-11)

Saul and his servant asked if the seer was in the city so they could seek the knowledge of God's will.

1 Samuel 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Saul said to his servant, "Your word is good. Come, let us go." And they went to the city there where the man of God was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ They were going up on the ascent to the city, and they themselves found young women going out to draw water. And they said to them, "Is the seer in this place?"

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⁹⁻¹¹ Saul said, "Very good, let us go talk to him." So they went to the town where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the town, they met some young women who were coming out of the town to get some water from a well. One of them asked the women, "Is the seer in the town today?" They said that because previously, if people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, "Let us go to the seer," and people who now are called prophets were at that time called seers, or "those who see visions from God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:12**ULT**

¹² And they answered them, and said, "There is, behold, before your face. Hurry now, for today he has come to the city, because the sacrifice of the day is for the people at the high place.

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¹² The women replied, "Yes, he is in the town. In fact, he is walking on the road ahead of you. He arrived in the town today because the people are going to offer a sacrifice on the altar where the people gather to worship God.

Why was the seer coming to the city on that day? (vv12-13)

The seer was coming to the city on that day because the people were sacrificing at the high place and the seer would bless the sacrifice.

1 Samuel 9:13**ULT**

¹³ As soon as you enter the city then you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he himself will bless the sacrifice; afterwards the ones who are called will eat. So now go up, for, as for him, you will find him as soon as today."

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¹³ If you go quickly, you will have time to talk to him before he goes there. The people who have been invited will not start eating until he arrives there and blesses the sacrifice."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they went up to the city. They were entering in the midst of the city, and behold, Samuel was going out to meet them to go up to the high place.

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¹⁴ So Saul and the servant entered the town. As they went through the gates, they saw Samuel as he was coming toward them; he was on his way to where people were going to offer sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now Yahweh had uncovered the ear of Samuel one day before the coming of Saul, saying:

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¹⁵ On the previous day, Yahweh had told Samuel,

What did Yahweh reveal to Samuel about Saul's role in Israel? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Samuel that he would be anointed prince over Israel and he would save Yahweh's people from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 9:16**ULT**

16 "About this time tomorrow I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. And he will save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, for its cry has come to me."

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16 "At this time tomorrow, I will send a man to you from the land where the descendants of Benjamin live. Pour olive oil on his head to indicate that he will become the leader of my Israelite people. I have seen that my people are suffering because the Philistine people are oppressing them, and I have heard my people as they have called out to me for help. The man whom you anoint will rescue my people from the power of the Philistine people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:17**ULT**

17 And Samuel saw Saul, and Yahweh answered him, "Behold, the man whom I said to you! This one will restrain my people."

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17 When Samuel saw Saul, Yahweh said to him, "This is the man I told you about yesterday! He is the one who will rule my people!"

What invitation did Samuel give to Saul after he revealed that he was the seer Saul was seeking? (vv17-19)

Samuel invited Saul to go up and eat with him at the high place.

1 Samuel 9:18**ULT**

18 And Saul approached Samuel in the midst of the gate. And he said, "Please tell me, where is the house of the seer?"

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18 Saul saw Samuel at the town gate, but he did not know that it was Samuel. He went over to him and asked him, "Can you tell me, where is the house of the man who sees visions from God?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before my face to the high place, and you will eat with me today. And I will send you away in the morning, and I will tell you all that is in your heart.

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¹⁹ Samuel replied, "I am that man. Go ahead of me with your servant to the place where the people make sacrifices. Both of you will eat with me today. Tomorrow morning I will tell you what you are wanting to know, and then I will send you home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ As for your female donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your heart to them, for they have been found. Now for whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not for you and for all the house of your father?"

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²⁰ Also, do not worry anymore about those donkeys that wandered away three days ago. Someone has found them. But what you need to know is that it is you and your family that all the Israeli people are wanting!"

How did Samuel surprise Saul by what he told him? (vv20-21)

Even though Saul was from a clan which was the least of the tribe of Benjamin, all the desires of Israel were on him and his father's house.

1 Samuel 9:21**ULT**

²¹ And Saul answered and said, "Am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my clan the least from all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Yet why have you spoken to me like this word?"

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²¹ Saul replied, "I am from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest of all tribes! And my family is the least important family in our tribe! So why are you talking to me like this, about the Israelite people wanting me and my family?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:22**ULT**

²² And Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them to the room. And he gave to them a place at the head of the ones who had been called. (Now they were about 30 men.)

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²² Then Samuel brought Saul and the servant into the big dining room, and told them to sit at the head of the table, indicating that he was honoring them more than he was honoring the thirty people who had been invited.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:23**ULT**

²³ And Samuel said to the cook, "Give the portion which I gave to you, of which I said to you, 'Set it with you.'"

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²³ Then Samuel told the cook, "Bring to me the special piece of meat that I told you to set aside."

What did Samuel tell Saul about the thigh that had been raised in sacrifice? (vv23-24)

He told Saul that it had been kept until the appointed time for him.

1 Samuel 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the cook lifted the thigh and what was on it and set it before the face of Saul. And he said, "Behold, what has been left over is set before your face. Eat, because it has been kept for you for the appointed time, saying, 'I have called the people.'" And Saul ate with Samuel on that day.

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²⁴ So the cook brought the leg and the meat that was on it; he set it in front of Saul. Samuel said to Saul, "Start eating it. I told the cook to save this for you, so that you could eat it at this time, when all these people whom I invited are here." So Saul and Samuel ate together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ And they came down from the high place to the city. And he spoke with Saul on the roof.

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²⁵ After they finished eating, they returned to the town. Then Samuel took Saul up to the flat roof of his house, and talked with him there.

**What did Samuel say to Saul after they had come down from the high place into the city?
(vv25-26)**

Samuel told Saul to get up so he could send him on his way.

1 Samuel 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ And they rose early. And it happened as soon as the dawn went up that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, "Get up and I will send you away." And Saul got up, and the two of them went out, he and Samuel, to the outside.

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²⁶ As the sun was rising the next morning, Samuel called up to Saul, "Get up! It is time for me to send you on the road back home." So Saul got up, and later Samuel and Saul left the house together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ They were going down to the end of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, "Speak to the servant so he may pass on before our face," and he passed on. "But you stand now, and I will cause you to hear the word of God."

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²⁷ When they got to the edge of the town, Samuel told Saul to send his servant ahead. After the servant left, Samuel said to Saul, "Stay here for a few minutes, in order that I can give you a message I received from God."

Why did Samuel tell Saul he must stay on the outskirts of the city for awhile?

Samuel told Saul to stay so Samuel could announce the message of God to him.

1 Samuel 10

1 Samuel 10:1

ULT

¹ And Samuel took a flask of oil, and poured it on his head, and kissed him. And he said, "Is it not Yahweh who has anointed you to be ruler over his inheritance?"

UST

¹ Then Samuel took a small jar of olive oil and poured some of it on Saul's head. Then he kissed Saul on the cheek, and told him, "I am doing this because Yahweh has chosen you to be the leader of his Israelite people."

Why did Samuel pour a flask of oil on Saul's head and kiss him?

He poured oil on Saul's head because Yahweh had anointed him to be a ruler over his inheritance.

1 Samuel 10:2

ULT

² When you go today from with me, then you will find two men near the tomb of Rachel in the territory of Benjamin in Zelzah. And they will say to you, 'The female donkeys that you went to seek have been found. And behold, your father has stopped the matter of the female donkeys and is worried about you, saying, "What should I do about my son?"'

UST

² When you leave me today, and when you arrive near Rachel's tomb at Zelzah, in the region of the tribe of Benjamin, you will meet two men. They will say to you, 'The donkeys have been found, but now your father is worrying about you, and he is asking people if they have seen you.'

What future event did Samuel share with Saul?

Samuel told Saul that he would find two men near Rachel's tomb who would tell him that the donkeys had been found.

1 Samuel 10:3**ULT**

³ And you will go on from there and further, and you will come as far as the oak of Tabor. And you will find three men there going up to God at Bethel, one carrying three young goats, and one carrying three round loaves of bread, and one carrying a skin of wine.

UST

³ When you arrive at the large oak tree at the town of Tabor, you will see three men coming toward you. They will be on their way to worship God at Bethel. One of them will be leading three young goats, one will be carrying three loaves of bread, and one will be carrying a container of wine.

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he would come to the oak of Tabor? (vv3-4)

Three men would meet him carrying three young goats, three loaves of bread, and a skin of wine and they would give him two loaves of bread, which he should take.

1 Samuel 10:4**ULT**

⁴ And they will ask about you with respect to well-being and give to you two bread loaves, and you will take from their hand.

UST

⁴ They will greet you, and they will offer you two of the loaves of bread. Accept them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:5**ULT**

⁵ Afterward you will come to the hill of God, there where the garrisons of the Philistines are. And it will happen as soon as you come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets going down from the high place. And before their face will be a harp and a tambourine and a flute and a lyre. And they will be prophesying.

UST

⁵ When you arrive at the hill where people worship God near the town of Gibeah, where there is a camp where the Philistine soldiers stay, you will meet a group of prophets who will be coming down from the altar on top of the hill. There will be people in front of them who will be playing various musical instruments: A harp, a tambourine, a flute, and a lyre. And all of them will be shouting out messages from God.

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to the garrison of the Philistines? (vv5-6)

The spirit of Yahweh would rush upon him so that he would be changed into a different man and he would prophesy with a group of prophets from the city.

1 Samuel 10:6**ULT**

⁶ And the spirit of Yahweh will rush on you, and you will prophesy with them. And you will be changed into another man.

UST

⁶ At that time the Spirit of Yahweh will come upon you, and you also will shout out in the same way. You will be changed, so that you will become like a different person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:7**ULT**

⁷ And it will happen that when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds, for God is with you.

UST

⁷ After those things occur, do whatever you think is right to do, because God is with you.

What instructions did Samuel give to Saul? (vv7-8)

Samuel told Saul to go down to Gilgal and Samuel would come to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings.

1 Samuel 10:8**ULT**

⁸ And go down before my face to the Gilgal. And behold, I will come down to you to offer up burnt up offerings, to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Wait seven days until my coming to you and I will make known to you what you shall do."

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⁸ Then go ahead of me, down to the city of Gilgal, and wait for me for seven days. Then I will join you there to burn sacrifices and offer other sacrifices to enable you to continue to have fellowship with God. When I arrive there, I will tell you what other things you should do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:9**ULT**

⁹ And it happened as soon as he turned his shoulder to go from with Samuel, that God turned for him another heart. And all these signs came on that day.

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⁹ As Saul started to leave there, God changed Saul's inner being. And all the things that Samuel had predicted happened on that day.

What happened when Saul turned his back to leave Samuel?

When Saul turned to leave, God gave him another heart.

1 Samuel 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they came there to the hill, and behold, a group of prophets met him. And the spirit of God rushed on him and he prophesied in their midst.

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¹⁰ When Saul and his servant arrived at Gibeah, they saw some prophets who were speaking messages that came directly from God. As the prophets were approaching Saul and his servant, God's Spirit came upon Saul powerfully, and he also began to shout out messages from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened that every one who knew him from yesterday and three days ago saw, and behold, he prophesied with the prophets! And the people said, a man to his neighbor, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

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¹¹ When people who had known Saul previously heard him doing what the prophets were doing, they said to each other, "What has happened to this son of Kish? Is he now really one of the prophets?"

Why did people wonder if Saul was one of the prophets? (vv11-13)

The people wondered if he was now one of the prophets because they saw him prophesying with one of the prophets.

1 Samuel 10:12**ULT**

¹² And a man from there answered and said, "And who is their father?" Therefore, it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

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¹² One of the men who lived there replied, "It does not matter who the parents of these other prophets are. What matters is that, amazingly, Saul is speaking messages from God." And that is why, when people are very skeptical about some report, they think about what happened to Saul and say, "Is Saul really one of the prophets?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:13**ULT**

¹³ And he finished from prophesying, and he came to the high place.

UST

¹³ When Saul finished speaking the messages that God gave him, he went to the place where the people offered sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the uncle of Saul said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To seek the female donkeys. And we saw that there was nothing, and we went to Samuel."

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¹⁴ Later, Saul's uncle saw him there, and asked him, "Where did you go?" Saul replied, "We went to look for the donkeys. When we could not find them, we came here to ask Samuel if he could tell us where they were."

What did Saul tell his uncle when he was asked where he had gone?

Saul told his uncle that when he and his servant could not find the donkeys, they went to see Samuel.

1 Samuel 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the uncle of Saul said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

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¹⁵ Saul's uncle replied, "What did Samuel tell you?"

What did Saul not tell his uncle about what Samuel said to him? (vv15-16)

Samuel did not tell his uncle about the matter of the kingdom.

1 Samuel 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Saul said to his uncle, "He told us indeed that the female donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him the word of the kingship, which Samuel had said.

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¹⁶ Saul replied, "He assured us that someone had found the donkeys." But he did not tell his uncle what Samuel had said about him becoming the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Samuel called together the people to Yahweh at the Mizpah.

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¹⁷ Later Samuel summoned the people of Israel to gather at Mizpah to hear a message from Yahweh.

Why did Yahweh say that Israel had rejected him? (vv17-19)

Israel had rejected Yahweh because they had demanded that he set a king over them.

1 Samuel 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'I myself brought up Israel from Egypt. And I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you.'

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¹⁸ After they arrived, he said to them, "This is what Yahweh, the God we Israelite people worship, says: 'I brought you Israelite people out of Egypt. I rescued your ancestors from the power of the rulers of Egypt and from all the other kings who oppressed them.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But you today have rejected your God, him who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses. And you have said to him, 'Rather set a king over us.' And now station yourselves before the face of Yahweh according to your tribes and according to your thousands."

UST

¹⁹ I am the one who saves you from all your troubles and difficulties. But you have shown that you do not want to worship me. Instead, you have asked me to select a man to rule you as king. So now, your tribal and clan leaders must gather in my presence."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Samuel brought near all the tribes of Israel. And the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

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²⁰ When those representatives came near to Samuel, God indicated that he had chosen someone from the tribe descended from Benjamin.

What happened when Saul was chosen as the next king? (vv20-21)

They looked for Saul, but he could not be found.

1 Samuel 10:21**ULT**

²¹ And he brought near the tribe of Benjamin according to its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken and they sought him, but he was not found.

UST

²¹ Then Samuel told representatives of the tribe of Benjamin to come forward, and God indicated that from that tribe he had chosen someone from the family of Matri, and then God indicated that from the family of Matri he had chosen Saul son of Kish. But when they looked for Saul, they could not find him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:22**ULT**

²² And they asked of Yahweh again, "Has a man come here yet?" And Yahweh said, "Behold, he has hidden himself with the things."

UST

²² So they asked Yahweh, "Has someone else been chosen, perhaps?" Yahweh replied, "The man is hiding among the army equipment."

Why couldn't they find Saul when he was chosen as the next king?

Saul had hidden himself among the baggage.

1 Samuel 10:23**ULT**

²³ And they ran and took him from there. And he stationed himself in the midst of the people. And he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

UST

²³ So they quickly went there and found Saul, and brought him in front of all the people. They could see that truly he was a head taller than anyone else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom Yahweh has chosen? Indeed there is no one like him among all the people!" And all the people saw and said, "May the king live!"

UST

²⁴ Then Samuel said to all the people there, "This is the king whom Yahweh has chosen for you. Truly, there is no one else like him in all Israel!" All the people shouted, "May this king live a long time!"

How did Samuel feel about the man whom Yahweh had chosen?

Samuel said that there was no one like Saul among all the people.

1 Samuel 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Samuel spoke to the people the ordinance of the kingship, and he wrote it in the book, and rested it before the face of Yahweh. And Samuel sent away all the people, a man to his house.

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²⁵ Then Samuel told the people what things that the king would force them to do, and all the things the king was required to do. He wrote all those things in a scroll, and then he put it in a sacred place in the temple. Then Samuel sent all the people home.

How were the customs and rules of kingship established and preserved?

Samuel told the people the customs and rules of kingship, wrote them down in a book, and placed it before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Saul also went to his house at Gibeah. And with him went the mighty whose hearts God had touched.

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²⁶ When Saul returned to his home in the town of Gibeah, a group of courageous men decided to continually accompany Saul. They did that because God motivated them to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ But the sons of worthlessness said, "How can this one save us?" And they despised him and did not bring to him a gift. But he was like one being silent.

UST

²⁷ But some worthless men said, "How can this man save us from our enemies?" They despised him and refused to give him any gifts to show that they would be loyal to him. But Saul did not say anything to rebuke them.

How did some worthless men show their dislike for Saul?

Some worthless men despised Saul by not bringing him any gifts and questioning how he could save them.

1 Samuel 11

1 Samuel 11:1

ULT

¹ And Nahash the Ammonite went up and camped against Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Cut a covenant for us, and we will serve you."

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¹ About a month later, King Nahash of Ammon led his army across the Jordan River, and they surrounded the city of Jabesh in the region of Gilead. But all the men of Jabesh appointed someone who said to Nahash, "Make an agreement with us not to kill us, and then we will let you rule us."

What was the response of Nahash the Ammonite to the request for a treaty from the men of Jabesh? (vv1-2)

He said he would make a treaty with them if he could bring disgrace on all Israel by gouging out all their right eyes.

1 Samuel 11:2

ULT

² And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "By this will I cut for you, by gouging out for you every right eye. And I will set it as a disgrace against all Israel."

UST

² Nahash replied, "I will do that if you do one thing. Allow us to gouge out all the right eyes of your people. By doing that we will cause the people in other countries to despise all you Israelite people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:3

ULT

³ And the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Leave us alone seven days, so that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. And if there is no one to save us, then we will go out to you."

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³ The leaders of Jabesh replied, "Do not attack us for the next seven days. During that time, we will send messengers throughout Israel to tell them what you are demanding. If no one will help us, then we will surrender to you."

How did the elders of Jabesh respond to Nahash's proposal?

They asked to be left alone for seven days to see if there was anyone in all the territory of Israel who would save them.

1 Samuel 11:4**ULT**

⁴ And the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and they spoke the words in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voice and wept.

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⁴ So the leaders of Jabesh sent messengers throughout Israel. When the messengers came to Gibeah, which was the city where Saul lived, and they told the people there about the situation, everyone started to cry.

Why did Saul wonder what was wrong with the people in his town of Gibeah? (vv4-5)

Saul heard them crying after they had heard what might happen to the town of Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:5**ULT**

⁵ And behold, Saul was coming behind the cattle from the field. And Saul said, "What is for the people that they are weeping?" And they recounted to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

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⁵ At that time, Saul was plowing in the field. When he returned home, he asked, "Why are all the people crying?" So they told him what the messengers from Jabesh had reported.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:6**ULT**

⁶ And the Spirit of God rushed on Saul when he heard these words. And his nose burned exceedingly.

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⁶ Then God's Spirit came powerfully upon Saul, and he became very angry because of what Nahash wanted to do.

How did Saul respond to the threat against Jabesh? (vv6-8)

He became very angry and rallied all the men of Israel to follow him and fight against the enemies of Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:7**ULT**

⁷ And he took a pair of cattle, and cut it into pieces, and sent away through all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, "Whoever is not coming out behind Saul and behind Samuel, thus will be done to his cattle." And the dread of Yahweh fell on the people, and they went out as one man.

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⁷ He took two of his oxen and killed them and cut them into pieces. Then he sent messengers carrying those pieces throughout Israel to tell people this message: "Saul says that he cut this ox in pieces, and that he will do the same thing to the oxen of anyone who refuses to come with him and Samuel to fight the army from Ammon!" Then Yahweh caused all the people of Israel to be afraid of what Saul might do to them if they did not go and help Saul. So the men all gathered together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:8**ULT**

⁸ And he mustered them at Bezek. And the sons of Israel were 300,000, and the men of Judah were 30,000.

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⁸ When Saul counted them at Bezek, he saw that there were 300, 000 Israelite men there, as well as thirty thousand men from the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:9**ULT**

⁹ And they said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you will say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow deliverance will be for you, at the heat of the sun.'" And the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced.

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⁹ So Saul sent messengers back to the people at Jabesh to tell them, "We will rescue you by the time the weather is hot tomorrow morning." The messengers went and told the people of Jabesh, who became very happy when they heard the news.

What did the messengers tell the men of Jabesh?

They told the men of Jabesh that they would be rescued on the next day by the time the sun was hot.

1 Samuel 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will go out to you. And you may do to us according to all the good in your eyes."

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¹⁰ Then the men of Jabesh told Nahash, "Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and then you can do to us whatever you want to."

What did the men of Jabesh say to deceive Nahash?

They told Nahash that they would surrender to him the next day and he could do to them whatever he wanted.

1 Samuel 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it happened from the next day that Saul set the people in three heads. And they came into the midst of the camp at the watch of the morning, and they struck down Ammon until the heat of the day. And it happened that the remaining ones were scattered, and two among them did not remain together.

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¹¹ But before the sun rose the next morning, Saul and his army arrived. He divided them into three groups. They rushed into the camp of the soldiers from Ammon, and attacked them. By noontime they had killed most of them, and those who were not killed scattered. Each of them who ran away ran away alone.

What was the outcome of the battle between the people of Israel and Nahash the Ammonite?

The people of Israel attacked and defeated the Ammonites and those who survived were scattered.

1 Samuel 11:12**ULT**

¹² And the people said to Samuel, "Who are those who said, 'Will Saul reign over us?' Give the men, and we will put them to death."

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¹² Then the people of Jabesh said to Samuel, "Where are those men who said that they did not want Saul to be our king? Bring them here, and we will kill them!"

Why did Saul say that none of his opposition would be put to death? (vv12-13)

Saul said no one would be put to death because Yahweh had rescued Israel.

1 Samuel 11:13**ULT**

¹³ And Saul said, "A man shall not be put to death on this day. For today Yahweh has done a deliverance in Israel."

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¹³ But Saul replied, "No, we are not going to execute anyone today, because this is the day that Yahweh has saved us Israelite people. It is a day to rejoice, not to kill anyone."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Samuel said to the people, "Come, and let us go to the Gilgal. And let us renew the kingship there."

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¹⁴ Then Samuel said to the people, "Let us all go to Gilgal, and there we will again proclaim that Saul is our king."

Why did Samuel, Saul and all the people of Israel go to Gilgal? (vv14-15)

They went to Gilgal to sacrifice peace offerings and to renew the monarchy by making Saul king before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And all the people went to the Gilgal and caused Saul to reign there before the face of Yahweh in the Gilgal. And there they sacrificed sacrifices, peace offerings, before the face of Yahweh. And there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced up to abundance.

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¹⁵ So they went to Gilgal. There, knowing that Yahweh was watching, they proclaimed that Saul was their king. Then they offered sacrifices to enable them to continue to have fellowship with Yahweh. And Saul and all the other Israelite people were very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12**1 Samuel 12:1****ULT**

¹ And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to your voice, according to all that you said to me. And I have caused a king to reign over you.

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¹ Then Samuel said this to all the Israelite people: "I have done everything that you told me to do, and I have given you a king to rule the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:2**ULT**

² And now, behold the king is walking about before your face. And as for me, I am old and gray; and my sons, behold they are with you. And I myself have walked about before your face from my youth until this day.

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² My own sons are grown up and with you now, but I have appointed Saul instead of one of them, and he is now your leader. I am now old, and my hair is gray. I have been your leader ever since I was a boy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:3**ULT**

³ Here I am! Testify against me in front of Yahweh and in front of his anointed one. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed or from whose hand have I taken a bribe so that I hid my eyes with it? And I will restore to you."

UST

³ Now tell me, while Yahweh is listening, and while the king whom he has chosen is listening, whose ox or donkey have I stolen during all those years? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed badly? From whom have I accepted a bribe, in order that I would ignore the evil things he had done? If I have done any of these things, tell me, and I will pay back what I owe."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:4**ULT**

⁴ And they said, "You have not defrauded us, and have not oppressed us, and have not taken anything from the hand of a man."

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⁴ They replied, "No, you have never cheated anyone or oppressed anyone or accepted a bribe from anyone."

Had Samuel every done anything evil against the people of Israel? (vv4-5)

The people of Israel told Samuel he had not cheated or oppressed them or stolen anything from them.

1 Samuel 12:5**ULT**

⁵ And he said to them, "Yahweh is a witness against you, and his anointed one is a witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And he said, "Witness."

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⁵ Then Samuel said, "Today Yahweh can testify, and the king whom you chose can testify, that I have not taken a bribe from anyone." They replied, "Yes, Yahweh can say that he knows that is true."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:6**ULT**

⁶ And Samuel said to the people, "It is Yahweh who made Moses and Aaron, and who brought up your fathers from the land of Egypt.

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⁶ Samuel continued by saying, "Yahweh is the one who appointed Moses and Aaron to lead our ancestors. He is the one who brought them out of Egypt. And he is the one who will testify that what I am saying is true.

Why did Samuel tell the people of Israel to present themselves before Yahweh? (vv6-7)

He told the people of Israel to present themselves so he could remind them of all the righteous deeds of Yahweh in the past.

1 Samuel 12:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, station yourselves so that I may be judged with you before the face of Yahweh with all the righteous deeds of Yahweh, which he did with you and with your fathers.

UST

⁷ Now while Yahweh is listening, stand here quietly while I accuse you and tell you that your requesting a king instead of trusting Yahweh to lead you was wrong. I will do that by reminding you of all the great miracles that Yahweh performed for you and your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:8**ULT**

⁸ When Jacob came to Egypt, and your fathers cried out to Yahweh, then Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron, and they brought out your fathers from Egypt and they caused them to dwell in this place.

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⁸ Many years after our ancestor Jacob went to Egypt, his descendants pleaded to Yahweh to help them. So Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron to them, and they led our ancestors out of Egypt, and eventually they settled in this land.

What did God do to the ancestors of the people of Israel after they forgot Yahweh their God after Moses and Aaron brought them up out of Egypt? (vv8-9)

Yahweh sold them into the hand of Sisera, into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab.

1 Samuel 12:9**ULT**

⁹ And they forgot Yahweh their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, the commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them.

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⁹ But our ancestors soon forgot about Yahweh, their God. So he allowed Sisera, the commander of the army from Hazor, to defeat them. He also allowed the Philistines and the army of the king of Moab to fight our ancestors and defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they cried out to Yahweh and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken Yahweh and have served the Baals and the Ashtoreths. And now rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.'

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¹⁰ Then our ancestors pleaded with Yahweh again to help them. They admitted, 'Yahweh, we have sinned, and we have forsaken you. We have worshiped idols that represent the god Baal and the goddess Ashtoreth. But if you rescue us from our enemies, we will worship you only.'

What did Yahweh do after Israel's ancestors cried out to Yahweh and asked him to rescue them from the hand of their enemies? (vv10-11)

Yahweh sent Jerub Baal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel to rescue them from their enemies.

1 Samuel 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Yahweh sent Jerub Baal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel. And he rescued you from the hand of your enemies from all around you, and you dwelled securely.

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¹¹ So Yahweh sent men such as Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, and me to save you. And as a result, you did not have to worry about any enemies attacking you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:12**ULT**

¹² And you saw that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, and you said to me, 'No! Rather a king will reign over us.' But Yahweh your God was your king.

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¹² But now, when King Nahash of Ammon came with his army to attack you, you were afraid. So you came to me, and said, 'We want a king to rule us,' even though Yahweh was already your king!

What truth did Samuel want the people of Israel to remember? (vv12-13)

Samuel reminded the people of Israel that they had wanted a king to reign over them.

1 Samuel 12:13**ULT**

¹³ And now, behold the king whom you have chosen, whom you have requested! And behold, Yahweh has given a king over you!

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¹³ So now, look, here is the king whom you have chosen. You asked for a king, and Yahweh has now appointed a king for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ If you fear Yahweh and serve him and listen to his voice and do not rebel against the mouth of Yahweh, then both you and the king who reigns over you will be after Yahweh your God.

UST

¹⁴ If you honor Yahweh and if you serve him, and if you listen to what he says and obey what he commands, and if you and the king who rules over you do what Yahweh your God wants you to do, things will go well for you all.

What choice did Samuel bring before the people of Israel? (vv14-15)

They could obey the command of Yahweh and be followers of Yahweh, or they could rebel against Yahweh's commands and experience his hand against them.

1 Samuel 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But if you do not listen to the voice of Yahweh, and you rebel against the mouth of Yahweh, then the hand of Yahweh will be against you and against your fathers.

UST

¹⁵ But if you do not listen to what Yahweh says, if you disobey what he commands, then he will punish you, just as he punished our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Even now station yourselves and see this great thing that Yahweh is about to do before your eyes.

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¹⁶ Now stand here quietly and see the great thing that Yahweh is about to do.

What challenge did Samuel lay before the people of Israel?

Samuel challenged the people to present themselves before Yahweh and see the great thing he would do before their eyes.

1 Samuel 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Is it not the harvest of wheat today? I will call to Yahweh, and he will give thunder and rain. And know and see that your evil is great, which you have done in the eyes of Yahweh, by requesting a king for yourselves."

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¹⁷ You know that it does not rain at this time of the year, during the time when you harvest wheat. But I will ask Yahweh to send thunder and lightning and rain today. When he does that, you will realize that Yahweh considers that you have done a very wicked thing by requesting a king."

What did Samuel ask Yahweh to send so that the people of Israel would know the extent of their wickedness? (vv17-18)

He asked Yahweh to send thunder and rain.

1 Samuel 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Samuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh gave thunder and rain on that day. And all the people greatly feared Yahweh and Samuel.

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¹⁸ Then Samuel prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused it to thunder and lightning and rain. So all the people became very afraid of Yahweh and of Samuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to Yahweh your God, so that we may not die. For we have added evil onto all our sins by requesting a king for ourselves."

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¹⁹ They cried out to Samuel, "Pray for us! We have added to our previous sins by requesting a king! Pray to Yahweh, your God, in order that we will not die because of having done that!"

How did Samuel respond when the people of Israel realized the serious nature of their sin? (vv19-20)

Samuel told the people to not be afraid, but to serve Yahweh with all their heart.

1 Samuel 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You yourselves have done all this evil. Only do not turn aside from after Yahweh, but serve Yahweh with all your heart.

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²⁰ Samuel replied, "Do not be afraid! You have done this evil thing, but do not stop doing the things that Yahweh wants you to do. Instead, serve Yahweh with your whole inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:21**ULT**

²¹ And do not turn aside! For it is after the empty thing that does not profit and does not rescue, because they are emptiness.

UST

²¹ Do not abandon Yahweh and worship useless idols. They cannot help you or save you from your enemies, because they are truly useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:22**ULT**

²² For Yahweh will not leave his people, for the sake of his great name. For Yahweh was pleased to make you into a people for himself.

UST

²² Yahweh decided to make us his people. So he will not abandon us people whom he has chosen, because he would injure his own reputation of being completely faithful if he did that.

What message of comfort did Samuel give to the people of Israel?

Samuel comforted the people of Israel by telling them that Yahweh would not reject them.

1 Samuel 12:23**ULT**

²³ Also me, far be it for me from sinning against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you. And I will instruct you in the good and straight way.

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²³ But as for me, I have solemnly promised that I will not sin against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you. And I will continue to teach you what things are good and right for you to do.

What did Samuel decide to do for Israel?

He decided teach the people the way that was good and right, and not to cease to pray for them.

1 Samuel 12:24**ULT**

²⁴ Only fear Yahweh and serve him in faithfulness with all your heart. Indeed, see what he has made great with you!

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²⁴ But you must honor Yahweh and serve him with your whole inner being. Never forget all the great things that he has done for you.

What challenge did Samuel give to the people of Israel?

Samuel told them to consider the great things Yahweh had done for them so they would fear him and serve him in truth with all their heart.

1 Samuel 12:25

ULT

²⁵ But if you continually do evil, both you and your king will be carried away."

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²⁵ If you keep doing wicked things, he will get rid of you and your king!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13

1 Samuel 13:1

ULT

¹ Saul was a son of a year when he reigned. And he reigned over Israel two years. ^[1]

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¹ Saul was thirty years old when he began to reign. He ruled for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:2

ULT

² And Saul chose for himself 3,000 from Israel. And 2,000 were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and 1,000 were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And the rest of the people he sent away, a man to his tent.

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² Some years after he became king, he chose three thousand men from the Israelite army to go with him to fight the Philistines. Then he sent the other soldiers back home. Of the men he chose, two thousand stayed with Saul at Micmash and in the hill country near Bethel, and a thousand stayed with Saul's son Jonathan at Gibeah, in the area of the tribe of Benjamin.

What did Saul do with the soldiers he did not choose to be with him?

Saul sent the rest of the soldiers home to their own tents.

1 Samuel 13:3

ULT

³ And Jonathan struck down the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba and the Philistines heard. And Saul blew with the horn in all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

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³ Jonathan and the men who were with him attacked the Philistine soldiers who were camped at Geba. The other Philistines heard about that. So Saul realized that the army of Philistia would probably come to fight the Israelites again. So Saul sent messengers to blow trumpets throughout Israel to gather the people together and proclaim to them, "All you Hebrews need to hear that now the Philistines will start a war with us!"

Why did Israel become a rotten smell to the Philistines? (vv3-4)

They became a rotten smell because Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 13:4**ULT**

⁴ And all Israel heard, saying, "Saul struck down the garrison of the Philistines, and also Israel has become a stench among the Philistines." And the people were called together after Saul at the Gilgal.

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⁴ The messengers told the rest of the army to gather together with Saul at Gilgal. And all the people in Israel heard the news. People were saying, "Saul's army has attacked the Philistine camp, with the result that now the Philistines hate us Israelites very much."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:5**ULT**

⁵ And the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel: 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen and a people like the sand that is on the shore of the sea with respect to abundance. And they went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth Aven.

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⁵ The Philistines gathered together and were given equipment to fight the Israelites. The Philistines had three thousand chariots and six thousand chariot drivers. Their soldiers seemed to be as many as grains of sand on the seashore. They went up and set up their tents at Micmash, to the east of Beth Aven, that is, Bethel.

How did the Philistines respond to the the defeat by the people of Israel?

They gathered numerous chariots and men to fight against Israel.

1 Samuel 13:6**ULT**

⁶ And the men of Israel saw that it was narrow for them, for the people were hard-pressed. And the people hid themselves in the caves and in the thornbushes and in the cliffs and in the underground chambers and in the pits.

UST

⁶ The Philistines attacked the Israelites very strongly, and the Israelite soldiers realized that they were in a very bad situation. So many of the Israelite soldiers hid in caves and holes in the ground, or among the rocks, or in pits, or in wells.

How did the people of Israel react to the forces of the Philistines? (vv6-7)

They were distressed so they hid in caves, in the underbrush, in rocks, in wells, and in pits, and some fled over the Jordan.

1 Samuel 13:7**ULT**

⁷ And Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. But Saul was still at the Gilgal and all the people trembled after him.

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⁷ Some of them crossed the Jordan River and went to the area where the descendants of Gad lived and to the region of Gilead. But Saul stayed at Gilgal. All the soldiers who were with him were shaking because they were so afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:8**ULT**

⁸ And he waited seven days to the appointed time when Samuel would be there, but Samuel did not come to the Gilgal. And the people scattered from beside him.

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⁸ Saul waited seven days, which was the number of days that Samuel had told him to wait for him. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal during that time, so many of the men in Saul's army began to leave him and run away.

What did Saul do when Samuel failed to come to Gilgal in seven days? (vv8-10)

Saul offered the burnt offering and the peace offerings himself.

1 Samuel 13:9**ULT**

⁹ And Saul said, "Bring near to me the burnt up offering and the peace offerings." And he offered up the burnt up offering.

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⁹ So Saul said to the soldiers, "Bring to me an animal to be completely burned on the altar and one for the offering to enable us to continue to have fellowship with God." So the men did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it happened as soon as he finished offering up the burnt up offering that, behold, Samuel came! And Saul went out to meet him to bless him.

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¹⁰ And just as he was finished burning these offerings, Samuel arrived. Saul went to greet him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people scattered from beside me, and you, you did not come by the appointed time of days, and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash,

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¹¹ Samuel saw what Saul had done, and he said to Saul, "Why have you done this?" Saul replied, "I saw that my men were leaving me and running away, and that you did not come here during the time that you said that you would come, and that the Philistine army was gathering together at Micmash.

What excuse did Saul give Samuel for not waiting for him to offer the sacrifices? (vv11-12)

He said he saw the people leaving, so he forced himself to offer the burnt offering to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 13:12**ULT**

¹² then I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at the Gilgal, and I have not appeased the face of Yahweh.' So I forced myself and offered up the burnt up offering."

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¹² So I thought, 'The Philistine army is going to attack us here at Gilgal, and I have not yet asked Yahweh to bless us.' So I felt it was necessary to offer the burnt offerings to seek God's blessings."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:13**ULT**

¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly! You have not kept the command of Yahweh your God that he commanded you. For then Yahweh would have established your reign over Israel until eternity.

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¹³ Samuel replied, "What you did was very foolish! You have not obeyed what Yahweh, your God, commanded about sacrifices. If you had obeyed him, God would have allowed you and your descendants to rule Israel for a long time.

What did Samuel say to rebuke Saul?

Samuel said Saul had acted foolishly for not keeping the command that Yahweh gave him.

What did Samuel say would be the consequences for Saul's actions? (vv13-14)

Because Saul did not obey Yahweh's command, his rule over Israel would not continue forever, but instead Yahweh had appointed a man after his own heart to be prince over his people.

1 Samuel 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But now your reign will not stand. Yahweh has sought for himself a man according to his heart, and Yahweh has commanded him to be leader over his people, for you did not keep what Yahweh commanded you."

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¹⁴ But now because of what you have done, after you die none of your descendants will continue to rule. Yahweh is seeking a man to be king who will be just the kind of person that he wants him to be, so that he can appoint him to be the leader of his people. Yahweh will do this because you have not obeyed what he commanded."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Samuel rose and went up from the Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul mustered the people who were found with him, about 600 men.

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¹⁵ Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah. Saul stayed at Gilgal with his soldiers. There were only about six hundred of them left who did not run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Now Saul and Jonathan his son and the people who were found with him were staying in Geba of Benjamin. And the Philistines camped at Michmash.

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¹⁶ Saul and his son Jonathan and the soldiers who were with them went to the city of Geba in the area of the tribe of Benjamin and set up their tents there. The Philistine army set up their tents at Micmash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And destroyers went out from the camp of the Philistines, three heads. One head turned to the way of Ophrah, to the land of Shual.

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¹⁷ Three groups of Philistia soldiers soon left the place where their army was staying, and went and made raids on Israelite towns. One group went north toward the city of Ophrah in the region of Shual.

What strategy did the Philistines use against the people of Israel?

The Philistines sent raiders from their camp to three different areas in Israel.

1 Samuel 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And one head turned the way of Beth Horon. And one head turned the way of the border that looks down over the valley of Zeboyim, toward the wilderness.

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¹⁸ One group went west to the city of Beth Horon. The third group went toward the Israelite border, above Zeboim Valley, near the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now a blacksmith could not be found in all the land of Israel. For the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make sword or spear."

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¹⁹ At that time, there were no men in Israel who were blacksmiths. The people of Philistia would not permit the Israelites to have men who could do that, because they were afraid that they would make iron swords and spears for the Hebrews to use.

What limitations did the soldiers of Israel face in their fight against the Philistines?

The Philistines did not allow the Israelites to have any blacksmiths who could make swords or spears.

1 Samuel 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ And all Israel used to go down to the Philistines, a man to sharpen his plow and his mattock and his axe and his sickle.

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²⁰ So whenever the Israelites needed to sharpen the blades of their plows, or picks, or axes, or sickles, they were forced to take those things to a Philistine man who could sharpen those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:21**ULT**

²¹ And the charge was a pim for the plowshares and for the mattocks and for three picks and for the axes and for straightening the goads.

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²¹ They needed to pay about eight grams of silver for the sharpening of their plow blades and their picks. They needed to pay about four grams of silver for the sharpening of their axes or sickles, or to straighten the goads used to drive the oxen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:22**ULT**

²² And it happened on the day of battle that a sword or spear was not found in the hands of any of the people who were with Saul and with Jonathan, but was found for Saul and for his son Jonathan.

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²² So because the Israelites could not make swords and spears out of iron, at the time when the Israelites fought against the army of Philistia. Saul and Jonathan were the only Israelite men who had swords. None of the others had a sword. They had only bows and arrows and some kinds of other weapons.

How were the soldiers of Israel hindered in their fight against the Philistines?

The soldiers of Israel did not have any swords or spears in their hands.

1 Samuel 13:23**ULT**

²³ And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

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²³ Before the battle started, some Philistine soldiers went to the mountain pass outside Micmash to guard it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14

1 Samuel 14:1

ULT

¹ And it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to his servant who carried his equipment, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of the Philistines that is on the other side from here." But he did not tell his father.

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¹ One day, Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, "Come with me; we will go over to where the Philistine soldiers have put up their tents." So they went, but Jonathan did not tell his father what they were going to do.

What secret did Jonathan, the son of Saul, keep from his father?

Jonathan and his armor bearer were going to the Philistines' garrison on the other side of the pass.

1 Samuel 14:2

ULT

² Now Saul was staying at the end of the Gibeah under the pomegranate tree that is in Migron. And the people who were with him were about 600 men,

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² On that day, Saul and the six hundred soldiers who were with him were sitting around a pomegranate tree at a place where the people threshed grain, near Gibeah.

What was unknown to the six hundred men who were with Saul? (vv2-3)

They did not know that Jonathan had gone over to the Philistines' garrison.

1 Samuel 14:3

ULT

³ and Ahijah the son of Ahitub the brother of Ichabod the son of Phinehas the son of Eli, the priest of Yahweh at Shiloh who was carrying an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

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³ Ahijah the priest was also there, one of those who wore the sacred apron. Ahijah son of Ahitub, who was a brother of Ichabod. Ichabod and Ahitub were the sons of Phinehas son of Eli, who had been Yahweh's priest at Shiloh. Now no one knew that Jonathan had left the Israelite camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Now between the passes that Jonathan sought to pass over to the garrison of the Philistines was the tooth of the cliff on one side from this and the tooth of the cliff on the other side from this. And the name of one was Bozez and the name of one was Seneh.

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⁴ Jonathan planned that he and the young man would go through a narrow pass to get to where the Philistine army was. The cliff on one side of the pass was named Bozez, and the other cliff was named Seneh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:5**ULT**

⁵ The tooth of the one was a pillar from the north in front of Michmash. And the one from the south was in front of Geba.

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⁵ One cliff faced north toward Michmash, and the cliff on the other side faced south toward the town of Geba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:6**ULT**

⁶ And Jonathan said to his servant who carried his equipment, "Come, and let us pass over to the garrison of these uncircumcised ones! Perhaps Yahweh will act for us, for there is no hindrance for Yahweh to save by many or by few."

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⁶ Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, "Come with me. We will go to where those pagans have set up their tents. Perhaps Yahweh will help us. It does not matter whether we are only two men or many people; nothing can stop Yahweh from enabling us to defeat them."

What proposal did Jonathan present to his young armor bearer?

Jonathan told him that Yahweh would work on their behalf to save many people if they would cross over to the garrison of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:7**ULT**

⁷ And the one who carried his equipment said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Turn for yourself; behold, I am with you according to your heart."

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⁷ The young man who was carrying Jonathan's weapons said, "Do what you think is the best thing for us to do. I will be helping you."

What was the armor bearer's response to the proposal?

Jonathan's armor bearer was ready to obey all his commands, so he encouraged him to do everything that was in his heart.

1 Samuel 14:8**ULT**

⁸ And Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men. And we will reveal ourselves to them.

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⁸ Then Jonathan said, "Very well, come with me. We will cross the valley to where the Philistine army is, and allow them to see us.

What would be the sign to Jonathan and his armor bearer that Yahweh had given the Philistines into their hand? (vv8-10)

If the Philistines said that they should come over to them, this would be the sign that Yahweh had given them into their hand.

1 Samuel 14:9**ULT**

⁹ If thus they say to us, 'Be still until we reach you,' then we will stand under ourselves and not go up to them.

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⁹ If they then say to us, 'You two stay there until we come down to you,' we will stay there and not go up to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But if thus they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for Yahweh has given them into our hand. And this will be the sign for us."

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¹⁰ But if they say to us, 'Come up here,' that will show us that Yahweh will enable us to defeat them. Then we will go up and fight them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the two of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Behold, Hebrews are coming out from the holes there where they have hidden themselves."

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¹¹ When the two of them crossed the valley, the Philistine soldiers saw them coming. They said, "Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes in which they have been hiding!"

What did Jonathan say to his armor bearer after the men of the Philistines' garrison had told them, "Come up to us and we will show you something"? (vv11-12)

He told his armor bearer to follow him because Yahweh had given them into the hand of Israel.

1 Samuel 14:12**ULT**

¹² And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and the one who carried his equipment, and said, "Come up to us, and we will cause you to know a thing." And Jonathan said to the one who carried his equipment, "Go up behind me, for Yahweh has given them into the hand of Israel."

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¹² Then the Philistine soldiers who were closest to Jonathan and the young man who carried his weapons said, "Come up here, and we will teach you something about how to fight!" Jonathan said to the young man who was with him, "Come behind me and climb up, because Yahweh is going to help us to defeat them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:13**ULT**

¹³ And Jonathan went up on his hands and on his feet, and the one who carried his equipment was behind him. And they fell before the face of Jonathan, and the one who carried his equipment was putting to death behind him.

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¹³ So Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and his feet because it was very steep. The young man climbed up following him. As Jonathan climbed, he struck and killed many Philistine soldiers, and the young man who was with him killed many more as he followed behind Jonathan.

What was the result of the attack that Jonathan and his armor bearer made on the Philistines' garrison? (vv13-14)

Jonathan and his armor bearer put to death about twenty men.

1 Samuel 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the first blow that Jonathan and the one who carried his equipment struck was about 20 men in about half of a furrow, a yoke of a field.

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¹⁴ In that first battle the two of them killed about twenty Philistine soldiers in an area that was about 1/5 of a hectare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And a trembling was in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the destroyers, even they trembled. And the earth quaked and it became a trembling of God.

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¹⁵ Then all the other Philistine soldiers, the ones in the camp and the ones who had been attacking the Israelite towns, ones who were out in the field much closer, panicked. Then God caused the ground to shake, and they all became terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the lookouts of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the crowd melted away and went even here.

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¹⁶ Saul's lookouts were in the town of Gibeah in the region of the tribe of Benjamin. They saw that the soldiers of the Philistine army were running away in all directions.

What did Saul do when his watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin saw the crowd of Philistine soldiers dispersing and going here and there? (vv16-17)

Saul had the people count to see who was missing from them, and they discovered it was Jonathan and his armor bearer.

1 Samuel 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Saul said to the people who were with him, "Muster now and see who has gone from with us." And they mustered, and behold, there was no Jonathan or the one who carried his equipment!

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¹⁷ Saul realized that some of his soldiers must have attacked the Philistine army. So he said to the soldiers who were with him, "Check to see if any of our men are not here." So they checked, and found out that Jonathan and the man who carried his weapons were gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring near the Box of God." For on that day the Box of God was with the sons of Israel.

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¹⁸ So Saul said to Ahijah the priest, "Bring the sacred chest here." For the Israelite people had been carrying the sacred chest with them.

Why did Saul command Ahijah the priest to bring the ephod of God to him? (vv18-19)

Saul commanded Ahijah the priest to bring the ephod of God so they could determine the will of God.

1 Samuel 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it happened while Saul spoke to the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines was going continually and increasingly. And Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

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¹⁹ But while Saul was talking to the priest, he saw that the Philistine soldiers were becoming more panicked. So Saul said to Ahijah, "Do not bring the sacred chest at this time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Saul and all the people who were with him were called together and came to the battle. And behold, the sword of a man was against his companion, a very great confusion.

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²⁰ Then Saul gathered his men and they went toward the battle. They found that the Philistine soldiers were so confused that they were striking each other with their swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:21**ULT**

²¹ Now some Hebrews were for the Philistines according to yesterday and three days ago, who had gone up with them into the camp all around. But even they were to be with Israel, who were with Saul and Jonathan.

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²¹ Before that, some of the Hebrew men had deserted their army and gone to join with the Philistine army. But now those men revolted and joined with Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers.

Who joined with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan?

Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines, and who had gone with them into the camp joined the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

1 Samuel 14:22**ULT**

²² And all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines fled, and they also pursued after them in the battle.

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²² Some of the Israelite soldiers had previously run away and hidden in the mountains where the tribe of Ephraim lived. But when they heard that the Philistine soldiers were running away, they came down and joined the other Israelite soldiers and pursued the Philistine soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:23**ULT**

²³ And Yahweh saved Israel on that day. And the battle passed over Beth Aven.

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²³ So Yahweh rescued the Israelites on that day. The Israelite soldiers continued to pursue their enemies beyond the town of Beth Aven.

Who saved Israel that day?

Yahweh saved Israel that day.

1 Samuel 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the men of Israel were hard-pressed on that day. And Saul had made the people swear, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats food until the evening and I take vengeance from my enemies." So all the people had not tasted food.

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²⁴ Before Saul's soldiers went to the battle, Saul declared to them solemnly, "I do not want any of you to eat any food before this evening, before we have defeated all our enemies. If anyone eats anything, Yahweh will curse him." So none of the Israeli soldiers ate any food, and they became faint because they were very hungry.

What caused the hungry men of Israel to be distressed?

Saul had put the people under an oath that any man that ate food until evening would be cursed.

1 Samuel 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ And all the land entered into the forest. And honey was on the face of the field.

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²⁵ The Israelite army went into the forest, and they found honeycombs on the ground, but they did not eat any honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the people entered into the forest, and behold, the flowing of honey! But no one reached his hand to his mouth for the people feared the oath.

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²⁶ They were afraid to eat any, because they had solemnly promised that they would not eat any food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ But Jonathan had not heard when his father had made the people swear. And he extended the end of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb of the honey. And he returned his hand to his mouth and his eyes became bright.

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²⁷ But Jonathan had left the camp very early in the morning and so he did not hear that his father had bound the people by a solemn promise. When he saw a honeycomb, he dipped the end of his walking stick into it and ate some honey. After he ate the honey, he felt stronger.

What did Jonathan do to unknowingly break the oath?

Jonathan ate of the honey from the forest.

1 Samuel 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ And a man from the people answered and said, "Your father surely made the people swear, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food today.' So the people are faint."

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²⁸ But one of the Israelite soldiers saw him and said to him, "Your father solemnly declared to us that Yahweh would curse anyone who ate any food today. So now we are very tired and weak from being hungry because we obeyed him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ And Jonathan said, "My father has troubled the land. See now that my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey.

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²⁹ Jonathan exclaimed, "My father had caused trouble for all of us! See how refreshed I am after eating a little honey!"

How was Jonathan critical of the oath his father had made? (vv29-30)

Jonathan said that if the people had been able to freely eat of the honey and from the plunder of their enemies, there would have been a greater slaughter among the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ How much more if the people had eaten freely today from the plunder of their enemies that they found? For now the blow has not been great among the Philistines."

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³⁰ If he had permitted all of us to eat from the food we took from our enemies while we were pursuing them, we would have been able to kill many more of their soldiers!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:31**ULT**

³¹ And on that day they struck down the Philistines from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint.

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³¹ The Israelites pursued and killed Philistine soldiers all that day, from Micmash town then going west to Aijalon. But they continued to become more weak from being hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:32**ULT**

³² And the people rushed with shouting on the plunder and took sheep and cattle and sons of cattle, and they slaughtered on the ground. And the people ate with the blood.

UST

³² They had taken many sheep and cattle that the Philistine soldiers had abandoned. Now, because they were extremely hungry, they butchered some of those animals and ate the meat without draining the blood from the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:33**ULT**

³³ Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are sinning against Yahweh by eating with the blood!" And he said, "You have acted deceptively. Roll a big stone to me today."

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³³ One of the soldiers told Saul, "Look! The men are sinning against Yahweh by eating meat that still has blood in it!" Saul replied to the men who were near him, "They have disobeyed Yahweh! Roll a large stone over here!"

**How did the people of Israel sin against Yahweh after their battle against the Philistines?
(vv33-34)**

The people of Israel ate the blood of the animals they killed from the plunder.

1 Samuel 14:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Saul said, "Disperse among the people and say to them, 'Bring near to me, a man his ox and a man his sheep, and slaughter here and eat. And you shall not sin against Yahweh by eating with the blood.'" And all the people brought near, a man his ox by his hand that night and they slaughtered there.

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³⁴ After they did that, he said to those men, "Go and tell all the soldiers that each of them must bring an ox or a sheep to me, and kill it here on this stone, and drain the blood before he eats any of the meat. They should not sin against Yahweh by eating meat from some animal without draining its blood." So that night all the soldiers brought animals and slaughtered them there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:35**ULT**

³⁵ And Saul built an altar to Yahweh, it he began to build an altar to Yahweh.

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³⁵ Then Saul built an altar to worship Yahweh. That was the first time that he built an altar for Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:36**ULT**

³⁶ And Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and plunder them until the light of morning. And let us not leave a man among them." And they said, "Do all the good in your eyes." And the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

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³⁶ Then Saul said to the Israelite soldiers, "Let us chase the Philistine soldiers tonight. We can attack them all night. We will not allow any of them to escape alive." The Israelite soldiers answered, "We will do whatever you think is the best thing for us to do." But the priest said, "We should ask Yahweh what he thinks we should do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:37**ULT**

³⁷ And Saul asked of God, "Should I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel?" But he did not answer him on that day.

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³⁷ So Saul asked God, "Should we chase the Philistine soldiers? Will you enable us to defeat them?" But God did not answer Saul that day.

What caused Saul to not chase after the Philistines even though he was eager to do so?

He did not receive any answers from God that day.

1 Samuel 14:38**ULT**

³⁸ And Saul said, "Come near here, all the corners of the people! And know and see by what this sin has happened today.

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³⁸ Then Saul summoned all the leaders of his army. He said to them, "I am sure that God has not answered me because someone has sinned. We must find out what sin someone has committed.

How did Saul say he would deal with this sin in Israel? (vv38-39)

He said that the man who committed this sin would surely die, even if it was Jonathan his son.

1 Samuel 14:39**ULT**

³⁹ For, as Yahweh is alive, the one who saves Israel, even if it is by Jonathan my son, indeed he will surely die." But there was no one answering him from all the people.

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³⁹ Yahweh has rescued us from the Philistine army. Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, whoever has sinned must be executed. Even if it is my son Jonathan who has sinned, he must be executed." His men knew who was guilty, but none of them said anything to Saul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And he said to all Israel, "You will be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on one side." And the people said to Saul, "Do the good in your eyes."

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⁴⁰ Then Saul said to all the Israelite soldiers, "You stand on one side. My son Jonathan and I will stand on the other side." His men replied, "Do whatever you think is best."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And Saul said to Yahweh the God of Israel, "Give a perfect one!" And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people went out.

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⁴¹ Then Saul prayed to Yahweh, the Israelites' God, "Tell me who is guilty and who is not guilty." Then the priest cast lots, and they indicated that it was either Jonathan or Saul who was the guilty one, and that the other men were not guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:42**ULT**

⁴² And Saul said, "Cause it to fall between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken.

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⁴² Then Saul said to the priest, "Throw the stones again to indicate which of us two is guilty." So he did, and the stones indicated that Jonathan was the guilty one.

How was it determined that Jonathan was the person who had sinned?

It was determined by lots.

1 Samuel 14:43**ULT**

⁴³ And Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him and said, "Indeed I tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am; I will die."

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⁴³ Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done that was wrong." Jonathan replied, "I ate a little bit of honey. It was only a little bit that was on the end of my stick. Do I deserve to be executed because of doing that?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And Saul said, "May God do so and may he add so, for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

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⁴⁴ Saul replied, "Yes, you must be executed! I hope that God will strike me and kill me if you are not executed for having done that!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And the people said to Saul, "Should Jonathan die, who has made this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As Yahweh is alive, a hair of his head will not fall to the ground! For he has worked with God this day." And the people ransomed Jonathan and he did not die.

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⁴⁵ But the Israelite soldiers said to Saul, "Jonathan has won a great victory for all us Israelites. Should he be executed for eating some honey? Certainly not! Just as surely as Yahweh lives, we will not allow you to injure him in any manner, because today God helped Jonathan to kill many soldiers of the Philistine army!" So by saying that the Israelite soldiers rescued Jonathan, and he was not executed.

How was Jonathan saved from death?

The people of Israel would not allow Jonathan to die because he had accomplished a great victory.

1 Samuel 14:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ And Saul went up from after the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their place.

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⁴⁶ Then Saul ordered his soldiers to stop pursuing the Philistine army, so the Philistine soldiers returned to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Now Saul had taken the kingship over Israel. And he fought against all his enemies all around: against Moab and against the sons of Ammon and against Edom and against the kings of Zobah and against the Philistines. And he inflicted punishment against everywhere he turned.

UST

⁴⁷ After Saul became the ruler, he fought against enemies on every side. He fought against Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. Wherever the Israelite army fought, they defeated their enemies.

How did Saul lead the people of Israel as their king? (vv47-48)

Saul acted with great courage and rescued Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.

1 Samuel 14:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And he acted strongly and struck down the Amalekites. And he rescued Israel from the hand of those who plundered it.

UST

⁴⁸ Saul's army fought bravely and defeated the very tall descendants of Amalek. His army rescued the Israelites from those who had plundered them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi and Malki-Shua. As for the names of the two of his daughters: the name of the firstborn was Merab and the name of the younger was Michal.

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⁴⁹ Saul's sons were Jonathan, Ishbosheth, and Malki-Shua. He also had two daughters, Merab and her younger sister Michal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ The name of the wife of Saul was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army was Abner the son of Ner the uncle of Saul.

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⁵⁰ Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. The commander of Saul's army was Abner son of Saul's uncle Ner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

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⁵¹ Saul's father Kish and Abner's father Ner were both sons of Abiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:52**ULT**

⁵² And the battle was strong against the Philistines all the days of Saul. When Saul saw any man of might, or any son of strength, then he gathered him to himself.

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⁵² All the time that Saul was alive, his army fought against the Philistine army. And whenever Saul saw a young man who was brave and strong, he forced him to join his army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15**1 Samuel 15:1****ULT**

¹ And Samuel said to Saul, "Yahweh sent me to anoint you as king over his people, over Israel. And now, listen to the voice of the words of Yahweh.

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¹ One day Samuel said to Saul, "Yahweh sent me to appoint you to be the king of the Israelite people. So now listen to this message from Yahweh:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:2**ULT**

² Thus says Yahweh of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel when he set against him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

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² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has declared this: 'I am going to punish the descendants of Amalek for attacking the Israelite people after the Israelites left Egypt.

Why did Yahweh want Saul to attack and completely destroy Amalek? (vv2-3)

Amalek opposed Israel on the way when they came up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:3**ULT**

³ Now go and strike down Amalek and completely destroy all that is for him, and do not have compassion on him. But put to death from man as far as woman, from child and as far as infant, from ox and as far as sheep, from camel and as far as donkey."

UST

³ So now go with your army and attack the Amalek people group. Destroy them completely—destroy them and everything that belongs to them—the men and women, their children and infants, their cattle and sheep and camels and donkeys. Do not spare any of them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:4**ULT**

⁴ And Saul caused the people to hear and mustered them at the Telaim: 200,000 on foot, and 10,000 men of Judah.

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⁴ So Saul summoned the army, and they gathered at Telaim town. There were 200, 000 soldiers. Ten thousand of them were from Judah, and the others were from the other Israelite tribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:5**ULT**

⁵ Then Saul came as far as the city of Amalek and he lie in ambush in the wadi.

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⁵ Then Saul went with his army to a town where some of the Amalek people group lived. The army prepared to attack them suddenly by hiding in the valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:6**ULT**

⁶ And Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from the midst of the Amalekite, lest I remove you with him. As for you, you did kindness with all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." And the Kenites departed from the midst of Amalek.

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⁶ Then Saul sent this message to the Kenite people group who lived in that area: "You acted kindly toward all our Israelite ancestors when they left Egypt. But we are going to kill all of the Amalek people group, because they opposed our ancestors. So move away from where the Amalek people group live. If you do not move away, you will be killed when they are killed." So when the Kenite people group heard that, they immediately left that area.

Why did Saul tell the Kenites to depart from the Amalekites? (vv6-7)

The Kenites showed kindness to the people of Israel when they came up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:7**ULT**

⁷ And Saul struck down Amalek, from Havilah as you enter Shur, which is on the face of Egypt.

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⁷ Then Saul's army slaughtered the Amalek people group, from the town of Havilah in the east to the town of Shur in the west. Shur was at the border between Israel and Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:8**ULT**

⁸ And he seized Agag the king of Amalek alive. But he completely destroyed all the people by the mouth of the sword.

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⁸ Saul's army captured Agag, the king of the Amalek people group, but they killed everyone else.

How did Saul disobey the directions which Yahweh had given to him? (vv8-9)

Saul spared the life of King Agag as well as the best of the animals of the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 15:9**ULT**

⁹ And Saul and the people had compassion on Agag and on the best of the sheep and the cattle and the second ones and on the young rams and on all the good, and they were not willing to completely destroy them. But all the despised and weak property, it they completely destroyed. ^[1]

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⁹ They not only spared Agag, but they also took the best sheep and goats and cattle. They took everything that was good. They destroyed only the animals that they considered to be worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the word of Yahweh was to Samuel, saying,

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¹⁰ Then Yahweh said to Samuel,

Why was Yahweh grieved that he had made Saul king? (vv10-11)

Saul had turned back from following Yahweh's commandments.

1 Samuel 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ "I regret that I have caused Saul to reign as king, for he has turned from after me and has not raised up my words." And it was hot for Samuel, and he cried out to Yahweh all the night.

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¹¹ "I am sorry that I appointed Saul to be your king, because he has stopped worshiping me. He has not obeyed what I commanded him to do." Samuel was very disturbed when he heard that, and he cried out to Yahweh all that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:12**ULT**

¹² And Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul. And it was told to Samuel, saying, "Saul came to the Carmel, and behold, he is setting up a monument for himself! And he turned around and passed over and went down to the Gilgal."

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¹² Early the next morning, Samuel got up and went to talk with Saul. But someone told Samuel, "Saul went to the city of Carmel, where he has set up a monument to honor himself. Now he has left there and gone down to Gilgal."

What was the lie that Saul told to Samuel? (vv12-13)

He said he had fulfilled the command of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:13**ULT**

¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you by Yahweh! I have raised up the word of Yahweh."

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¹³ When Samuel arrived at Gilgal and came to Saul, Saul said, "I wish that Yahweh may bless you! I have obeyed what Yahweh told me to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Samuel said, "And what is the sound of this flock in my ears? And the sound of the cattle that I am hearing?"

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¹⁴ But Samuel replied, "If that is true, why is it that I hear cattle mooing and I hear sheep bleating?"

How did Samuel respond to the lie which Saul had told him?

Samuel asked about the bleating of sheep and the lowing of oxen he was hearing.

1 Samuel 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekite. For the people had compassion on the best of the sheep and the cattle, in order to sacrifice to Yahweh your God. But the excess we have completely destroyed."

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¹⁵ Saul replied, "The soldiers took them from the Amalek people group. They saved the best sheep and cattle, in order to offer them as sacrifices to Yahweh, your God. But we have completely destroyed all the others."

What excuse did Saul give to Samuel to try to explain his disobedience?

He said the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen so they could sacrifice them to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, "Stop, and let me tell you what Yahweh spoke to me at night." And he said to him, "Speak!"

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¹⁶ Samuel said to Saul, "Stop talking! Allow me to tell you what Yahweh said to me last night." Saul replied, "Tell me what he said."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Samuel said, "Although you are small in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? And Yahweh anointed you as king over Israel.

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¹⁷ Samuel said, "Previously you did not think that you were important. But now you have become the leader of the tribes of Israel. Yahweh appointed you to be their king.

What did Samuel say to rebuke Saul? (vv17-19)

He told Saul that Yahweh had anointed him king over Israel and told him to completely destroy the Amalekites, but instead he had seized the booty and done evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Yahweh sent you on your way. And he said, 'Go and completely destroy the sinners, Amalek. And fight against them until they have finished them.'

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¹⁸ And Yahweh sent you to do something for him. He said to you, 'Go and get rid of all those sinful people, the Amalek people group. Attack them and kill all of them.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And why did you not listen to the voice of Yahweh? But you rushed with shouting on the spoil and you did evil in the eyes of Yahweh."

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¹⁹ So why did you not obey Yahweh? Why did you take the plunder for yourself instead of destroying it? You have done what Yahweh says is evil, and he knows it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, "I have listened to the voice of Yahweh, and have gone on the way that Yahweh sent me. And I have brought Agag the king of Amalek and have completely destroyed Amalek.

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²⁰ Saul replied to Samuel, "I did what Yahweh sent me to do! I brought back King Agag, but we killed everyone else!

What was the same excuse that Saul gave to Samuel? (vv20-21)

Saul insisted it was the people who took the best of the booty to sacrifice to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:21**ULT**

²¹ And the people took from the spoil sheep and cattle, the first of the banned thing, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God at the Gilgal."

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²¹ My men brought back only the best sheep and cattle and other things, in order to sacrifice them to Yahweh your God here at Gilgal."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:22**ULT**

²² And Samuel said, "Is the delight of Yahweh in burnt up offerings and sacrifices, as in listening to the voice of Yahweh? Behold, listening is better than sacrifice, paying attention is more than the fat of rams.

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²² But Samuel replied, "Which do you think pleases Yahweh more, animals that are completely burned on the altar and other sacrifices, or people obeying him? It is better to obey Yahweh than to offer sacrifices to him. It is better to pay attention to what he says than to burn the fat of rams, which God said should be sacrificed to him.

What was Samuel's response to Saul? (vv22-23)

Obedience to Yahweh is better than sacrifice and rebellion and stubbornness are sin to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:23**ULT**

²³ For rebellion is the sin of divination, and to display pushing is iniquity and idols. Because you have rejected the word of Yahweh, he has rejected you from being king."

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²³ To rebel against God is as sinful as doing sorcery, and being stubborn is as sinful as worshiping idols. So, because you disobeyed what Yahweh told you to do, he has declared that you will no longer be king."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ And Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned! For I have passed over the mouth of Yahweh and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

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²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, "Yes, I have sinned. I disobeyed what you told me to do, which is what Yahweh commanded. I did that because I was afraid of what my men would say if I did not do what they wanted. So I did what they demanded.

What was the reason Saul told Samuel he had sinned?

Saul said he had broken Yahweh's commandment because he was afraid of the people.

1 Samuel 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ And now, please lift up my sin. And return with me so I may worship Yahweh.”

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²⁵ But now, please forgive me for having sinned. And come back with me to where the people are in order that I may worship Yahweh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of Yahweh, and Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

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²⁶ But Samuel replied, “No, I will not go back with you. You have rejected what Yahweh commanded you to do. So he has rejected you, and declared that you will no longer be the king of Israel.

What was the declaration which Samuel gave to Saul from Yahweh?

Yahweh had rejected Saul from being the king of Israel.

1 Samuel 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ And Samuel turned around to go. And he grabbed the edge of his robe, and it was torn.

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²⁷ So I do not want to talk anymore with you, either.” As Samuel turned to leave, Saul tried to stop him by grabbing the edge of Samuel’s robe, and it tore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Samuel said to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from on you today. And he has given it to your companion, the better one than you.

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²⁸ Samuel said to him, "Today Yahweh has torn away from you the kingdom of Israel. He will appoint someone else to be king, someone who is a better man than you are.

Who was Yahweh going to give the kingdom of Israel to?

Samuel told Saul that Yahweh was going to give the kingdom of Israel to one of Saul's neighbors, one who was better than Saul.

1 Samuel 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ And also, the Perpetual One of Israel will not act falsely and will not change his mind. For he is not a man, changing his mind."

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²⁹ And since the one who is the glorious God of the Israelite people does not lie, he will not change his mind. Humans sometimes change their minds, but God does not do that, because he is not a human."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he said, "I have sinned! Now please honor me in front of the elders of my people and in front of Israel. And return with me, so I may worship Yahweh your God."

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³⁰ Then Saul pleaded again. He said, "I know that I have sinned. But please honor me in front of the leaders of the Israelite people and in front of all the other Israelite people by coming back to them with me in order that I may worship Yahweh your God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:31**ULT**

³¹ And Samuel returned behind Saul. And Saul worshiped Yahweh.

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³¹ So Samuel finally agreed to do that, and they went together back to where the people were, and Saul worshiped Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:32**ULT**

³² And Samuel said, "Bring near to me Agag the king of Amalek." And Agag went to him in bonds. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death has turned aside."

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³² Then Samuel said, "Bring King Agag to me." So they brought Agag to him. Agag was brought before him, and he was locked in chains. He thought, "Surely the bitterness of death is past!"

What did Samuel do to finish the task that Saul had not done? (vv32-33)

Samuel used his sword to kill Agag before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:33**ULT**

³³ And Samuel said, "Just as your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be made childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the face of Yahweh at the Gilgal.

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³³ But Samuel said to him, "You have killed the sons of many women with your sword, so now your mother will no longer have a son." And Samuel cut Agag into pieces with his sword, there at Gilgal, where the Israelites worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Samuel went to the Ramah. And Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul.

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³⁴ Then Samuel left there and returned to his home in Ramah, and Saul went to his home in Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:35**ULT**

³⁵ And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel mourned for Saul. And Yahweh regretted that he had caused Saul to reign over Israel.

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³⁵ Samuel never saw Saul again, but he was very sad about what Saul had done. And Yahweh was very sorry that he had appointed Saul to be the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16:1

ULT

¹ And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Until when will you be mourning for Saul, while I myself have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have seen among his sons a king for me."

UST

¹ Finally, Yahweh said to Samuel, "I have decided that I will not allow Saul to continue to be the king. So you should not keep feeling sad about what he has done. Put some olive oil in a small container and go to Bethlehem to anoint someone with the oil, and appoint him to be king. I am sending you there to a man named Jesse, because I have chosen one of his sons to be the king of Israel."

From what did Yahweh tell Samuel he had rejected Saul?

Yahweh had rejected Saul from being king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16:2

ULT

² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears, then he will slay me." And Yahweh said, "Take a heifer of the cattle in your hand and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.'"

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² But Samuel said, "I am afraid to go. If Saul hears that I have appointed someone else to be king, he will kill me." Yahweh answered, "Take with you a female cow that has not calved, and say to people that you have come to kill it and offer it as a sacrifice to me."

What did Samuel fear if Saul heard of his travel to Bethlehem?

He feared that Saul would kill him.

1 Samuel 16:3**ULT**

³ And call for Jesse at the sacrifice, and I myself will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me whom I say to you."

UST

³ Invite Jesse to come to the sacrifice. When he comes, I will show you what you should do. And I will show you which of his sons I have chosen to be the king. Then you should pour the olive oil over him to indicate that I have chosen him to be the king."

How did Yahweh say that Samuel would know who to anoint?

He told Samuel that he would anoint the one whom Yahweh told him.

1 Samuel 16:4**ULT**

⁴ And Samuel did what Yahweh had spoken and he came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him and said, "Are you coming in peace?"

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⁴ Samuel did what Yahweh told him to do. He went to Bethlehem. When the town leaders came to him, they trembled, because they were worried that Samuel had come to rebuke them about something. One of them asked him, "Have you come to speak peacefully to us?"

How did the elders of Bethlehem act when Samuel arrived at their city?

They were trembling as they came to meet him.

1 Samuel 16:5**ULT**

⁵ And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

UST

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes. I have come peacefully, to make a sacrifice to Yahweh. Set yourself apart for the honor of Yahweh, and then come with me to where they will offer the sacrifice." Then Samuel set apart Jesse to do what honors God, along with his sons, and then he invited them to the sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:6**ULT**

⁶ And it happened when they came, that he saw Eliab. And he said, "Surely in front of Yahweh is his anointed one."

UST

⁶ When they arrived there, Samuel looked at Jesse's oldest son Eliab, and thought, "Surely this is the one whom Yahweh has appointed be king!"

What did Samuel say to himself when he looked at Eliab?

He said to himself that Yahweh's anointed was certainly standing before him.

1 Samuel 16:7**ULT**

⁷ And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Do not look on his outward appearance or on the height of his stature because I have rejected him. For it is not what the man sees, for the man sees by the eyes, but Yahweh sees to the heart."

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⁷ But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Do not think that he is the one whom I have chosen because of his being handsome and very tall, because I have not chosen him. I do not evaluate people as people do. You people evaluate people by their appearance, but I evaluate people by what is in their inner beings."

How did Yahweh explain to Samuel that he does not see as man sees?

Yahweh said that man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:8**ULT**

⁸ And Jesse called for Abinadab and made him pass over before the face of Samuel. And he said, "Also Yahweh has not chosen this one."

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⁸ Then Jesse told his next oldest son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But when he did that, Samuel said, "Yahweh has not chosen this one, either."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:9**ULT**

⁹ And Jesse made Shammah pass over. And he said, "Also Yahweh has not chosen this one."

UST

⁹ Then Jesse told his next oldest son Shammah to step forward. He stepped forward, but Samuel said, "Yahweh has not chosen this one, either."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass over before the face of Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen among these."

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¹⁰ Similarly, Jesse told his other four sons to walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen any of these sons of yours."

What did Samuel say to Jesse after he made seven sons pass before him?

Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen any of them.

1 Samuel 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are your young men complete?" And he said, "The youngest one still remains, and behold, he is tending among the flock." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not turn around until he comes here."

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¹¹ Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any other sons?" Jesse replied, "My youngest son is not here; he is out in the fields taking care of the sheep." Samuel said, "Send someone to bring him here! We will not sit down to eat until he gets here."

Where was the youngest son before Samuel called for him?

The youngest son was tending the sheep.

1 Samuel 16:12**ULT**

¹² And he sent and brought him. (Now he was ruddy with beautiful eyes and a good appearance.) And Yahweh said, "Rise, anoint him, for this is he."

UST

¹² So Jesse sent someone to bring David there. And when David arrived, Samuel saw that he was handsome and healthy, and had bright eyes. Then Yahweh said, "This is the one whom I have chosen; anoint him to be king."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:13**ULT**

¹³ And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the middle of his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed on David from that day and onward. And Samuel rose and went to the Ramah.

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¹³ So as David stood there in front of his older brothers, Samuel took the container of oil that he had brought and poured some of it on David's head to set him apart to serve God. After they all ate, Samuel left there and returned to Ramah. But Yahweh's Spirit came on David powerfully, and stayed with David for the rest of his life.

When did the Spirit of Yahweh rush on David?

The Spirit of Yahweh rushed on David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now the Spirit of Yahweh turned aside from with Saul, and a spirit of evil from with Yahweh terrified him.

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¹⁴ But Yahweh's Spirit left Saul. Instead of his Spirit staying with Saul, Yahweh sent an evil spirit to Saul to terrify him repeatedly.

What spirit troubled Saul instead of the Spirit of Yahweh?

A harmful spirit from Yahweh troubled Saul.

1 Samuel 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And the servants of Saul said to him, "Behold, an evil spirit of God is terrifying you."

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¹⁵ One of his servants said to him, "It is evident that an evil spirit sent by God is terrifying you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Let our master please say to your servants before your face, "Seek a man who knows how to play on the lyre. And it will happen that when the evil spirit of God is on you, then he will play by his hand and it will be good for you."

UST

¹⁶ So we suggest that you allow us your servants here to search for a man who plays the harp well. He can play the harp whenever the evil spirit bothers you. Then you will calm down and you will be well again."

What did Saul's servants say that a skillful player could do when the harmful spirit was on Saul?

The player of the harp would play it and Saul would be well.

1 Samuel 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Saul said to his servants, "See now for me a man who is good at playing and bring him to me."

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¹⁷ Saul replied, "Fine, find for me a man who can play the harp well, and bring him to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:18**ULT**

18 And one from the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, knowing how to play and mighty of strength and a man of war and discerning of word and a man of appearance. And Yahweh is with him."

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18 One of his servants said to him, "A man named Jesse, in the city of Bethlehem, has a son who plays the harp very well. Furthermore, he is a brave man, and is a capable soldier. He is handsome and he always speaks wisely. And Yahweh always protects him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:19**ULT**

19 And Saul sent messengers to Jesse. And he said, "Send to me David your son, who is with the flock."

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19 So Saul sent some messengers to Jesse. He told them to say to Jesse, "Send your son David to me, the one who takes care of sheep."

How did Saul say which of Jesse's sons he wanted sent to him?

Saul sent messengers to Jesse, saying to send him Jesse's son David, who was with the sheep.

1 Samuel 16:20**ULT**

20 And Jesse took a donkey, bread, and a skin of wine, and one kid of the goats, and he sent them by the hand of David his son to Saul.

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20 So after they went and told that to Jesse, he agreed and got a young goat, a container of wine, a donkey on which he put some loaves of bread and gave them to David to take to Saul as a present.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:21**ULT**

²¹ And David came to Saul and he stood before his face. And he loved him greatly, and he became for him one who carried the equipment.

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²¹ Then David went to Saul and started to work for him. Saul liked David very much, and he became the man who carried Saul's weapons when Saul went to fight in battles.

What assignment did Saul give David since he loved him greatly?

Saul made David his armor bearer.

1 Samuel 16:22**ULT**

²² And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before my face, for he has found favor in my eyes."

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²² Then Saul sent a messenger to go to Jesse and tell him, "I am pleased with David. Please let him stay here and work for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:23**ULT**

²³ And it happened that whenever the spirit of God was on Saul, then David took the lyre and played by his hand. And it would be relief for Saul and good for him, and the spirit of evil would turn aside from on him.

UST

²³ Jesse agreed, and after that, whenever the evil spirit whom God sent tormented Saul, David played the harp. Then Saul would become calm, and the evil spirit would leave him.

What would depart from Saul so he would be refreshed and well, when David played the harp?

The harmful spirit would depart from Saul.

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:1

ULT

¹ And the Philistines gathered their camps for the battle. And they were gathered at Sokoh, which is of Judah. And they camped between Sokoh and Azekah in Ephes Dammim.

UST

¹ The Philistines gathered their army to fight the Israelite army. They gathered together near Sokoh, in the area where the descendants of Judah lived. They set up their tents at Ephes Dammim, which is between Sokoh and Azekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:2

ULT

² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered and they camped in the valley of Elah. And they arranged for battle to meet the Philistines.

UST

² Saul gathered the Israelite army near Elah Valley, and they set up their tents. Then they all took their places, ready to fight the Philistines.

Why had Saul and the men of Israel encamped in the valley of Elah?

They encamped in the valley of Elah to draw up their battle line to meet the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:3

ULT

³ Now the Philistines were standing on this mountain, and Israel was standing on that mountain. And the valley was between them.

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³ So the Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. They were on two hills, with a valley between them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:4**ULT**

⁴ And a man of the space between came out from the camp of the Philistines, Goliath was his name, from Gath. His height was six cubits and a span.

UST

⁴ Then a great warrior, three meters tall, came out from the Philistine camp. He was Goliath, from the city of Gath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:5**ULT**

⁵ And a helmet of bronze was on his head and he was wearing body armor of scales. And the weight of the body armor was 5,000 shekels of bronze.

UST

⁵ He wore a helmet made of bronze to protect his head, and he wore a coat made of metal plates to protect his body. The metal coat weighed about fifty-five kilograms.

What was on Goliath's head?

He had a helmet of bronze on his head.

1 Samuel 17:6**ULT**

⁶ And shin guards of bronze were on his legs. And a javelin of bronze was between his shoulders.

UST

⁶ He wore bronze guards on his legs. He had a small bronze spear fastened on his back.

What did Goliath carry between his shoulders?

He had a javelin of bronze between his shoulders.

1 Samuel 17:7**ULT**

⁷ And the wood of his spear was like the beam of those who weave. And the point of his spear was 600 iron shekels. And the one who carried his shield was going before his face.

UST

⁷ He also had a big spear. It had a cord on it to enable him to throw it better. Its iron head weighed about seven kilograms. A soldier carrying Goliath's huge shield walked in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:8**ULT**

⁸ And he stood and called out to the ranks of Israel, and he said to them, "Why have you come out to arrange for battle? Am not I a Philistine, and you, servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

UST

⁸ Goliath stood there and shouted to the Israelite army, "I can see you are lined up for battle, but you will not fight me. You can see that I am a Philistine soldier who is ready to fight, but you are just the slaves of Saul. Choose one man who can fight for all of you and send him down here to me!

Whom did Goliath say the ranks of Israel served?

Goliath said they were servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 17:9**ULT**

⁹ If he is able to fight with me and strike me down, then we will become servants for you. But if I prevail against him and strike him down, then you will become servants for us and you will serve us."

UST

⁹ If he fights with me and kills me, then my fellow Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I defeat him and kill him, then you Israelites will all become our slaves.

What did Goliath say would happen to the ranks of Israel if their man killed him?

He said the Philistines would be their servants.

1 Samuel 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "I myself taunt the ranks of Israel this day. Give to me a man so we may fight together."

UST

¹⁰ None of you Israelite men can defeat me! Send me a man who will fight with me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine. And they were dismayed and feared greatly.

UST

¹¹ When Saul and all the Israelite soldiers heard that, they were very terrified.

When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, how did they feel?

They were discouraged and greatly afraid.

1 Samuel 17:12**ULT**

¹² Now David was the son of this Ephrathite man from Bethlehem in Judah, and his name was Jesse. And eight sons were for him. And the man was old in the days of Saul, coming among men.

UST

¹² Now David son of Jesse was from the clan of Ephrath. He lived in Bethlehem, in the region of the tribe of Judah. Jesse had eight sons. When Saul was king, Jesse had already become a very old man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:13**ULT**

¹³ And the oldest three of the sons of Jesse had gone, they went after Saul to the battle. And the names of the three of his sons who went into the battle were Eliab the firstborn and his second Abinadab and the third Shammah.

UST

¹³ Jesse's three oldest sons, Eliab and Abinadab and Shammah, had gone with Saul to fight the Philistines.

Which of Jesse's sons had followed Saul to the battle?

The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle.

1 Samuel 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now David, he was the youngest. And the three oldest ones had gone after Saul.

UST

¹⁴ David was Jesse's youngest son. While his three oldest brothers were with Saul,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But David was going and returning from with Saul to tend the flock of his father at Bethlehem.

UST

¹⁵ David went back and forth. Sometimes he went to Saul's camp, and sometimes he stayed in Bethlehem to take care of his father's sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the Philistine came near at early morning and at evening. And he stationed himself 40 days.

UST

¹⁶ For forty days Goliath came out from the Philistine camp and stood there mocking the Israelite army. He kept telling the Israelites to choose one man to fight with him. He did this twice each day, in the morning and in the evening.

For how long and how often did the Philistine strong man come near to present himself for battle?

For forty days he came near morning and evening to present himself for battle.

1 Samuel 17:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Jesse said to David his son, "Take now to your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and ten loaves of this bread, and bring quickly to the camp, to your brothers.

UST

¹⁷ One day, Jesse said to David, "Here is a sack of roasted grain and ten loaves of bread. Take these quickly to your older brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And bring these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of the thousand. And observe your brothers with respect to well-being and take their pledge.

UST

¹⁸ And here are ten large chunks of cheese. Take them to their commander. And see how things are going with your older brothers. Then if they are safe, bring back something to show they are all right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.”

UST

¹⁹ Your brothers are with Saul and all the other Israelite soldiers, camped alongside Elah Valley, preparing to fight the Philistines.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:20**ULT**

²⁰ And David rose early in the morning and left the flock with one who keeps. And he carried and went, just as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the entrenchment and the army was going out to the battle line and they shouted in the battle.

UST

²⁰ So David arranged for another shepherd to take care of the sheep. Early the next morning he took the food and went to the Israelite camp, as Jesse told him to do. He arrived there just as the Israelite soldiers were forming their ranks and going out to the battlefield. As they went, they were shouting a war cry.

What was the army doing as David arrived at the camp?

The army was going out to the battlefield shouting the war cry.

1 Samuel 17:21**ULT**

²¹ And Israel and the Philistines arranged, battle line to meet battle line.

UST

²¹ The Philistine army and the Israelite army stood on the hillsides, facing each other, ready for the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:22**ULT**

²² And David left the equipment from on him on the hand of one who keeps the equipment, and he ran to the battle line. And he came and asked his brothers with respect to well-being.

UST

²² David gave the food to the man who was taking care of the war equipment. He told him to take care of the food that he brought, and then he went and greeted his older brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:23**ULT**

²³ And he was speaking with them, and behold, the man of the between space was coming up, Goliath the Philistine was his name, from Gath, from the ranks of the Philistines, and he spoke like these words. And David heard.

UST

²³ While he was talking with them, he saw Goliath coming out from among the Philistine soldiers, shouting to the Israelites, challenging them to send a man to fight him. David heard what Goliath was saying.

As David talked with his brothers who came out of the ranks of the Philistines?

The strong man, Goliath, came out of the ranks of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:24**ULT**

²⁴ And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, they fled from his face and feared greatly.

UST

²⁴ When all the Israelite soldiers saw Goliath, they were terrified and started to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:25**ULT**

²⁵ And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to taunt Israel! And it will happen that the king will make rich with great wealth the man who strikes him down, and he will give his daughter to him, and he will make the house of his father free in Israel."

UST

²⁵ They were saying to each other, "Look at him coming up toward us! And listen to him as he defies us Israelites! The king says that he will give a big reward to whoever kills this man. He also says that he will give his daughter to that man for him to marry her, and that he will no longer require that man's family to pay taxes."

What would the king do for the father's house of the man who killed Goliath?

The king would give the man great riches and make his father's house free from taxation in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:26**ULT**

²⁶ And David said to the men who were standing with him, saying, "What will be done for the man who strikes down this Philistine and removes the disgrace from on Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should taunt the ranks of the living God?"

UST

²⁶ David talked to some of the men who were standing near him. He said, "This Philistine—this uncircumcised man—should not be mocking the all-powerful God. What will be given to the person who kills this Philistine and stops him from shaming us Israelites?"

What did David say the man who killed the Philistine would take away from Israel?

The man who killed the Philistine would take away the disgrace from Israel.

1 Samuel 17:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the people said to him like this word, saying, "Thus it will be done for the man who strikes him down."

UST

²⁷ The men told him the same thing that the other men had said, about what the king would do for anyone who killed Goliath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And the nose of Eliab burned against David, and he said, "Why is this—you came down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I myself know your presumptuousness and the evil of your heart, for you have come down in order to see the battle!"

UST

²⁸ But when David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking to the men, he was angry. He said to David, "Why have you come down here? Is someone taking care of those few sheep that you left in the desert? I know you are just a troublemaking boy! You just want to watch the battle!"

What did Eliab say was the mischief in David's heart?

He said that he knew David's pride, and that he came down so that he might see the battle.

1 Samuel 17:29**ULT**

²⁹ And David said, "What have I done now? Was it not a word?"

UST

²⁹ David replied, "I have done nothing wrong? I was merely asking a question!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:30**ULT**

³⁰ And he turned around from beside him toward the front of another and spoke like this word. And the people returned a word to him like the first word.

UST

³⁰ Then he walked over to another man and asked him the same question, but the man gave him the same answer. Each time he asked someone, he received the same answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:31**ULT**

³¹ And they heard the words that David spoke. And they told before the face of Saul, and he took him.

UST

³¹ Finally, someone told King Saul what David had asked, and Saul sent someone to bring David to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:32**ULT**

³² And David said to Saul, "Do not let the heart of a man fall on himself. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

UST

³² David told King Saul, "No one should worry because of that Philistine man. I will go and fight with him!"

What did David tell Saul he would do so no man's heart needed to fail because of the Philistine?

David told Saul that he would go and fight with the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:33**ULT**

³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him. For you are a boy, but he a man of war from his youth."

UST

³³ Saul said to David, "You are only a young man, and he has been a very powerful soldier all his life. So you are not able to go and fight with him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:34**ULT**

³⁴ And David said to Saul, "Your servant has been tending for his father among the flock. And the lion or the bear has come and has carried a sheep from the flock.

UST

³⁴ David replied, "I have been taking care of my father's sheep for many years. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried away a lamb,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:35**ULT**

³⁵ And I have gone out after it and struck it and rescued from its mouth. If it rose against me, then I would grasp its jaw and strike it down and put it to death.

UST

³⁵ I went after it and attacked it and rescued the lamb from the animal's mouth. Then I grabbed the animal by its jaw and struck it and killed it.

What did David do to the lion or bear that rose up against him?

He caught him by his beard, struck him, and killed him.

1 Samuel 17:36**ULT**

³⁶ Your servant has struck down both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has taunted the ranks of the living God."

UST

³⁶ I have killed both lions and bears. And I will do the same to this heathen Philistine, because he has defied the army of the all-powerful God!

Why did David say this uncircumcised Philistine will be like the lion or the bear he had killed earlier?

The Philistine had challenged the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:37**ULT**

³⁷ And David said, "Yahweh who has rescued me from the hand of the lion and from the hand of the bear, he will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and Yahweh be with you."

UST

³⁷ Yahweh has rescued me from the claws of lions and bears, and he will rescue me from this Philistine!" Then Saul said to David, "All right, go and fight him, and I hope that Yahweh will help you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:38**ULT**

³⁸ And Saul clothed David with his garments and put a helmet of bronze on his head. And he clothed him with body armor.

UST

³⁸ Then Saul gave to David his own clothes that he always wore in battles, and he gave him a bronze helmet and a coat made of metal plates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:39**ULT**

³⁹ And David strapped on his sword over his garments and he undertook to walk because he had not trained. And David said to Saul, "I am not able to walk with these, for I have not trained." And David removed them from on him.

UST

³⁹ David put these things on. Then he fastened his sword over them and tried to walk. But he could not walk, because he was not accustomed to wearing those things. So David said to Saul, "I cannot fight wearing all these things, because I am not accustomed to wearing them!" So he took them off.

Why was David not able to walk in the armor the king provided?

He had not trained with it.

1 Samuel 17:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And he took his staff in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the wadi, and he put them in the bag of the shepherds that belonged to him, even in the pouch, and his sling was in his hand. And he came near to the Philistine.

UST

⁴⁰ Then he took his walking staff and he picked up five smooth stones out of a streambed. He put them in the pouch of his shoulder bag. Then he put his sling in his hand and started walking toward Goliath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And the Philistine came, coming on and near to David. And the man who carried the shield was before his face.

UST

⁴¹ Goliath walked toward David, with the soldier who was carrying his shield walking in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:42**ULT**

⁴² And the Philistine looked and saw David, and he despised him, for he was a boy, and ruddy with a beautiful appearance.

UST

⁴² When he got near David, he looked at David closely. He saw that David had a handsome face and healthy body, but that he was only a young man. So he sneered at David.

Why did the Philistine despise David when he saw him?

David was only a boy, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

1 Samuel 17:43**ULT**

⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you are coming to me with staves?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

UST

⁴³ He said to David, "Are you coming to me with a stick because you think that I am a dog?" Then he called out to his gods to harm David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and let me give your flesh to the bird of the heavens and to the beast of the field."

UST

⁴⁴ He said to David, "Come here to me, and I will kill you and give your dead body to the birds and wild animals to eat!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ And David said to the Philistine, "You are coming to me with sword and with spear and with javelin. But I am coming to you in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have taunted.

UST

⁴⁵ David replied, "You are coming to me with a sword and a spear and a small spear. But I am coming to you with the authority of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies. He is the God whom the army of Israel worships, and he is the God whom you have defied.

When the Philistine came with sword, spear and Javelin, in what did David say he came?

David said that he came in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom the Philistine had defied.

1 Samuel 17:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and remove your head from on you. And this day I will give the corpse of the army of the Philistines to the bird of the heavens and to the living thing of the earth. And all the earth will know that there is a God for Israel.

UST

⁴⁶ Today Yahweh will enable me to defeat you. I will strike you down and cut off your head. And we Israelites will kill many Philistine soldiers and give their bodies to the birds and wild animals to eat. And everyone in the world will hear about it and know that we Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.

What did David say the earth would know because the dead bodies of the Philistines would be given to the birds and wild beasts?

All the earth would know that there is a God in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ And all this assembly will know that Yahweh does not save by sword or by spear. For the battle belongs to Yahweh, and he will give you into our hand."

UST

⁴⁷ And everyone here will know that Yahweh can rescue people without a sword or a spear. Yahweh always wins his battles, and he will enable us to defeat all of you Philistines."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ And it happened when the Philistine rose and went and came near to meet David, that David hurried and ran to the battle line to meet the Philistine.

UST

⁴⁸ As Goliath came closer to attack David, David ran quickly toward him.

What did David do when Goliath drew near to meet him?

David ran quickly toward the enemy to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ And David sent his hand into his bag, and took a stone from there, and slung. And it struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead and he fell on his face to the ground.

UST

⁴⁹ He put his hand into his shoulder bag and took out one stone. He put in his sling and hurled it toward Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead and cracked his skull, and he fell facedown to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ And David was stronger than the Philistine with the sling and with the stone. And he struck down the Philistine and put him to death. (Now there was no sword in the hand of David.)

UST

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over Goliath. He pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath and killed him with it, and then cut off his head. In that way David defeated the Philistine without having his own sword. He used only a sling and a stone! When the other Philistines saw that their great warrior was dead, they ran away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:51**ULT**

⁵¹ And David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it from its sheath and put him to death and cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their strong man was dead and they fled.

UST

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over Goliath. He pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath and killed him with it, and then cut off his head. In that way David defeated the Philistine without having his own sword. He used only a sling and a stone! When the other Philistines saw that their great warrior was dead, they ran away.

What did the Philistines do when they saw that their strong man was dead?

The Philistines fled.

1 Samuel 17:52**ULT**

⁵² And the men of Israel and Judah rose and they shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as your coming to the valley and as far as the gates of Ekron. And the pierced ones of the Philistines fell on the way of Shaaraim and as far as Gath and as far as Ekron.

UST

⁵² The Israelite men shouted and ran after them. They pursued them all the way to the city of Gath and to the gates of the city of Ekron. They struck them down as they went, with the result that dead Philistines were lying on the road all the way from Shaaraim to Gath and Ekron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:53**ULT**

⁵³ And the sons of Israel returned from burning after the Philistines. And they plundered their camp.

UST

⁵³ When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they took everything valuable from the Philistine camp.

What did the people of Israel do as they returned from chasing the Philistines?

The people of Israel plundered the Philistine camp.

1 Samuel 17:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem. And he set his equipment in his tent.

UST

⁵⁴ David later took the head of Goliath to Jerusalem, but he kept Goliath's weapons in his own tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ Now as soon as Saul saw David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "This boy is the son of whom, Abner?" And Abner said, "As your self is alive, king, if I know!"

UST

⁵⁵ As Saul watched David going toward Goliath, he said to Abner, the commander of his army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As sure as you are alive, I do not know."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ And the king said, "You ask the son of whom is this boy."

UST

⁵⁶ Then the king said, "Find out whose son he is!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ And as soon as David returned from striking down the Philistine, then Abner took him and brought him before the face of Saul. And the head of the Philistine was in his hand.

UST

⁵⁷ Later, as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner took him to Saul. David was carrying Goliath's head.

What did David have in his hand when Abner brought him before Saul?

David had the head of the Philistine in his hand.

1 Samuel 17:58

ULT

⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "The son of whom are you, boy?" And David said, "The son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

UST

⁵⁸ Saul asked him, "Young man, whose son are you?" David replied, "Sir, I am the son of your servant Jesse, who lives in Bethlehem."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18

1 Samuel 18:1

ULT

¹ And it happened as soon as he finished speaking to Saul, that the self of Jonathan was bound to the self of David. And Jonathan loved him like his own self.

UST

¹ After David finished talking with Saul, he met Saul's son, Jonathan. Jonathan immediately liked David; in fact, he began to love him.

How strongly was the soul of Jonathan bound to the soul of David?

Jonathan loved David as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:2

ULT

² And Saul took him on that day. And he did not give him to return to the house of his father.

UST

² From that day, Saul kept David with him to serve him; he did not let him return home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:3

ULT

³ And Jonathan cut a covenant with David because he loved him like his own self.

UST

³ Because he loved David so much, Jonathan made a solemn agreement with David. They promised each other that they would always be friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and he gave it to David, and his garments and even to his sword and even to his bow and even to his belt.

UST

⁴ Jonathan took off his own outer robe and gave it to David. He also gave David his soldier's tunic, his sword, his bow and arrows, and his belt.

What did Jonathan take off and give to David with his armor?

Jonathan took off the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David.

1 Samuel 18:5**ULT**

⁵ And David went out, he succeeded at wherever Saul sent him. And Saul set him over the men of war. And he was good in the eyes of all the people and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul.

UST

⁵ David went wherever Saul sent him. And whatever Saul told him to do, David did it very successfully. As a result, Saul appointed David as a commander in the army. All the officers and other men in the army approved of that.

Over whom did Saul set David?

Saul set him over the men of war.

1 Samuel 18:6**ULT**

⁶ And it happened when they came, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, that the women came out from all the cities of Israel to sing with the dancing ones, to meet Saul the king, with tambourines, with joy, and with three-stringed instruments.

UST

⁶ But when the men in the army were returning home after David had killed Goliath, Israelite women came out from many cities and towns. They greeted King Saul while they were singing and dancing very joyfully, playing tambourines and lyres.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:7**ULT**

⁷ And the women sang who were playing, and said: "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

UST

⁷ As they danced, they sang this song: "Saul has killed a thousand enemy soldiers, But David has killed ten thousand of them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:8**ULT**

⁸ And it burned greatly for Saul, and this thing was evil in his eyes. And he said, "They have given to David ten thousands, but to me they have given the thousands. And only the kingship is yet for him!"

UST

⁸ When Saul heard them singing that, he did not like it. He became very angry. He said to himself, "They are saying that David killed ten thousand men, but that I have killed only one thousand. Soon they will want to make him their king!"

What had the singers' song ascribed to David, which displeased Saul?

They ascribed to David ten thousands, but they had ascribed only thousands to Saul.

1 Samuel 18:9**ULT**

⁹ And it happened that Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day and onward.

UST

⁹ From that time, Saul watched David very closely because he was suspicious that David would try to become king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it happened from the next day that an evil spirit of God rushed on Saul and he prophesied in the midst of the house. And David was playing by his hand, as day by day. And the spear was in the hand of Saul.

UST

¹⁰ The next day, an evil spirit sent by God suddenly took control of Saul. He began to act like a madman, inside his house. David was playing the lyre for him, as he did every day. Saul was holding a spear in his hand,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, and he said, "I will strike David, even into the wall!" But David turned around from his face two times.

UST

¹¹ and he hurled it at David, thinking, "I will fasten David to the wall with the spear!" He did that two times, but David jumped aside both times.

What did Saul think as he threw the spear at David?

Saul thought that he would pin David to the wall.

1 Samuel 18:12**ULT**

¹² And Saul was afraid from before the face of David. For Yahweh was with him but had turned aside from with Saul.

UST

¹² Because it became evident that Yahweh had abandoned Saul but that he was helping David, Saul was afraid of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:13**ULT**

¹³ And Saul removed him from with him and set him as a commander of a thousand for himself. And he went out and came in before the face of the people.

UST

¹³ So he appointed David as a commander of a thousand soldiers and sent David away from him, hoping that David would be killed in a battle. But when David led his soldiers in their battles,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And David was succeeding in all his ways. And Yahweh was with him.

UST

¹⁴ he always had great success, because Yahweh was helping him.

Why did David prosper in all his ways?

David prospered for Yahweh was with him.

1 Samuel 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Saul saw that he was succeeding greatly. And he dreaded his face.

UST

¹⁵ When Saul heard that David and his soldiers were very successful, he became more afraid of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah were loving David, for he was going out and coming in before their face.

UST

¹⁶ But all the people of Israel and of Judah loved David, because he led the soldiers very successfully in the battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Saul said to David, "Behold, my oldest daughter Merab. I will give her to you for a wife. Only become for me a son of strength and fight the battles of Yahweh." And Saul said, "Let not my hand be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

UST

¹⁷ One day Saul said to David, "I am ready to give you my oldest daughter, Merab, to be your wife. I will do that if you serve me bravely by fighting battles for Yahweh against the Philistines." He said that because he thought, "I will not try to get rid of David by myself. I will allow the Philistines to do that."

Why did Saul think his hand would not need to be against David?

Saul thought the hand of the Philistines be against David.

1 Samuel 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And David said to Saul, "Who am I, and who are my relatives of the clan of my father in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?"

UST

¹⁸ But David said to Saul, "I am not a very important person, and my family is not very important. Also my clan is not a very important Israelite clan. So I do not deserve to become your son-in-law."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it happened at the time to give Merab the daughter of Saul to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife.

UST

¹⁹ So, when it was time for Merab to be given to David to become his wife, instead, Saul gave her to a man named Adriel, from Meholah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Michal the daughter of Saul loved David. And they told Saul and the matter was right in his eyes.

UST

²⁰ However, Saul's other daughter, Michal, fell in love with David. When they told Saul about that, he was pleased.

What did Saul think his daughter Michal would be for David if Saul gave her to him?

Saul thought she could be a trap for David.

1 Samuel 18:21**ULT**

²¹ And Saul said, "I will give her to him and may she become a snare for him and may the hand of the Philistines be against him." And Saul said to David a second time, "You will be a son-in-law of mine today."

UST

²¹ He thought, "I will give Michal to him, in order that she may trap him, and the Philistines will be able to kill him." So he said to David, "You can marry Michal," and by saying that, he indicated for the second time that David would become his son-in-law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:22**ULT**

²² And Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David in secrecy, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you and all his servants love you. And now, become a son-in-law of the king.'"

UST

²² Saul told his servants, "Talk to David privately, and say to him, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you, and all of us his servants love you. So now we think that you should marry Michal and become the king's son-in-law.'"

Where did Saul command his servants to speak with David about becoming the king's son-in-law?

He commanded his servants to speak with David in private.

1 Samuel 18:23**ULT**

²³ And the servants of Saul spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, "Is it insignificant in your eyes to be a son-in-law of the king? And I am a poor man and lightly esteemed."

UST

²³ So they said that to David. But David said, "It would be a great honor to become the king's son-in-law. But I do not think that I should do that, because I am only a poor and insignificant man."

Why did David think he was not worthy to be the king's son-in-law?

He was a poor man, and lightly esteemed.

1 Samuel 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "Like these words David spoke."

UST

²⁴ Saul's servant told him what David had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'There is no desire of the king for the bride price, except for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged on the enemies of the king.'" (Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.)

UST

²⁵ Saul replied, "Go and say to David, 'In order for the king to allow you to marry Michal, he wants you to kill one hundred Philistines and to cut off their foreskins and bring the foreskins to him to prove that you have killed them. In that way he will get revenge on his enemies.'" But what Saul really wanted was that the Philistines would kill David while he was trying to kill them.

What was the only dowry the king desired from David?

The king desired only one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ And his servants told David these words, and the word was right in the eyes of David, to become son-in-law of the king. And the days were not fulfilled.

UST

²⁶ When the servants told that to David, he was very pleased that he could become the king's son-in-law by doing that. The king had said how many days he would allow for David to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ And David rose and went, he and his men, and he struck down 200 men among the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins and they fulfilled them for the king, to become son-in-law of the king. And Saul gave to him Michal his daughter for his wife.

UST

²⁷ But before that time ended, David and his men went and killed, not one hundred, but two hundred Philistines! He brought their foreskins to Saul, and counted them while Saul was watching, in order to prove that he had fulfilled what the king required so that he could become Saul's son-in-law. So then Saul was obligated to allow David to marry his daughter Michal.

What did David and his men do that exceeded the king's dowry request?

David killed two hundred Philistines and brought their foreskins.

1 Samuel 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Saul saw and he knew that Yahweh was with David and Michal the daughter of Saul loved him.

UST

²⁸ But when Saul realized that Yahweh was helping David, and that his daughter loved David,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ And Saul added to be more afraid from the face of David. And Saul was being hostile to David all the days.

UST

²⁹ he became more afraid of David. So as long as Saul lived, he was David's enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the commanders of the Philistines came out. And it happened that as often as they came out, David was more successful than all the servants of Saul and his name became greatly esteemed.

UST

³⁰ The Philistine armies repeatedly came to fight the Israelites, but every time they fought, David and his soldiers were more successful than any of Saul's other army commanders. As a result, David became very famous.

How great was David's success, so his name was highly regarded?

David succeeded more than all the servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 19

1 Samuel 19:1

ULT

¹ And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan the son of Saul delighted greatly in David.

UST

¹ Then Saul urged all his servants and his son Jonathan to kill David. But Jonathan liked David very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:2

ULT

² And Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. And now, please be on guard in the morning and stay in the hiding place and hide yourself.

UST

² So he warned David, "My father Saul is seeking for a way to kill you. So be careful. Tomorrow morning go and find a place to hide in the field.

Why did Jonathan tell David to be on his guard and hide himself?

Saul was seeking to kill David.

1 Samuel 19:3

ULT

³ As for me, I will go out and stand by the hand of my father in the field there where you are, and I myself will speak of you to my father. And I will see whatever and I will tell you."

UST

³ I will ask my father to go out there with me. While we are out there, I will talk to him about you. Then I will tell you everything that he tells me." So David did what Jonathan told him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David. For he has not sinned against you and indeed his deeds were very good for you.

UST

⁴ The next morning, Jonathan spoke with his father, saying many good things about David. He said, "You should never do anything to harm your servant David! He has never done anything to harm you! Everything that he has done has helped you very much.

What did Jonathan tell Saul that David's deeds brought to him?

Jonathan told Saul that David's deeds had brought Saul good.

1 Samuel 19:5**ULT**

⁵ And he set his life in his palm and struck down the Philistine. And Yahweh made a great salvation for all Israel. You saw and rejoiced. And why would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death without cause?"

UST

⁵ He was in danger of being killed when he fought against Goliath, the great soldier of the Philistine army. By enabling David to kill him, Yahweh won a great victory for all the people of Israel. You were very happy when you saw that. Why would you want to do anything now to harm David? There is no reason for you to kill him, because he has not done anything wrong!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:6**ULT**

⁶ And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. And Saul swore, "As Yahweh is alive, he shall not be put to death!"

UST

⁶ Saul listened to what Jonathan said. Then Saul said, "I solemnly promise that just as surely as Yahweh is alive, I will not kill David."

What did Saul swear after listening to Jonathan?

Saul swore that he would not put David to death.

1 Samuel 19:7**ULT**

⁷ And Jonathan called out to David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul and he was before his face as yesterday and three days ago.

UST

⁷ Afterward, Jonathan summoned David and told him what he and Saul had said. Then Jonathan brought David to Saul, and David served Saul as he had done before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:8**ULT**

⁸ And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them a great blow. And they fled from his face.

UST

⁸ One day a war started again, and David led his soldiers to fight against the Philistine army. David's army attacked them very furiously, with the result that the Philistine army ran away.

What happened when David again went out and fought with the Philistines?

David defeated the Philistines with a great slaughter.

1 Samuel 19:9**ULT**

⁹ And an evil spirit of Yahweh was on Saul and he was sitting in his house and his spear was in his hand. And David was playing by hand.

UST

⁹ But one day when Saul was sitting in his house, an evil spirit sent from Yahweh suddenly came upon Saul. Saul picked up his spear as David was playing his harp for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Saul sought to strike into David with the spear, even into the wall, but he escaped from the face of Saul, and he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and slipped away on that night.

UST

¹⁰ Saul hurled his spear at David to try to fasten him to the wall. David dodged, and the spear did not hit him. The spear stuck in the wall, but David ran out into the darkness and escaped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Saul sent messengers to the house of David to watch him and to put him to death in the morning. And Michal his wife told David, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death."

UST

¹¹ Then Saul sent messengers to David's house. He told them to watch the house and to kill David while he was leaving the house the following morning. But David's wife Michal saw them and warned him, saying, "To save your life, you must run away tonight, because if you do not do that, you will be killed tomorrow!"

Why did Saul send messengers to David's house to watch him?

Saul wanted to kill him in the morning.

1 Samuel 19:12**ULT**

¹² And Michal lowered David out through the window. And he went and fled and slipped away.

UST

¹² So she enabled David to climb out through a window, and he ran away and escaped.

How did Michal help David to flee and escape?

Michal let David down through the window.

1 Samuel 19:13**ULT**

¹³ And Michal took the household idol and put it on the bed. And she put a quilt of the goats at the place of its head. And she covered it with the clothes.

UST

¹³ Then Michal took an idol that was in the house and put it in the bed. She covered it with some of David's clothes, and put some goat's hair on the head of the idol.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Saul sent messengers to take David. And she said, "He is sick."

UST

¹⁴ When the messengers came to the house the next morning, she told them that David was sick and could not get out of bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to put him to death."

UST

¹⁵ When they reported that to Saul, he told them to go back to David's house. He said to them, "Bring him to me lying on his bed, in order that I can kill him!"

What did Saul plan to do when he ordered for David to be brought to him in the bed?

Saul planned to kill him.

1 Samuel 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the messengers came, and behold, the household idol was on the bed! And the quilt of the goats was at the place of its head.

UST

¹⁶ But when those men entered David's house, they saw that there was only an idol in the bed, with goat's hair on its head.

What did Michal use at the head of the household idol in the bed to make it look like David?

She put a pillow of goats' hair at the idol's head.

1 Samuel 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like so and sent away my enemy, so that he slipped away?" And Michal said to Saul, "He himself said to me, 'Send me away. Why should I put you to death?'"

UST

¹⁷ When they reported that to Saul, Saul summoned Michal and said to her, "Why did you trick me like that? You allowed my enemy to escape!" Michal replied to Saul, "David told me that if I did not help him to escape, he would kill me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now David fled and slipped away and came to Samuel in the Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

UST

¹⁸ After David had escaped from Saul, he went to Samuel, who was at his home in Ramah. He told Samuel everything that Saul had done to try to kill him. Then David and Samuel went to Naioth, which was nearby, and they stayed there.

When David fled and escaped, who did he go to see in Ramah?

David went to Samuel.

1 Samuel 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it was told to Saul, saying, "Behold, David is in Naioth in the Ramah."

UST

¹⁹ Someone told Saul that David was in Naioth near the city of Ramah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Saul sent messengers to take David. And they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel was standing, stationed over them. And the Spirit of God was on the messengers of Saul and they also prophesied.

UST

²⁰ so Saul sent some messengers to capture him. When those messengers arrived in Ramah, they met some men who were shouting messages from Yahweh, and Samuel was there as their leader. When Saul's messengers met them, the Spirit of God came upon Saul's men, and they also shouted in the same way.

What happened to the messengers of Saul that caused them to prophesy?

The Spirit of God came on them.

1 Samuel 19:21**ULT**

²¹ And they told Saul and he sent other messengers and they also prophesied. And Saul did again and sent messengers a third time, and they also prophesied.

UST

²¹ When Saul heard about that, he sent two more lots of messengers, but they also started to shout out messages from Yahweh.

After sending messengers for a third time what did Saul do? (vv21-22)

Saul also went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:22**ULT**

²² And he went, he also, to the Ramah and came as far as the great cistern that is in Seku. And he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Behold, in Naioth in the Ramah."

UST

²² Finally, Saul himself went to Ramah. When he arrived at the well at a place named Seku, he asked people there, "Where are Samuel and David?" The people replied, "They are at Naioth near Ramah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:23**ULT**

²³ And he went there to Naioth in the Ramah. And the Spirit of God was on him, him also, and he went along and he prophesied until he entered in Naioth in the Ramah.

UST

²³ While Saul was walking toward Naioth, the Spirit of God also came upon him. While he walked on, he shouted messages from Yahweh until he came to Naioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:24**ULT**

²⁴ And he also stripped off his clothes and he also prophesied before the face of Samuel. And he lay naked all that day and all the night. Therefore they said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

UST

²⁴ There he took off his outer clothes, and he spoke messages from God in front of Samuel. He lay on the ground doing that all day and all night. That is the reason that when people see someone doing something that is very unexpected, they say, "Is Saul also a prophet?"

How long did Saul lay naked before Samuel?

He lay naked all that day and all that night.

1 Samuel 20

1 Samuel 20:1

ULT

¹ And David fled from Naioth in the Ramah. And he came and said before the face of Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before the face of your father, that he is seeking my life?"

UST

¹ David ran away from Naioth. He went to Jonathan and asked him, "What have I done to displease your father? What did I do that was wrong? Why is he trying to kill me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:2

ULT

² And he said to him, "Far from it! You will not die. Behold, my father does not do a great thing or a small thing and not uncover my ear. And why would my father hide this thing from me? There is not this!"

UST

² Jonathan replied, "My father is certainly not trying to kill you! He always tells me before he does anything that he is planning. He tells me about important things and unimportant things that he plans to do. Why would he refuse to tell me if he were planning to kill you? So what you are saying cannot be true."

What did Jonathan say his father did not do without telling him?

He said that his father did nothing either great or small without telling it to him.

1 Samuel 20:3

ULT

³ And David swore again and said, "Your father surely knows that I have found favor in your eyes. And he said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But indeed, as Yahweh is alive, and as your soul is alive, surely between me and death is like a step!"

UST

³ Then David solemnly declared this to Jonathan: "Your father knows very well that you and I are very good friends, so he says to himself, 'I will not tell Jonathan what I am going to do. If I tell Jonathan, he will be upset, and then he will tell David.' But just as surely as Yahweh is alive and you are alive, I am only one step away from being killed."

How close did David say he was to death?

He said that there was but a step between him and death.

1 Samuel 20:4**ULT**

⁴ And Jonathan said to David, "Whatever your self says, I will do for you."

UST

⁴ Jonathan said to David, "I will do whatever you tell me to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:5**ULT**

⁵ And David said to Jonathan, "Behold, the new moon is tomorrow, and surely I should sit with the king to eat. But you shall send me away and I will hide myself in the field until the third evening."

UST

⁵ David replied, "Tomorrow we will celebrate the festival of the new moon. I always eat with the king at that festival. But tomorrow I will hide in the field, and I will stay there for one night. I will stay there until the evening of the day after tomorrow."

What did David ask to do until the third day at evening?

David asked to hide in the field until the third day at evening.

1 Samuel 20:6**ULT**

⁶ If your father misses me at all, then you shall say, 'David earnestly asked from me to run to Bethlehem, his city, for the sacrifice of the days is there for all the clan.'

UST

⁶ If your father asks why I am not there at the festival, say to him, 'David requested me to allow him to go to his home in Bethlehem, where his family will offer the sacrifice that they offer every year.'

What reason did David tell Jonathan to give Saul if Saul missed him?

He said to tell Saul that he went to Bethlehem his city, because it is the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.

1 Samuel 20:7**ULT**

⁷ If thus he says, 'Good,' peace is for your servant. But if it burns intensely for him, know that the evil is completed from with him.

UST

⁷ If your father says 'Very well', then I know I will be safe. But if he becomes extremely angry, you will know that he is determined to harm me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:8**ULT**

⁸ And you shall do covenant faithfulness with your servant. For you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you. But if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself. And why should you bring me as far as your father?"

UST

⁸ Please be kind to me. Yahweh heard you when you made a solemn agreement with me that you and I will always be good friends. But if I deserve to be punished, you should kill me yourself, rather than allow your father to punish me."

Why did David ask Jonathan to deal kindly with him as his servant?

Jonathan had brought David, his servant, into a covenant of Yahweh with him.

1 Samuel 20:9**ULT**

⁹ And Jonathan said, "Far be it for you! For if I ever know that the evil has been completed from with my father to come on you, then will I not tell it to you?"

UST

⁹ Jonathan replied, "I will never do that! If I ever find out that my father is determined to harm you, I will certainly tell you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me if what your father answers you is harsh?"

UST

¹⁰ David asked him, "How will I find out if your father answers you harshly?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Jonathan said to David, "Come and let us go out to the field." And the two of them went out to the field.

UST

¹¹ Jonathan replied, "Come with me. We will go out into the field." So they went together out into the field.

Where did Jonathan say to go to continue their discussion?

He told David to go with him out into the field.

1 Samuel 20:12**ULT**

¹² And Jonathan said to David, "By Yahweh the God of Israel, surely I will sound out my father around this time tomorrow, or the third. If behold, good is to David, then will I not then send to you and uncover your ear?"

UST

¹² There Jonathan said to David, "I promise this while Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, is listening: At this time the day after tomorrow, I will find out what my father is thinking about you. If he is saying good things about you, I will certainly send a message to you to tell that to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:13**ULT**

¹³ Thus may Yahweh do to Jonathan and thus may he add if the evil on you is good to my father and I do not uncover your ear and send you away, so you may go in peace! And may Yahweh be with you just as he was with my father.

UST

¹³ But if he is planning to hurt you, I hope that Yahweh will punish me very severely if I do not tell you in advance and help you flee, so that you might go away in safety. I hope that Yahweh will be with you and help you like he has helped my father.

Why did Jonathan want to make his father's response known to David and send him away?

Jonathan promises to make it known to David so that David could go in peace.

1 Samuel 20:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And if I am still alive, then you will do the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh with me, and I will not die. ^[1]

UST

¹⁴ But while I am still alive, please act kindly toward me because of the oath that we both swore in Yahweh's sight; do not kill me when you become king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And you shall not cut off your covenant faithfulness from with my house until eternity, not even when Yahweh cuts off the enemies of David, a man from on the face of the ground."

UST

¹⁵ But if I die, never stop acting kindly toward my family for the sake of our oath, even after Yahweh has gotten rid of all your enemies all over the earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Jonathan cut with the house of David, "And may Yahweh seek from the hand of the enemies of David!"

UST

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a solemn agreement with David and his descendants. And he said, "I hope that Yahweh will get rid of all your enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Jonathan caused David to swear again because he loved him. For he loved him like the loving of his self.

UST

¹⁷ And Jonathan requested David to repeat his solemn promise to be his close friend, because Jonathan loved David as much as he loved himself.

Why did Jonathan make David vow again to him?

He made David vow again because of the love that he had for him.

1 Samuel 20:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon. And you will be missed because your seat will be missing.

UST

¹⁸ Then Jonathan said, "Tomorrow we will celebrate the festival of the new moon. When you are not sitting at your place when we eat, my father will miss you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the third day you shall go down greatly and come to the place there where you hid yourself on the day of the deed. And you shall stay beside the stone Ezel.

UST

¹⁹ The day after tomorrow, in the evening go to the place where you hid before. Wait by the pile of stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:20**ULT**

²⁰ And as for me, I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as sending forth for me to a target.

UST

²⁰ I will come out and shoot three arrows as though I were trying to shoot at a target. The arrows will hit the ground close to the pile of stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:21**ULT**

²¹ And behold, I will send the boy, 'Go find the arrows.' If I say clearly to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side from you; take them,' then come; for peace is for you and there is no matter, as Yahweh is alive.

UST

²¹ Then I will send a boy to bring the arrows back to me. If you hear me say to him, 'They are closer to me,' then just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you will know that everything is fine, and that you will not be killed.

Who does Jonathan say he would send to find the arrows he shot?

He said he would send a young man to find the arrows.

1 Samuel 20:22**ULT**

²² But if I say thus to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are beyond from you,' go, for Yahweh has sent you away.

UST

²² But if I tell him, 'The arrows are farther away,' you will know that you must leave immediately, because Yahweh wants you to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:23**ULT**

²³ As for the word which I and you have spoken, behold, Yahweh is between me and you until eternity."

UST

²³ I hope that Yahweh will watch you and me and enable us to never forget what we have promised each other."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:24**ULT**

²⁴ And David hid himself in the field. And it was the new moon, and the king sat at the food to eat.

UST

²⁴ So David went and hid in the field. When the festival of the new moon started, the king sat down to eat.

When the new moon came, what did the king sit down to do?

The king sat down to eat food.

1 Samuel 20:25**ULT**

²⁵ And the king sat on his seat, as time by time, on the seat by the wall. And Jonathan rose, and Abner sat by the side of Saul. And the place of David was missing.

UST

²⁵ He sat where he usually sat, close to the wall. Jonathan sat across from him, and Abner the army commander sat next to Saul. But no one was sitting in the place where David usually sat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Saul did not speak anything on that day, for he said, "It is an accident. He is not clean, surely not clean."

UST

²⁶ On that day, Saul did not say anything about David, because he was thinking, "Something must have happened that caused David to become unacceptable to worship God."

What did Saul think could have happened to David to make him absent from the feast?

Saul thought David was not clean.

1 Samuel 20:27**ULT**

²⁷ And it happened on the next day of the new moon, the second, that the place of David was missing. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the food both yesterday and today?"

UST

²⁷ But the next day, when David was not sitting at the place where he usually sat, Saul asked Jonathan, "Why has that son of Jesse not been here to eat with us yesterday and today?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked from with me as far as Bethlehem.

UST

²⁸ Jonathan replied, "David urgently requested me that I permit him to go to Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:29**ULT**

²⁹ And he said, 'Please send me away. For the sacrifice of our clan is in the city, and he, my brother, has commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me slip away and let me see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the table of the king."

UST

²⁹ He said, 'Please allow me to go, because our family is going to offer a sacrifice. My older brother insisted that I be there. So please allow me to go to be with my older brothers.' I allowed David to go, and that is the reason that he is not here eating with you."

Why does Jonathan say David had to attend his family's sacrifice?

He said David's brother had ordered him to be there.

1 Samuel 20:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the nose of Saul burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "Son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your shame, and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother?"

UST

³⁰ Saul was furious! He said to Jonathan, "You rebellious idiot! I know that you are being loyal to that son of Jesse. But you will cause shame to come to yourself and to your mother."

How does Saul describe Jonathan's mother in his burning anger?

He called him the son of a wicked and rebellious woman.

1 Samuel 20:31**ULT**

³¹ For all the days that the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you and your kingdom will not be established. And now, send and take him to me, for he is a son of death."

UST

³¹ As long as Jesse's son is living, you will never become the king, and you will never rule over this kingdom! So now, summon David, and bring him to me. He must be executed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:32**ULT**

³² And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and he said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

UST

³² Jonathan asked his father, "Why should David be executed? What wrong has he done?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:33**ULT**

³³ And Saul hurled the spear at him to strike him down. And Jonathan knew that it was completed from with his father to put David to death.

UST

³³ Then Saul threw his spear at Jonathan in order to kill him, but the spear did not hit him. So Jonathan knew that his father really wanted to kill David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:34**ULT**

³⁴ And Jonathan rose from with the table with a burning nose. And he did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David, because his father had dishonored him.

UST

³⁴ Jonathan was very angry, and he left the room. On that second day of the festival he refused to eat anything. He was disgusted about what his father had done, and he was worried about David.

Why was Jonathan grieved over David?

He was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

1 Samuel 20:35**ULT**

³⁵ And it happened in the morning, that Jonathan went out to the field to the appointment with David. And a small boy was with him.

UST

³⁵ The following morning Jonathan went out to the field to give a message to David, as he had agreed that he would do. He took a young boy with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:36**ULT**

³⁶ And he said to his boy, "Run, find now the arrows that I am about to shoot." The boy ran and he shot the arrow to pass over him.

UST

³⁶ Jonathan said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows that I shoot." The boy started running, and Jonathan shot an arrow ahead of the boy.

Where did Jonathan shoot the arrow as the young man ran?

Jonathan shot an arrow beyond the young man.

1 Samuel 20:37**ULT**

³⁷ And the boy came as far as the place of the arrow that Jonathan had shot. And Jonathan called after the boy and said, "Is not the arrow beyond from you?"

UST

³⁷ The boy ran to the place where the arrow hit the ground, but Jonathan called out, "The arrow is further away!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:38**ULT**

³⁸ And Jonathan called after the boy, "Quickly hurry! Do not stay!" And the boy of Jonathan picked up the arrows and came to his master.

UST

³⁸ Then he shouted to the boy, "Go quickly; do not wait! Do not stop!" The boy picked up the arrow and brought it back to Jonathan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:39**ULT**

³⁹ Now the boy did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

UST

³⁹ But the boy did not understand the meaning of what Jonathan had said; only Jonathan and David knew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy who was for him. And he said to him, "Go, bring to the city."

UST

⁴⁰ Then Jonathan gave his bow and arrows to the boy and told him, "Take them back to the town."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:41**ULT**

⁴¹ The boy went, and David rose from beside the south, and fell before his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed, a man with his companion. And they wept, a man with his companion, until David did the most. ^[2]

UST

⁴¹ When the boy left, David came out from behind the pile of stones, where he had been hiding. He went to Jonathan and bowed in front of Jonathan three times, with his face touching the ground. Then David and Jonathan kissed each other on the cheek, and they cried together. But David cried more than Jonathan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:42**ULT**

⁴² And Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we, the two of us, have sworn in the name of Yahweh, saying, 'Yahweh is between me and you, and between my seed and your seed until eternity.'" And he rose and went, and Jonathan came to the city. ^[3]

20:14 ^[1]

20:41 ^[2]

20:42 ^[3]

UST

⁴² Jonathan said to David, "May things go well for you as you go. Yahweh has heard what we solemnly promised to always do for each other, and what we said that our descendants must do for each other." Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

What did Jonathan do when David stood up and left?

Jonathan returned to the city.

1 Samuel 21

1 Samuel 21:1

ULT

¹ And David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech trembled to meet David and said to him, "Why are you by yourself and there is no man with you?" ^[1]

UST

¹ David fled from there and went to the city of Nob to see Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he saw David because he was afraid that something bad had happened. He said to David, "Why are you alone? Why have no men come with you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:2

ULT

² And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me with a matter and has said to me, 'Do not let a man know anything about the matter which I am sending you, and which I have commanded you.' And I have caused the young men to know about a certain place, a certain one."

UST

² David deceived Ahimelech by replying, "The king sent me. But he does not want anyone to know anything about what he sent me to do. I have told my men where they should meet me."

About what did David say the king told him to let no one know?

He said the king told him to let no one know anything about the business he was sending him, and what he had commanded him.

1 Samuel 21:3

ULT

³ And now what is there under your hand? Give five bread loaves into my hand, or the found thing."

UST

³ Now I want to know, do you have any food here for me to eat? Could you give me five loaves of bread, or whatever other food that you can find?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:4**ULT**

⁴ And the priest answered David and said, "There is no common bread toward under my hand. But there is the holy bread, if the young men have kept themselves only from women."

UST

⁴ The priest answered David, "There is no ordinary bread here, but I have some of the sacred bread that was placed before Yahweh. Your men may eat it if they have not slept with women recently."

What did the priest answer David about the bread on hand?

The priest said that there was no ordinary bread on hand, but there was holy bread.

1 Samuel 21:5**ULT**

⁵ And David answered the priest and said to him, "Surely a woman has been kept away with respect to us as yesterday and three days ago, as whenever I have gone out. And the vessels of the men have been holy, even though it was a common journey. And how much more today will it be holy with the vessels!"

UST

⁵ David replied, "They have not been near women for many days. I do not allow my men to defile themselves by sleeping with women while they are preparing to fight in battles. They must continue to keep themselves acceptable to God when they are on ordinary trips, and today they have certainly kept themselves acceptable to God because now we are doing something very special."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:6**ULT**

⁶ And the priest gave to him the holy thing. For bread was not there except the bread of the face, which was removed from before the face of Yahweh, in order to put hot bread on the day it was taken away.

UST

⁶ Now the only bread that the priest had was the bread on display before God, the bread that had been placed in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent. So the priest gave David some of that bread. On that day the priest had taken those loaves from the table and replaced them with fresh loaves.

From where had the bread of the presence been removed?

The bread of the presence had been removed from before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 21:7**ULT**

⁷ Now a man from the servants of Saul was there on that day, he was detained before the face of Yahweh. And his name was Doeg the Edomite, a powerful one of the herders who were for Saul.

UST

⁷ It happened that Doeg, from the Edom people group, was there on that day to make himself acceptable to Yahweh, and he saw what Ahimelech did. He was one of Saul's officials and the leader of Saul's shepherds.

What was the work Doeg the Edomite did for Saul?

Doeg the Edomite was the chief of Saul's herdsmen.

1 Samuel 21:8**ULT**

⁸ And David said to Ahimelech, "Now is there not here under your hand a spear or sword? For both my sword and my weapons I did not take in my hand, because the matter of the king was urgent."

UST

⁸ David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or a sword that I can use? The king appointed us to do this task and told us to leave immediately, so I did not have time to bring any weapons."

Why did David say he had no weapons with him?

He said that he had brought no weapons because the king's business was urgent.

1 Samuel 21:9**ULT**

⁹ And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in the cloak behind the ephod. If you want to take it for yourself, take, for there is no other except it in this place." And David said, "There is none like it. Give it to me."

UST

⁹ Ahimelech replied, "I have only the sword that belonged to Goliath the giant from the Philisti people group whom you killed in Elah Valley. It is wrapped in a cloth, and is behind the sacred apron in the sacred tent. If you want it, take it, because I have no other weapon here." David replied, "Truly, there is no other sword that is as good as that one! Give it to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David rose and fled on that day from the face of Saul. And he came to Achish the king of Gath.

UST

¹⁰ So Ahimelech gave it to him, and David left there. He and his men went to the city of Gath in the region of Philistia, to stay with King Achish.

From whom was David fleeing when he went to Achish?

He was fleeing that day from Saul.

1 Samuel 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing with respect to this one in the dances, saying, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?'"

UST

¹¹ But the officers of King Achish did not approve of David's coming. They said to King Achish, "This man David is just as powerful as the king of his land. Our enemies, the Israelite people, honored him by dancing and singing, 'Saul has killed thousands of his enemies, but David has killed tens of thousands of them!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:12**ULT**

¹² And David put these words in his heart and was very afraid from the face of Achish the king of Gath.

UST

¹² David heard what those men were saying, so he was afraid of what King Achish might do to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:13**ULT**

¹³ And he changed his behavior in their eyes and pretended to be insane in their hand. And he made marks on the doors of the gate and caused his saliva to go down to his beard.

UST

¹³ So he pretended that he was insane. He started scratching on the gates of the city and allowing his saliva to run down his beard.

What did David pretend when he changed his behavior before Achish?

He pretended to be insane in their hands.

1 Samuel 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see a man being insane. Why did you bring him to me?"

UST

¹⁴ Then King Achish said to his men, "Look at this man! He is acting like an insane man! Why have you brought him to me?"

What did Achish ask his servants when he saw David was mad?

He asked them why they brought this madman to him.

1 Samuel 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Do I lack insane men, so that you have brought this one to be insane near me? Should this one enter into my house?"

21:1 ^[1]

UST

¹⁵ I already have enough crazy people around me. I do not want him to come into my house."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22

1 Samuel 22:1

ULT

¹ And David went from there and slipped away to the cave of Adullam. And his brothers and all the house of his father heard, and they went down there to him.

UST

¹ So David and his men left Gath and went east to hide in a cave on a hill near the town of Adullam. Soon his older brothers and all his other relatives came and stayed with him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:2

ULT

² And they gathered to him: every man of distress, and every man for whom was a creditor, and every man bitter of spirit. And he became commander over them. And they were with him, about 400 men.

UST

² Then other men came there. Some were men who had caused trouble, some were men who owed money, and some were men who were unhappy for any reason. They continued to come until there were four hundred men there, and David was their leader.

Who besides David's father's house gathered to him at the cave of Adullam?

Everyone who was in distress, every one who was in debt, and every one who was discontented, gathered to him.

1 Samuel 22:3

ULT

³ And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother go out with you until when I know what God will do for me."

UST

³ Later they left there and went east to the city of Mizpah in the land of Moab. There David asked the king of Moab, "Please allow my father and mother to live here with you until I know what God is going to do for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:4**ULT**

⁴ And he led them into the face of the king of Moab. And they stayed with him all the days of David being in the stronghold.

UST

⁴ The king gave him permission, so David's parents stayed with the king of Moab all the time that David and the men who were with him were hiding in that area.

How long did David's father and mother stay with the king of Moab?

They stayed with the king the whole time that David was in his stronghold.

1 Samuel 22:5**ULT**

⁵ And Gad the prophet said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go and come for yourself to the land of Judah." And David went and came to the forest of Hereth.

UST

⁵ One day the prophet Gad told David, "Leave your hideout here and return to Judah." So David and his men went to the Hereth Forest in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:6**ULT**

⁶ And Saul heard that David was known, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in the Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height, and his spear was in his hand, and all his servants were stationed beside him.

UST

⁶ One day, someone told Saul that David and his men had arrived in Judah. On that day, Saul was sitting underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill near the town of Gibeah. He was holding his spear and his army officers were standing around him.

Who had been discovered along with David?

The men who were with David were also discovered.

1 Samuel 22:7**ULT**

⁷ And Saul said to his servants who were stationed beside him, "Listen now, Benjaminites! Will the son of Jesse give fields and vineyards even to all of you? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?"

UST

⁷ He shouted to them, "You men of the tribe of Benjamin, listen to me! Do you think that the son of Jesse will give all of you fields and vineyards if he becomes your king? Will he appoint all of you to become generals and captains in his army?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:8**ULT**

⁸ For all of you have conspired against me! And there was no uncovering my ear when my son cut with the son of Jesse. And there was no grieving from you for me or uncovering my ear that my son has raised up my servant against me to lie in ambush as this day."

UST

⁸ Is that why you have all conspired against me, as he is doing today? Not one of you informed me that my own son had sworn friendship with him! Not one of you has had any pity on me or told me that my son has encouraged the son of Jesse to revolt against me, to hide out from me!"

What does Saul accuse his servants of not revealing to him?

Saul said that none of his servants revealed to him that his son had incited his servant David against him.

1 Samuel 22:9**ULT**

⁹ And Doeg the Edomite answered (now he was stationed beside the servants of Saul) and said, "I saw the son of Jesse. He came to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

UST

⁹ Doeg, a man from the Edom people group, was standing there with Saul's officers. He said to Saul, "When I was at Nob, I saw that son of Jesse talking to Ahimelech the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And he inquired of Yahweh for him, and he gave provisions to him. And he gave to him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

UST

¹⁰ Ahimelech asked Yahweh what David should do. Then Ahimelech gave to David some food and the sword of Goliath, that Philistine giant."

What two things does Doeg the Edomite tell Saul that Ahimelech gave to David?

Ahimelech gave David provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

1 Samuel 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the king sent to call Ahimelech the son of Ahitub the priest and all the house of his father, the priests who were in Nob. And all of them came to the king.

UST

¹¹ Then Saul summoned Ahimelech and all Ahimelech's relatives who were priests at Nob. So they all came before the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:12**ULT**

¹² And Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he said, "Here I am, my master."

UST

¹² Saul said to Ahimelech, "You son of Ahitub, listen to me!" Ahimelech answered, "Yes, sir!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:13**ULT**

¹³ And Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving to him bread, and a sword, and inquiring of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in ambush, as this day?"

UST

¹³ Saul said, "Why are you and Jesse's son conspiring to get rid of me? You gave him some bread and a sword. You requested God to tell David what he should do. David has rebelled against me, and right now he is hiding somewhere, waiting to attack me."

What did Saul say Ahimelech did for the son of Jesse besides giving him bread and a sword?

Saul said that Ahimelech prayed to God that he might help him.

1 Samuel 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Ahimelech answered the king and said, "Now who among all your servants is faithful like David, the son-in-law of the king, and commander over your guards, and is honored in your house?"

UST

¹⁴ Ahimelech replied, "I do not understand why you are saying that, because David, your son-in-law, the captain of your bodyguards, is very loyal to you. No one is more loyal to you than David! Everyone in your household respects him very much."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Did I begin to inquire of God for him today? Far be it for me! Do not let the king set a word against his servant, against all the house of my father. For your servant does not know of any of this, small matter or great."

UST

¹⁵ Furthermore, this was certainly not the first time that I requested God to say what he wanted David to do. And it is not right for you to accuse me or any of my relatives of trying to get rid of you, because I do not know anything about anyone wanting to do that."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the king said, "You will surely die, Ahimelech, you and all the house of your father!"

UST

¹⁶ The king then shouted, "Ahimelech, you and all your relatives are going to be executed right now!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the king said to the ones who run, the ones who were stationed beside him, "Turn around and put to death the priests of Yahweh, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, but did not uncover my ear." But the servants of the king were not willing to send forth their hand to attack the priests of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ Then he commanded his bodyguards, "Kill these priests of Yahweh, because they are allies of David, and they are conspiring with David against me! They knew that David was trying to run away from me, but they did not tell me!" But Saul's bodyguards refused to kill Yahweh's priests.

What were the servants of King Saul not willing to put out their hand to do?

They would not kill the priests of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and attack the priests!" And Doeg the Edomite turned around and he himself attacked the priests. And on that day he put to death 85 men who carried the linen ephod.

UST

¹⁸ Then the king said to Doeg, "You kill them!" So Doeg, the man from the Edom people group, went out and struck them down with his sword. On that day he killed eighty-five men who were able to wear the sacred aprons because they were all God's priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Nob, the city of the priests, he struck down by the mouth of the sword, from man and as far as woman, from child and as far as infant, and ox and donkey and sheep by the mouth of the sword.

UST

¹⁹ He also went and killed many people in Nob, the city where the priests lived. He killed men, women, children, babies, cattle, donkeys, and sheep there.

Who did Doeg kill with the edge of the sword in Nob, the city of the priests?

He killed both men and women, children and infants, and oxen and donkeys and sheep.

1 Samuel 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ And one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub slipped away, and his name was Abiathar. And he fled after David.

UST

²⁰ But Abiathar, Ahimelech's son, escaped. He ran away and joined David and the men who were with him.

Where did Abiathar go when he escaped the killing?

Abiathar fled after David.

1 Samuel 22:21**ULT**

²¹ And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the priests of Yahweh.

UST

²¹ He told David that Saul had commanded Doeg to kill Yahweh's priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:22**ULT**

²² And David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I myself have turned around against all the life of the house of your father!"

UST

²² Then David said to him, "That man from the Edom people group, Doeg, was there at Nob on the day that I was there. I knew that he would surely tell Saul what happened. So it is my fault that your father and all of his family have been killed."

For what did David tell Abiathar he was responsible?

David said that he was responsible for every death in his father's family.

1 Samuel 22:23**ULT**

²³ Stay with me, do not be afraid. For who seeks my life seeks your life. Surely you will be kept safe with me."

UST

²³ You stay with me, and do not be afraid. The man who wants to kill you wants to kill me also, but you will be safe if you stay with me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23

1 Samuel 23:1

ULT

¹ And they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and they are plundering the threshing floors."

UST

¹ One day someone told David, "You need to know that the Philistine army is attacking the town of Keilah and that they are stealing grain from where men are threshing it."

From whom did David seek help when the Philistines fought against Keilah and robbed the threshing floors? (vv1-2)

David prayed to Yahweh for help.

1 Samuel 23:2

ULT

² And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Should I go and strike these Philistines?" And Yahweh said to David, "Go and strike the Philistines and save Keilah."

UST

² David asked Yahweh, "Should my men and I go to fight against those men from the Philistia people group?" Yahweh answered, "Yes, go. Attack them, and rescue the people of Keilah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:3

ULT

³ And the men of David said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. And the more so if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines!"

UST

³ But David's men said to him, "We are afraid that Saul will attack us here in Judah. We will be more afraid if we go to Keilah where the Philistine army is!"

Why did David pray to Yahweh again about the Philistines? (vv3-4)

David's men told him they were afraid in Judah and were also afraid to attack the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:4**ULT**

⁴ And David did yet again inquire of Yahweh. And Yahweh answered him and said, "Rise, go down to Keilah, for I am about to give the Philistines into your hand."

UST

⁴ So David asked Yahweh again if they should go to Keilah. Yahweh answered, "Yes, go down to Keilah. I will help you to defeat the Philistines."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:5**ULT**

⁵ And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. And he drove off their livestock and struck them a great blow. And David saved those who dwelled in Keilah.

UST

⁵ So David and his men went to Keilah. They fought against the Philistines and captured many of their cattle. David and his men killed many of the Philistine men and rescued the people of Keilah.

What was the outcome when David and his men fought with the Philistines as Yahweh had told David to do?

Yahweh gave them victory over the Philistines, so David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:6**ULT**

⁶ And it happened that when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah an ephod came down in his hand.

UST

⁶ Abiathar son of Ahimelech, fled to be with David at Keilah, and he brought a sacred apron with him to use to determine what God wanted him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:7**ULT**

⁷ And it was told to Saul that David had gone to Keilah. And Saul said, "God has alienated him into my hand. For he has shut himself in by entering into a city of doors and a bar."

UST

⁷ So someone soon told Saul that David was at Keilah. So he said, "That is good! God is enabling me to capture him! He has trapped himself in that town, because it has high walls with gates around it."

Why did Saul think he could attack David and his men? (vv7-8)

David and his men were shut in in a city that had gates and bars.

1 Samuel 23:8**ULT**

⁸ And Saul caused all the people to hear for the battle, to go down to Keilah, to lay seige against David and against his men.

UST

⁸ So Saul summoned his army, and they prepared to go down to Keilah to attack David and his men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:9**ULT**

⁹ And David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring near the ephod."

UST

⁹ But David found out that Saul was planning for his army to attack him. So he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring here the sacred apron."

After David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him, what did David say to Abiathar the priest?

David said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here."

1 Samuel 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, your servant has certainly heard that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah, to destroy the city because of me.

UST

¹⁰ So when Abiathar brought it, David prayed, "Yahweh, God of us Israelites, I have heard that Saul is planning to come here with his army and destroy Keilah because I am here.

What did David ask Yahweh concerning Saul and the men of Keilah? (vv10-11)

David wanted to know if Saul would come down to Keilah and if the men of Keilah would surrender him into Saul's hand.

1 Samuel 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ Will the masters of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, just as your servant has heard? Yahweh, the God of Israel, please tell your servant." And Yahweh said, "He will come down."

UST

¹¹ Will Saul come down here to Keilah, as people reported to me? Will the leaders of Keilah enable Saul to capture me? Yahweh, God of us Israelites, please tell me!" Yahweh answered, "Yes, Saul will come down."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:12**ULT**

¹² And David said, "Will the masters of Keilah deliver me and my men up into the hand of Saul?" And Yahweh said, "They will deliver up."

UST

¹² Then David asked, "Will the leaders of Keilah enable Saul's army to capture me and my men if we stay here?" By means of the stones in the sacred vest, Yahweh replied, "Yes, they will."

What was Yahweh's reply to David concerning the men of Keilah?

Yahweh told David that the men of Keilah would surrender David into the hand of Saul.

1 Samuel 23:13**ULT**

¹³ And David and his men, about 600 men, rose and went out from Keilah, and they walked about in wherever they could walk about. And it was told to Saul that David had slipped away from Keilah, and he stopped going out.

UST

¹³ So David and his six hundred men left Keilah. They continued to move from one place to another, wherever they thought that Saul would not find them. And when Saul found out that David had escaped from Keilah, he did not go there.

Why did Saul stop his pursuit of David at Keilah and search for him elsewhere? (vv13-14)

Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and he stayed in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him all the days, but God did not give him into his hand.

UST

¹⁴ David and his man stayed in hiding places in the desert and in the hills of the wilderness of Ziph. Every day Saul sent men to search for David, but Yahweh did not allow them to capture David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. Now David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.

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¹⁵ While David and his men were at a place named Horesh in the wilderness of Ziph, he found out that Saul was coming there to kill him.

How was Jonathan, Saul's son, a help to David in the wilderness?

He went to David and strengthened his hand in God.

1 Samuel 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Jonathan the son of Saul rose and went to David at the wood. And he strengthened his hand in God.

UST

¹⁶ But Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and encouraged him to continue to trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he said to him, "Do not be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father will not find you. As for you, you will reign over Israel, but I will be as second to you. And even Saul my father knows so."

UST

¹⁷ Jonathan told him, "Do not be afraid, because my father will not be able to harm you. Some day you will be the king of Israel, and I will be the second most important man in Israel. My father Saul also knows that."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the two of them cut a covenant before the face of Yahweh. And David stayed in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

UST

¹⁸ Then the two of them repeated their solemn promise that Yahweh had heard them make previously, that they would always be loyal to each other. Then Jonathan went home, but David stayed at Horesh.

Before Jonathan went home, what did he and David do in Horesh?

They made a covenant before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 23:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Ziphites went up to Saul at the Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding himself among us in the strongholds in the wood, on the hill of the Hakilah, which is south of the Jeshimon?"

UST

¹⁹ Some people from Ziph went to Saul when he was at Gibeah, and they told him, "David and his men are hiding in our land! They are hiding in places at Horesh on the hill of Hakilah, south of a place named Jeshimon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:20**ULT**

²⁰ And now, the king, according to all the desire of your soul to come down, come down! And it is for us to deliver him up into the hand of the king."

UST

²⁰ So, O king, go down there any time that you want to. It is our duty to capture him and turn him over to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:21**ULT**

²¹ And Saul said, "May you be blessed by Yahweh. For you have had compassion on me."

UST

²¹ Saul replied, "I hope that Yahweh will bless you for your concern for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:22**ULT**

²² Go now, confirm again, and know, and see his place where his foot is. Who has seen him there? For one has said to me, 'He is very crafty.'

UST

²² Go back and find out more about him. Find out exactly where he is staying, and find out who has seen him there. People tell me that he is very clever, so we need to be clever also to be able to capture him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:23**ULT**

²³ And see and know of all the hiding places there where he hides himself. And return to me with certain information, and I will go with you. And it will happen that if there is he in the land, then I will search for him in all the thousands of Judah."

UST

²³ Find out all the places where he and his men hide. Then come back and tell me everything that you have found out. Then I will take my army and go there with you. If David is with any of the clans of Judah, we will search for him and find him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:24**ULT**

²⁴ And they rose and went to Ziph before the face of Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah, to the south of the Jeshimon.

UST

²⁴ So those people went back to Ziph before Saul went there. At that time David and his men were in the desert of Maon, south of Jeshimon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:25**ULT**

²⁵ And Saul and his men went to seek. And they told David, and he went down to the crag and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard and pursued after David from the wilderness of Maon.

UST

²⁵ Saul and his soldiers went to search for David, but David heard about that. So he and his men went further south to a rocky hill in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard about that, he and his men followed David and his men to the wilderness of Maon.

Why was David not safe in Horesh and what did he do?

He was going to be betrayed by the people and given over to Saul, so he and his men went to another wilderness.

1 Samuel 23:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men were on that side of the mountain. And it happened that David was hurrying away to go from the face of Saul. And Saul and his men were circling in on David and on his men to capture them.

UST

²⁶ Saul and his soldiers were walking along one side of the hill, and David and his men were on the other side. David and his men were hurrying to escape from Saul's soldiers, because Saul and his soldiers were coming much closer.

What happened as Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men? (vv26-27)

A messenger came to Saul and told him that the Philistines had made a raid against the land.

1 Samuel 23:27**ULT**

²⁷ And a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and go, for the Philistines have raided against the land."

UST

²⁷ But then a messenger came to Saul and said to him, "Come quickly! The Philistine army is attacking the people in our land!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:28**ULT**

²⁸ And Saul returned from pursuing after David and went to meet the Philistines. Therefore they called that place the crag of the divisions.

UST

²⁸ So Saul stopped pursuing David, and he and his soldiers went to fight against the Philistine army. That is the reason that people call that place the Rock of Escape.

What was Saul's response to this news?

Saul returned to fight the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:29**ULT**

²⁹ And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds of Engedi. ^[1]
23:29 ^[1]

UST

²⁹ David and his men also left that place and went to places to hide safely at Engedi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24

1 Samuel 24:1

ULT

¹ And it happened when Saul returned from after the Philistines, that they told him, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." ^[1]

UST

¹ After Saul and his soldiers returned home after fighting against the Philistine army, someone reported to Saul that David and his men had gone into the wilderness near EnGedi.

What did Saul do when he heard that David was in the wilderness of Engedi? (vv1-2)

He took three thousand chosen men and went to find David and his men.

1 Samuel 24:2

ULT

² And Saul took 3,000 men chosen from all Israel. And he went to seek David and his men on the face of the rocks of the wild goats.

UST

² When Saul heard that, he chose three thousand men from various areas in Israel, and they went to search for David and his men at the Rocks of Wild Goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:3

ULT

³ And he came to the pens of the sheep on the way, and a cave was there. And Saul entered to cover his feet. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost part of the cave.

UST

³ At a place where the road was alongside some sheep pens, Saul left the road and entered a cave to relieve himself. He did not know that David and his men were hiding further inside that same cave!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:4**ULT**

⁴ And the men of David said to him, "Behold, today is what Yahweh said to you, 'Behold, I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you will do to him as is good in your eyes.'" And David rose and cut off the edge of the robe which belonged to Saul in secrecy.

UST

⁴ David's men saw Saul and whispered to David, "Today is the day that Yahweh spoke about when he said, 'I will enable you to defeat your enemy.' You can do to him whatever you want to!" So David crept toward the entrance of the cave and cut off with his knife a small piece of Saul's robe.

What did David do to Saul in the cave instead of killing him?

David cut off a corner of Saul's robe without being noticed.

1 Samuel 24:5**ULT**

⁵ And it happened after thus that the heart of David struck him because he had cut off the edge, which belonged to Saul.

UST

⁵ And then he returned to his men. But David felt guilty for having cut off a piece of Saul's robe.

Why would David not allow his men to attack Saul, but let him leave the cave in safety? (vv5-7)

David's heart afflicted him and he felt that Yahweh would not want him to harm Yahweh's anointed.

1 Samuel 24:6**ULT**

⁶ And he said to his men, "Far be it for me from Yahweh if I do this thing to my master, to the anointed one of Yahweh, to stretch out my hand against him. For he is the anointed one of Yahweh."

UST

⁶ He said to his men, "I should not have done that to the king! I hope that Yahweh will never allow me to attack the one whom God has appointed, because Yahweh is the one who chose him to be the king."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:7**ULT**

⁷ And David divided his men with the words and did not give them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose from the cave and went in the way.

UST

⁷ By saying that, David restrained his men and did not allow them to kill Saul. After Saul left the cave and started to walk on the road again,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:8**ULT**

⁸ And David rose after thus and went out from the cave. And he called out behind Saul, saying, "My master the king!" And Saul looked behind him, and David bowed, nostrils to the ground, and he bowed down.

UST

⁸ David came out of the cave and shouted to Saul, "King Saul!" Saul turned around and looked, and David bowed down with his face touching the ground.

When David left the cave after Saul, how did he show respect to Saul?

David called Saul his master, the king, and then bowed his face to the ground.

1 Samuel 24:9**ULT**

⁹ And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of a man, saying, 'Behold, David is seeking your harm?'"

UST

⁹ Then he said to Saul, "Why do you pay attention to people when they say 'David wants to harm you?'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Behold, this day your eyes have seen that Yahweh gave you into my hand today in the cave. And some said to slay you, but it looked on you with compassion. And I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my master, for he is the anointed one of Yahweh.'

UST

¹⁰ Today you can see with your own eyes that what they say is not true. Yahweh put you in a place where I and my men could have killed you when you were in this cave. Some of my men told me that I should do that, but I did not allow them to do that. I said to them, 'I will not harm my master, because he is the king whom Yahweh appointed.'

How did David show Saul that he did not want to bring harm to him? (vv10-11)

David showed him the corner of his robe that David had been close enough to cut off.

1 Samuel 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ And see, my father, even see the edge of your robe in my hand! For when I cut off the edge of your robe I did not slay you. Know and see that there is no evil or transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, and you are lying in wait to take my life.

UST

¹¹ Your majesty, look at this piece of your robe that is in my hand! I cut it from your robe, but I did not kill you. So now you should be able to understand that I am not planning to do anything evil to you. I have not done anything wrong to you, but you are searching for me to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:12**ULT**

¹² May Yahweh judge between you and me, and may Yahweh avenge me against you, but my hand will not be against you.

UST

¹² I desire that Yahweh will judge and decide which of us is doing what is right. And I desire that he will punish you for the wrong things that you have done to me. But I will not try to harm you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:13**ULT**

¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, 'From the wicked ones goes out wickedness.' But my hand will not be against you.

UST

¹³ There is a proverb that has the words, 'Evil things are done by evil people.' But I am not evil, so I will not do evil things to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ After whom does the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog? After one flea?

UST

¹⁴ You are the king of Israel. So why are you pursuing me? What is it you are chasing? I am nothing more than a dead dog or a flea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And may Yahweh become judge and judge between me and you. And may he see and argue my case and judge me out of your hand."

UST

¹⁵ I hope that Yahweh will decide who is right in this matter, you or I? And when he decides in my favor, I hope he will defend me and save me from your power."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And it happened as soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

UST

¹⁶ When David finished saying that to Saul, Saul called out to him and asked, "My son David, is that your voice that I am hearing?" Then he cried loudly.

What was Saul's response to David?

He called David his son, then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

1 Samuel 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he said to David, "You are more righteous than I. For you did good to me, but I did evil to you.

UST

¹⁷ He said, "You are a better man than I am. You have done something very good to me when I tried to do something very bad to you.

Why did Saul say that David was more righteous than himself? (vv17-18)

David had repaid Saul with good even though Saul had done evil to David.

1 Samuel 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And you have declared today that you have done good with me, that Yahweh delivered me into your hand but you did not slay me.

UST

¹⁸ When Yahweh put me in a place in that cave where you could have easily killed me, you did not do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And if a man finds his enemy, will he send him away on the good way? And may Yahweh reward you with good in return for what you have done for me this day.

UST

¹⁹ No one lets his enemy go free after he finds him. But you have done this. I hope that Yahweh will reward you for your acting kindly toward me today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ And now, behold, I know that you will surely reign and the kingdom of Israel will rise in your hand.

UST

²⁰ I know that some day you will surely become the king, and that your kingdom will prosper as you rule the Israelite people.

What did Saul come to know about David at this time?

Saul knew that David would be king and the kingdom of Israel would be established with David.

1 Samuel 24:21**ULT**

²¹ And now, swear to me by Yahweh, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name from the house of my father."

UST

²¹ Now while Yahweh is listening, solemnly promise to me that you will not kill my family and get rid of all my descendants."

Before Saul went home, what oath did David make to him at Saul's request? (vv21-22)

David promised he would not cut off Saul's descendants, and he would not destroy Saul's name out of his father's house.

1 Samuel 24:22

ULT

²² And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his house, and David and his men went up on the stronghold.
24:1 ^[1]

UST

²² David solemnly promised Saul that he would not harm Saul's family. Then Saul went back home, and David and his men went back up into the place where they had been hiding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25**1 Samuel 25:1****ULT**

¹ And Samuel died, and all Israel gathered and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house in the Ramah. And David rose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

UST

¹ Soon after that, Samuel died, and all the Israelite people gathered and mourned for him. They buried his body outside his home in Ramah. Then David and his men moved to the wilderness of Paran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:2**ULT**

² Now a man was in Maon and his work was in the Carmel, and the man was very great. And for him were 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. And he was shearing his sheep in the Carmel.

UST

² In Maon town there was a man who owned land in Carmel, a nearby village. He was very rich; he owned 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. Carmel is where he sheared his sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:3**ULT**

³ And the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife was Abigail. Now the woman was good of insight and beautiful of form. But the man was harsh and evil of deeds, and he was a Calebite.

UST

³ His name was Nabal; he was a descendant of Caleb. His wife Abigail was a wise and beautiful woman, but Nabal was very cruel and treated people very unkindly.

What kind of man was Nabal in his dealings?

He was harsh and evil.

What was Habal's wife Abigail like?

She was intelligent and beautiful in appearance.

1 Samuel 25:4**ULT**

⁴ And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

UST

⁴ One day while David and his men were in the desert, someone told him that Nabal was cutting the wool from his sheep.

Who did David send to greet Nabal while he was shearing his sheep?

David sent ten young men to greet Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:5**ULT**

⁵ And David sent ten young men. And David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and ask him in my name with respect to well-being.

UST

⁵ So David told ten of his men, "Go to Nabal at Carmel and greet him for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:6**ULT**

⁶ And you shall say thus, 'To life! And peace to you and peace to your house and peace to all that is for you.

UST

⁶ Then tell him this message from me: 'I wish that things may go well for you and your family and for everything that you possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:7**ULT**

⁷ And now, I have heard that those who shear belong to you. Now the shepherds who belong to you have been with us. We have not harmed them and not anything of them was missing all the days of their being in the Carmel.

UST

⁷ I heard people say that you are cutting the wool from your sheep. Previously, when your shepherds were among us, we did not harm them. All the time that your shepherds were among us at Camel, we did not steal any sheep from them.

Why did David think that Nabal would help him and his ten young men?

David's group had protected Nabal's shepherds when they were with David's group.

1 Samuel 25:8**ULT**

⁸ Ask your young men and they will tell you. And let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on a good day. Please give whatever your hand finds to your servants and to your son, to David."

UST

⁸ You can ask your servants if this is true, and they will tell you that it is true. We have come here at a time when you are celebrating, so I ask you to please be kind to us and give these men whatever extra food you have, for me, David, and my men to eat."

What did David's young men ask Nabal to give them?

They asked Nabal to give them and David whatever he has in hand for a festive day.

1 Samuel 25:9**ULT**

⁹ And the young men of David came, and they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David. And they rested.

UST

⁹ When David's men arrived where Nabal was, they gave David's message to him, and they waited for him to reply.

What was Nabal's response to David's young men? (vv9-11)

Nabal said that he did not know David and he needed all he had for his shearers.

1 Samuel 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Nabal answered the servants of David. And he said, "Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? Today there are many servants who are breaking away, a man from the face of his master.

UST

¹⁰ But Nabal spoke harshly to them, "Who does this man, this son of Jesse, think that he is? There are many slaves who are running away from their masters at the present time, and it seems to me that he is just one of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ And should I take my bread and my water and my slaughtered thing that I have slaughtered for my ones who shear, and give it to men whom I do not know where they are from?"

UST

¹¹ I give bread and water to the men who are cutting the wool from my sheep, and I give them meat from animals that I have slaughtered. Why should I take some of those things and give them to a group of outlaws?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:12**ULT**

¹² And the young men of David turned to their way. And they returned and came and told him according to all these words.

UST

¹² Then David's men returned and told him what Nabal had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:13**ULT**

¹³ And David said to his men, "Strap on a man his sword." And they strapped on, a man his sword. And David also strapped on his sword. And about 400 men went up behind David, and 200 stayed with the things.

UST

¹³ When David heard this, he told his men, "We are going to kill Nabal; fasten your swords!" So he fastened on his sword, and about four hundred men fastened their swords and went with him. There were two hundred of his men who stayed with their supplies.

What did David tell his men to do when he heard about Nabal's response?

David ordered his men to strap on their swords.

1 Samuel 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But one young man from the young men told Abigail the wife of Nabal, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to bless our master, and he screamed at them.

UST

¹⁴ One of Nabal's servants found out what David and his men were planning to do, so he went to Nabal's wife Abigail and said to her, "David sent some messengers from the desert to greet our master Nabal, but Nabal only yelled at them.

When the young man spoke to Abigail, how did he say that David and his men treated them in the fields? (vv14-15)

He said they were good to Nabal's shepherds while they were with them in the field.

1 Samuel 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But the men were very good to us. And we were not harmed and did not miss anything all the days of our going about with them when we were in the field.

UST

¹⁵ All the time that we were in the fields close to them, those men of David were very kind to us. They did not harm us. They did not steal anything from us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They were a wall for us both night and day, all the days of our being with them tending the sheep.

UST

¹⁶ They protected us during the daytime and during the night. They were like a wall around us to protect us while we were taking care of our sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And now know and see what you should do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his house. And he is a son of worthlessness from speaking to him."

UST

¹⁷ So now you should think about it and decide what you can do. If you do not do something, terrible things will happen to our master and to all his family. Nabal is an extremely wicked man, so he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what to do."

Why did the young man go to Abigail instead of to Nabal?

Nabal was such a worthless fellow that no one could reason with him.

1 Samuel 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And Abigail hurried and took 200 bread loaves and two skins of wine and five prepared sheep and five seah of roasted grain and 100 bunches of raisins and 200 cakes of figs. And she put them on the donkeys.

UST

¹⁸ When Abigail heard that, she very quickly gathered two hundred loaves of bread, and also got two leather bags full of wine, the meat from five sheep, a bushel of roasted grain, a hundred packs of raisins, and two hundred packs of dried figs. She put all those things on donkeys.

What did Abigail do after hearing about her husband's response. (vv18-19)

Abigail hurriedly gathered provisions and told her young men to go before her, but she did not tell Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And she said to her young men, "Pass over before my face. Behold, I will come behind you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

UST

¹⁹ Then she told her servants, "Go ahead of me. I will follow you." But she did not tell her husband what she was going to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ And she was riding on the donkey and going down in the cover of the mountain, and behold, David and his men were coming down to meet her! And she encountered them.

UST

²⁰ Abigail rode on her donkey and came down to the place in the hills where David and his men were staying. Suddenly David and his men met her.

Who came toward Abigail as she rode her donkey bringing the provisions?

David and his men came toward Abigail and she met them.

1 Samuel 25:21**ULT**

²¹ Now David had said, "Surely for a lie have I kept all that is for this one in the wilderness, and not anything was missed from all that is for him. And he has returned to me evil in place of good.

UST

²¹ David had been saying to his men, "It was useless for us to protect that man and all his possessions here in this wilderness. We did not steal anything that belonged to him, but he has acted badly toward me in return for our good actions toward him.

What had David said that he planned to do after guarding Nabal's possessions in vain? (vv21-22)

David planned to kill all the men who belonged to Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:22**ULT**

²² Thus may God do to the enemies of David and thus may he add, if I leave over until the morning any who are for him who urinate against the wall!"

UST

²² I hope that God will strike me and kill me if he or even one male person belonging to him is still alive tomorrow morning!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:23**ULT**

²³ And Abigail saw David, and she hurried and got down from on the donkey. And fell before the face of David on her face and bowed down to the ground.

UST

²³ When Abigail saw David, she quickly got down from her donkey and bowed before him, with her face touching the ground.

What did Abigail do when when she met David? (vv23-24)

Abigail hurriedly got down from her donkey, lay before David face down and asked to speak to David as his servant.

1 Samuel 25:24**ULT**

²⁴ And she fell on his feet and said, "On me myself, my master, be the iniquity. Please let your female servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your female servant.

UST

²⁴ Then she prostrated herself at David's feet and said to him, "Sir, I deserve to be punished for what my husband has done. Please listen to what I say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:25**ULT**

²⁵ Please do not let my master set his heart against this man of worthlessness, against Nabal, for as his name is, so he is. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. But I your female servant did not see the young men of my master, whom you sent.

UST

²⁵ Please do not pay attention to what this worthless man Nabal has said. His name means 'fool,' and he surely is a foolish man. But I, who am willing to be your servant, did not see the messengers whom you sent to him.

What did Abigail hope to prevent by talking to David? (vv25-26)

She hoped to stop the bloodshed of those with Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:26**ULT**

²⁶ And now, my master, as Yahweh is alive, and as your spirit is alive, it is Yahweh who has withheld you from entering into bloodshed and your hand saving for yourself. And now may your enemies and the ones who seek evil against my master be like Nabal.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh has prevented you from getting revenge on anyone and killing anyone. I hope that just as surely as Yahweh lives and as surely as you live, your enemies will be cursed like Nabal is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:27**ULT**

²⁷ And now let this blessing that your female servant has brought to my master be given to the young men, the ones going about at the feet of my master.

UST

²⁷ I have brought a gift for you and for the men who are with you.

What does Abigail hope to accomplish by giving David and his young men the provisions? (vv27-28)

Abigail hoped that David would forgive Nabal's sins.

1 Samuel 25:28**ULT**

²⁸ Please lift up the transgression of your female servant! For Yahweh will certainly make my master a sure house, because my master is fighting the battles of Yahweh. And evil will not be found in you from your days.

UST

²⁸ Please forgive me if I have done anything wrong to you. Yahweh will surely reward you by allowing many of your descendants to become kings of Israel, because you are fighting the battles that Yahweh wants you to fight. And I know that throughout all your life you have not done anything wrong.

Who does Abigail tell David will make his home sure and without evil?

Abigail says that Yahweh will make David's home sure.

1 Samuel 25:29**ULT**

²⁹ If a man rises up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my master will be bound in the bundle of the living ones by Yahweh your God. And he will sling away the life of your enemies in the midst of the palm of the sling.

UST

²⁹ Even when those who are trying to kill you pursue you, you are safe because Yahweh your God takes care of you. You will be protected like a bundle that is safely tied up. But your enemies will disappear like stones that are hurled from a sling.

Who will sling away the lives of David's enemies, as from the pocket of a sling?

Yahweh will protect David even though men rise up to take his life.

1 Samuel 25:30**ULT**

³⁰ And it will happen that when Yahweh does for my master according to all the good that he spoke concerning you, and has appointed you for a ruler over Israel,

UST

³⁰ Yahweh has promised to do good things for you, and he will do what he has promised. And he will cause you to become the ruler of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:31**ULT**

³¹ then this will not become an obstacle for you or a stumbling block of heart for my master, or as the pouring out of blood without cause, or as my master saving himself. And Yahweh will do good for my master, and you will remember your female servant.”

UST

³¹ When that happens, you will be glad that you did not kill any people in Nabal’s household. You will not think that you deserve to be punished for having punished and killed innocent people. And when Yahweh enables you to successfully become the king, please do not forget to be kind to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:32**ULT**

³² And David said to Abigail, “May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be blessed, who sent you this day to meet me.

UST

³² David replied to Abigail, “I praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, because he sent you to talk with me.

Who does David say sent Abigail to meet him?

David said that Yahweh sent Abigail.

1 Samuel 25:33**ULT**

³³ And blessed be your discernment and blessed be you, who have withheld me this day from entering into bloodshed and my hand saving for myself!

UST

³³ I hope today God may help you because you have wisely kept me from killing people today, and from paying back evil for evil.

Why does David say that Abigail and her wisdom are blessed?

Because of Abigail’s quick action, David kept from shedding blood and avenging himself.

1 Samuel 25:34**ULT**

³⁴ But indeed, as Yahweh is alive, the God of Israel is he who has withheld me from doing evil to you. For if you had not hurried and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left over for Nabal until the light of the morning one who urinates against a wall."

UST

³⁴ Just as surely as Yahweh the God whom we Israelites worship is alive, he has prevented me from harming you. If you had not come quickly to talk to me, neither Nabal nor even one of Nabal's men or boys would be still alive tomorrow morning."

Who has kept David from killing all the males in Nabal's household by sending Abigail quickly?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, kept David from killing the males in Nabal's household.

1 Samuel 25:35**ULT**

³⁵ And David took from her hand what she had brought to him. And to her he said, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice and have lifted up your face."

UST

³⁵ Then David accepted the gifts that Abigail had brought to him. He said to her, "I hope that things may go well for you. I have heard what you said, and I will do what you have requested."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:36**ULT**

³⁶ And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, for him was a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And the heart of Nabal was good with him and he was drunk to abundance. And she did not tell him a thing small or great until the light of the morning.

UST

³⁶ When Abigail returned to Nabal, he was in his house, having a big celebration like kings have. He was very drunk and feeling very happy. So Abigail did not say anything to him that night about her meeting with David.

Why did Abigail not talk to Nabal when she returned from seeing David?

Nabal was holding a feast and was very drunk.

1 Samuel 25:37**ULT**

³⁷ And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out from Nabal, that his wife told him these things. And his heart died in his inner part and he became a stone.

UST

³⁷ The next morning, when he was no longer drunk, she told him everything that had happened when she talked with David. Immediately, he had a stroke and could no longer move.

What happened to Nabal in the morning when Abigail talked to him? (vv37-38)

His heart died and he became like stone, and ten days later Yahweh attacked Nabal and he died.

1 Samuel 25:38**ULT**

³⁸ And it was about ten days then Yahweh struck Nabal and he died.

UST

³⁸ About ten days later Yahweh struck him again, and he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:39**ULT**

³⁹ And David heard that Nabal had died, and he said, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has argued the case of my reproach from the hand of Nabal and has withheld his servant from evil. And Yahweh has returned the evil of Nabal on his head." And David sent and spoke with Abigail, to take her for himself for a wife.

UST

³⁹ After David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "I praise Yahweh! Nabal insulted me, but Yahweh has shown that I have been right. He has prevented me from doing anything wrong. And he has punished Nabal for the wrong that he did." Then David sent messengers to Abigail, to ask her if she would become his wife.

What did David do when he heard that Nabal was dead? (vv39-40)

David sent his servants to ask Abigail to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ And the servants of David came to Abigail at the Carmel. And they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you to take you for him for a wife."

UST

⁴⁰ His servants went to Carmel and said to Abigail, "David sent us to take you to become his wife."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And she rose and bowed down, nostrils to the earth, and she said, "Behold, your female servant is as a slave woman for washing the feet of the servants of my master."

UST

⁴¹ Abigail bowed down with her face touching the ground. Then she told the messengers to tell David, "I am happy to become your wife. I will be your servant. And I am willing to wash the feet of your servants."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:42**ULT**

⁴² And Abigail hurried and rose and rode on the donkey, and five of her servant girls were going to her feet. And she went behind the messengers of David and became a wife for him.

UST

⁴² Abigail quickly got on her donkey and went with David's messengers. Five of her female servants went with her. When she arrived where David was, she became his wife.

What did Abigail do when she heard David wanted to marry her?

Abigail hurriedly arose and went by donkey following David's messengers to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:43**ULT**

⁴³ And David took Ahinoam from Jezreel. And the two of them both became wives for him.

UST

⁴³ David had previously married Ahinoam, a woman from Jezreel near Carmel. So both Abigail and Ahinoam were now David's wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, the wife of David, to Paltiel the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

UST

⁴⁴ King Saul's daughter Michal was also David's wife, but Saul had given her to Laish's son Paltiel, who was from the town of Gallim.

What happened to David's wife, Michal?

Saul gave her to another man as his wife.

1 Samuel 26**1 Samuel 26:1****ULT**

¹ And the Ziphites came to Saul at the Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding himself in the hill of the Hakilah, on the face of the Jeshimon?"

UST

¹ One day some of the people of Ziph town went to Saul while he was at Gibeah, and they said to him, "David is hiding in a cave on the hill of Hakilah, east of the town of Jeshimon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:2**ULT**

² And Saul rose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him were 3,000 men, chosen ones of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

UST

² So Saul chose three thousand of the best Israelite soldiers and went with them to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David.

Who did Saul take with him to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph?

Saul took three thousand chosen men of Israel.

1 Samuel 26:3**ULT**

³ And Saul camped in the hill of the Hakilah, which is on the face of the Jeshimon, by the road. But David was staying in the wilderness and he saw that Saul was coming after him to the wilderness.

UST

³ Saul and his men set up their tents close to the road on the hill of Hakilah, east of the town of Jeshimon, but David and his men stayed in the wilderness. When David heard that Saul was searching for him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:4**ULT**

⁴ And David sent spies and he knew that Saul had certainly come.

UST

⁴ he sent some spies to find out if it was true that Saul had come to Hakilah.

How did David know that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness?

David had sent out spies and learned from them that Saul was coming.

1 Samuel 26:5**ULT**

⁵ And David rose and came to the place there where Saul had camped. And David saw the place there where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. And Saul lay in the entrenchment, and the people were camped around him.

UST

⁵ Then that evening David went to the place where Saul had set up his tent. From a distance he saw where Saul and his army commander, Abner, were sleeping. Saul was sleeping with all his army sleeping around him.

Where did David go after learning that Saul had come?

David arose and went to the place where Saul camped.

1 Samuel 26:6**ULT**

⁶ And David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul, to the camp?" And Abishai said, "I! I will go down with you."

UST

⁶ David went back to where his men were and talked to Ahimelech, who was from the Heth people group, and Joab's brother Abishai, whose mother was David's older sister Zeruiah. He asked them, "Who will go with me down into the camp where Saul is?" Abishai replied, "I will go with you."

What did Joab's brother want to do when he and David saw Saul sleeping inside the camp? (vv6-7)

Joab's brother wanted to kill Saul with his spear.

1 Samuel 26:7**ULT**

⁷ And David and Abishai came to the people at night. And behold, Saul lie asleep in the entrenchment, and his spear was pressed into the ground at the place of his head. And Abner and the people were lying around him.

UST

⁷ So that night David and Abishai crept into Saul's camp. They saw that Saul was asleep in the middle of the camp. Abner and the other soldiers were sleeping around Saul. Saul's spear was stuck in the ground near his head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:8**ULT**

⁸ And Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand. And now please let me strike him with the spear even into the earth one time. And I will not do it again to him."

UST

⁸ Abishai whispered to David, "Today Yahweh has enabled us to kill your enemy! Allow me to fasten Saul to the ground by thrusting my spear into him. It will be necessary for me to strike him only once. I will not need to strike him twice."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:9**ULT**

⁹ And David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him. For who has stretched out his hand against the anointed one of Yahweh and been innocent?"

UST

⁹ But David whispered to Abishai, "No, do not kill Saul. Yahweh has appointed him to be king, so Yahweh will surely punish anyone who kills him."

Why did David not want Joab's brother to kill Saul?

David said no one could extend his hand against Yahweh's anointed one and be guiltless.

1 Samuel 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David said, "As Yahweh is alive, surely Yahweh will strike him, or his day will come and he will die, or he will go down into the battle and be swept away.

UST

¹⁰ Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, he himself will punish Saul. Perhaps Yahweh will strike him when it is Saul's time to die, or perhaps Saul will be killed in a battle.

How does David say Saul must die?

Yahweh will kill Saul, or he will die on his own, or he will die in battle.

1 Samuel 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ Far be it for me from Yahweh to stretch out my hand against the anointed one of Yahweh. And now, please take the spear that is at the place of his head and the jug of water, and let us go for ourselves."

UST

¹¹ But I hope that Yahweh will prevent me from harming the king whom he has appointed. Let us take Saul's spear and water jug that are near his head. Then let us get out of here!"

What did David take from Saul? (vv11-12)

David took the spear and the jar of water from near Saul's head.

1 Samuel 26:12**ULT**

¹² And David took the spear and the jug of water from the place of the head of Saul, and they went for themselves. And there was no one who saw, and there was no one who knew, and there was no one who awoke, for all of them were sleeping, because a deep sleep of Yahweh had fallen on them.

UST

¹² So David took the spear and the jug, and he and Abishai left. No one saw them or knew what they were doing, and no one woke up, because Yahweh had caused them to be sound asleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:13**ULT**

¹³ And David passed over to the other side and stood on the head of the mountain from a distance. Great was the distance between them.

UST

¹³ David and Abishai went across the valley and climbed to the top of the hill, a long way from Saul's camp.

What did David go after left Saul's camp?

He went over to the other side and stood on the top to the mountain far off.

1 Samuel 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" And Abner answered and said, "Who are you who calls out to the king?"

UST

¹⁴ Then David shouted to Abner, "Abner, can you hear me?" Abner replied "Who are you, waking up the king by calling out to him?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? But why did you not watch over your master the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your master.

UST

¹⁵ David replied, "I am sure that you are the greatest man in Israel! So why did you not guard your master, the king? Someone came into your camp in order to kill your master, the king.

Why did David say Abner, the man who was to watch over Saul, deserved to die? (vv15-16)

He did not keep watch after his master Saul when someone came to kill him.

1 Samuel 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ This thing that you have done is not good. As Yahweh is alive, surely sons of death are you who did not watch over your master, over the anointed one of Yahweh. And now see, where is the spear of the king and the jar of water that was at the place of his head?"

UST

¹⁶ You have done a very poor job of guarding Saul. So just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you and your men should be executed! You have not guarded your master whom Yahweh appointed to be the king. Where are the king's spear and the water jug that were close to his head?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Saul recognized the voice of David and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my master the king."

UST

¹⁷ Saul woke up and recognized that it was David's voice. He called out, saying, "My son David, is that your voice?" David replied, "Yes, your majesty it is my voice."

What question did David ask Saul? (vv17-18)

David asked why Saul was pursuing David and what evil David had done.

1 Samuel 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he said, "Why is my master pursuing after his servant? For what have I done? And what evil is in my hand?"

UST

¹⁸ Then David added, "Sir, why are you pursuing me? I have done nothing wrong!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And now, please hear, my master the king, the words of his servant. If Yahweh has incited you against me, may he smell an offering; but if the sons of the man, cursed be them before the face of Yahweh. For they have today driven me out from joining oneself with the inheritance of Yahweh, saying, 'Go serve other gods.'

UST

¹⁹ Your majesty, listen to me! If Yahweh has caused you to be angry with me, I want him to accept a sacrifice from me. But if it is people who have caused you to be angry with me, I hope that Yahweh will curse them. They have forced me to leave the land that Yahweh gave to me. They have told me, 'Go somewhere else and worship other gods!'

What did David want to happen to human beings that stirred Saul up against David?

David wants them to be cursed in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ And now, do not let my blood fall to the earth from in front of the face of Yahweh. For the king of Israel has come out to seek one flea just as one pursues the partridge in the mountains."

UST

²⁰ Now do not force me to die away from the land and presence of Yahweh. You, the king, are looking for me, but I am as good as a flea or a wild bird that someone hunts in the hills."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:21**ULT**

²¹ And Saul said, "I have sinned! Return, my son David! For I will not do evil to you again, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly and have gone very much astray!"

UST

²¹ Then Saul said, "David, my son, I have sinned by trying to kill you. So come back home. Today you have considered my life to be very valuable and so you have not killed me. So I will not try to harm you. I have made a big mistake and have acted foolishly."

What did Saul say to David?

Saul said that he had sinned and would harm David no more.

1 Samuel 26:22**ULT**

²² And David answered and said, "Behold, the spear of the king! And let one of the young men pass over and take it.

UST

²² David replied, "I will leave your spear here. Send one of your young men here to get it.

What did David tell Saul to do about his spear?

He told Saul to send one of his young men over to get it.

1 Samuel 26:23**ULT**

²³ And may Yahweh return to the man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because Yahweh gave you into a hand today, but I was not willing to stretch out my hand against the anointed one of Yahweh.

UST

²³ Yahweh rewards us for the things that we do that are right and for being loyal to him. Even when Yahweh placed me where I could easily have killed you, I refused to do that, because you are the one whom Yahweh has appointed to be the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:24**ULT**

²⁴ And behold, just as your life was great in my eyes this day, so may my life be great in the eyes of Yahweh, and may he rescue me from all distress."

UST

²⁴ Just as I considered your life to be valuable and spared your life today, I hope that Yahweh will consider my life to be valuable and spare my life and save me from all my troubles."

What value did David show that he had for Saul's life?

Saul's life was precious in David's eyes.

1 Samuel 26:25

ULT

²⁵ And Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will certainly both do and also you will certainly be able." And David went to his way, and Saul returned to his place.

UST

²⁵ Then Saul said to David, "My son David, I pray that Yahweh may bless you. May you do great things very successfully." Then David returned to his men, and Saul went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27

1 Samuel 27:1

ULT

¹ And David said to his heart, "Now I will be swept away one day by the hand of Saul. There is no good thing for me, but I will certainly slip away to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me, of seeking me again in all the territory of Israel, and I will slip away from his hand."

UST

¹ But David thought, "Some day Saul will capture me if I stay around here. So the best thing that I can do is to escape and go to the region of Philistia. If I do that, Saul will stop searching for me here in Israel, and I will be safe."

Why did David think that he needed to escape into the land of the Philistines?

David felt that was the only way he could escape Saul.

1 Samuel 27:2

ULT

² And David rose and passed over, he and 600 men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maok, the king of Gath.

UST

² So David and his six hundred men left Israel and went to see Maok's son Achish, who was king of the city of Gath in the region of Philistia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:3

ULT

³ And David dwelled with Achish in Gath, he and his men, a man and his house, David and the two of his wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelite woman and Abigail the Carmelite woman, the wife of Nabal.

UST

³ David and his men and their families started to live there in Gath, the city where King Achish lived. David's two wives were with him—Ahinoam from Jezreel, and Nabal's widow Abigail, from Carmel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:4**ULT**

⁴ And it was told to Saul that David had fled to Gath. And he did not again seek him more.

UST

⁴ When Saul heard that David had run away and was living in Gath, he stopped searching for David.

What made Saul no longer look for David?

Saul heard that David and those with him had fled to Gath.

1 Samuel 27:5**ULT**

⁵ And David said to Achish, "If I have found favor in your eyes, let them give to me a place in one of the cities of the field, and I may dwell there. And why should your servant dwell in the city of the kingship with you?"

UST

⁵ One day David said to Achish, "If you are pleased with us, give us a place in one of the small villages where we can stay. There is no need for us to stay in the city where you are the king."

What did David ask and get from Achish the Philistine? (vv5-6)

David asked for a place in one of the cities in the country, and Achish gave him Ziklag.

1 Samuel 27:6**ULT**

⁶ And on that day Achish gave to him Ziklag. Therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah until this day.

UST

⁶ Achish liked what David suggested. So that day Achish gave to David the town of Ziklag. As a result, Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah since that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:7**ULT**

⁷ And the number of the days that David dwelled in the field of the Philistines was days and four months.

UST

⁷ David and his men lived in the region of Philistia for sixteen months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:8**ULT**

⁸ And David and his men went up and raided against the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalekites. For they were dwelling in the land, which is from ancient times, as you go to Shur, and as far as the land of Egypt.
[1]

UST

⁸ During that time, David and his men raided the people who lived in the areas where the Geshur, Girzi, and Amalek people groups lived. Those people had lived there from long before. That area extended south to Shur and to the border of Egypt.

What did David and his men do with the men and women, animals and clothing from their raids? (vv8-9)

They killed the people and took the animals and clothing and then returned to Achish.

1 Samuel 27:9**ULT**

⁹ And David struck the land and did not let a man or a woman live. And he took sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels and garments. And he returned and came to Achish.

UST

⁹ Whenever David's men attacked them, they killed all the men and women, and they took all the people's sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels, and even their clothes. Then they would bring those things back home, and David would go to talk to Achish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Achish said, "Against whom did you raid today?" And David said, "Against the south of Judah and against the south of the Jerahmeelite and against the south of the Kenite."

UST

¹⁰ Each time Achish would ask David, "Where did you go raiding today?" David would lie to him and sometimes say that they had gone to the southern part of Judah, and sometimes he would say that they had gone to where the Jerahmeelites lived in the south, or that he had fought against the Kenites who lived in the south.

How did David tell Achish he had been when he returned from raids?

David said that he raided the south of Judah, so Achish thought he attacked Israel.

1 Samuel 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ Now David did not let a man or a woman live to bring to Gath, saying, "Lest they tell about us, saying, 'Thus did David.'" And thus was his custom all the days that he dwelled in the field of the Philistines.

UST

¹¹ David's men never brought back to Gath any man or woman who was still alive. David thought, "If we do not kill everyone, some of them who are still alive they will go and tell Achish the truth about what we really did." David did that all the time that he and his men lived in the region of Philistia.

Why did David keep no one alive and bring them to Gath?

David killed everyone so that they would be unable to tell what David had done.

1 Samuel 27:12**ULT**

¹² And Achish trusted in David, saying, "He certainly stinks among his people in Israel, and he will become an eternal servant for me."

27:8 ^[1] which is found in some ancient Hebrew manuscripts, some modern versions have which is found in the margin of some Hebrew manuscripts.

UST

¹² So Achish believed what David told him; he thought, "Because of what David has done, his own people, the Israelites, must now hate him very much. So he will have to stay here and serve me forever."

Why did Achish think that David has made his people of Israel utterly hate David?

Achish believed David's lies that he had raided the people of Israel.

1 Samuel 28

1 Samuel 28:1

ULT

¹ And it happened in those days that the Philistines gathered their camps for the war to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, "You certainly know that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men."

UST

¹ Some time later, the people of Philistia gathered their army to attack the Israelites again. King Achish told David, "I am expecting that you and your men will join with my men to attack the Israelites."

What did Achish want David to do when the Philistines gathered to fight Israel? (vv1-2)

Achish wanted David to permanently be his bodyguard.

1 Samuel 28:2

ULT

² And David said to Achish, "Therefore, you yourself will know what your servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Therefore, I will appoint you the keeper of my head all the days."

UST

² David replied, "We will go with you, and then you will see for yourself what we can do!" Achish said, "Very well, I will appoint you to be my permanent bodyguard."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:3

ULT

³ Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and had buried him in the Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had removed the necromancers and the ones with familiar spirits from the land.

UST

³ Now while Samuel was still alive, Saul did some things that pleased Yahweh. One of the good things that Saul did was to expel from Israel all the people who were fortune tellers or who talked to the spirits of dead people. But Samuel had died, and all the Israelite people had mourned for him. Then they had buried him in Ramah, his hometown.

Who did Saul ban from the land after Samuel's death?

Saul banned all those who talked with the dead or with spirits.

1 Samuel 28:4**ULT**

⁴ And the Philistines gathered and came and camped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they camped at the Gilboa.

UST

⁴ The army of Philistia gathered and set up their tents at the city of Shunem, in the north of Israel. Saul gathered the Israelite army and set up their tents at Gilboa in the eastern part of the same valley.

Which two countries gathered to fight?

The Philistines and Israel gathered.

1 Samuel 28:5**ULT**

⁵ And Saul saw the camp of the Philistines. And he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

UST

⁵ When Saul saw the army of Philistia, he became so afraid that his heart pounded.

Why did Saul search for a woman who claimed to talk to the dead? (vv5-7)

Saul was afraid of the Philistine army and did not hear from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 28:6**ULT**

⁶ And Saul inquired of Yahweh, but Yahweh did not answer him—neither by the dreams, nor by the Urim, nor by the prophets.

UST

⁶ He prayed to Yahweh, but Yahweh did not answer him. Yahweh did not tell Saul what he should do by giving him a dream, or by having the priest throw the marked stones in his sacred pouch, or by giving a message about Saul to any prophet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:7**ULT**

⁷ And Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman of a mistress of necromancy, so I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, a woman of a mistress of necromancy is in Endor."

UST

⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, "Find for me a woman who talks to the spirits of dead people, in order that I can ask her what will happen." His servants replied, "There is a woman in the town of Endor who does that."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:8**ULT**

⁸ And Saul disguised himself, and put on other clothes, and went, he and two of the men with him. And they came to the woman at night. And he said, "Please practice divination for me with a spirit of the dead, and bring up for me whom I say to you."

UST

⁸ So Saul took off the clothes that showed that he was the king, and he put on ordinary clothes to disguise himself. Then he and two of his men went during the night to talk to that woman. Saul said to her, "I want you to talk to a spirit of someone who has died. Cause to appear the person whose name I will give to you."

What was the women afraid of when the disguised Saul and two of his men went to talk to her? (vv8-9)

She was afraid because Saul killed everyone who talked to the dead after Samuel's death.

1 Samuel 28:9**ULT**

⁹ And the woman said to him, "Behold, you yourself know what Saul has done, that he has cut off the necromancers and the ones with a familiar spirit from the land. And why are you setting a trap against my life, to put me to death?"

UST

⁹ But the woman replied, "You surely know what Saul has done. He expelled from this land all the people who talk to spirits of dead people and all fortune tellers. I think that you are trying to trap me, in order that I will be executed for doing something that is not permitted."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Saul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, "As Yahweh is alive, no punishment will meet you by this matter."

UST

¹⁰ Saul replied, solemnly asking Yahweh to listen to what he was saying, "Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you will not be punished for doing this."

What did Saul promise to the woman?

Saul promised that she would not be punished if she helped Saul.

1 Samuel 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the woman said, "Whom will I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

UST

¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom do you want me to cause to appear?" Saul replied, "Cause Samuel to appear."

How did the woman know that Saul was the man who asked for her to bring up Samuel? (vv11-12)

She knew that she was deceived when she saw Samuel.

1 Samuel 28:12**ULT**

¹² And the woman saw Samuel and cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, saying, "Why did you deceive me? And you are Saul!"

UST

¹² So the woman did that. But when she saw Samuel, she screamed. She said, "You have tricked me! You are Saul! You will execute me for doing this!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:13**ULT**

¹³ And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid, but what did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw gods going up from the earth."

UST

¹³ Saul said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a god coming up out of the ground."

What did the woman say Samuel looked like? (vv13-14)

The woman saw a god coming out of the earth, an old man clothed with a robe.

1 Samuel 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he said to her, "What is his appearance?" And she said, "An old man is coming up and he is wrapped in a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed, nostrils to the ground, and he bowed down.

UST

¹⁴ Saul said, "What does he look like?" The woman replied, "An old man wearing a robe is appearing." Then Saul knew that it was Samuel. So he bowed down with his face touching the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul said, "It is very narrow for me, and the Philistines are about to fight against me. And God has turned aside from on me and does not answer me anymore, neither by the hand of the prophets, nor by the dreams, so I have called to you, to cause me to know what I will do."

UST

¹⁵ Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you bothered me by causing me to appear?" Saul said, "I am very worried. The army of Philistia is about to attack my army, and God has abandoned me. He does not answer my questions anymore. He does not give me dreams to tell me what to do or give messages to prophets to tell me what to do. That is the reason that I came to see you. So you tell me what I should do!"

Why did Saul bring up Samuel?

Saul was distressed because the Philistines are going to war with him and God has left Saul.

1 Samuel 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Samuel said, “And why do you ask me while Yahweh has turned aside from on you and has become your enemy?”

UST

¹⁶ Samuel said, “Yahweh has abandoned you and has become your enemy. So why do you ask me what you should do?”

What did Samuel say Yahweh had done with Saul’s kingdom? (vv16-17)

Yahweh had torn Saul’s kingdom from him and given it to David.

1 Samuel 28:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And Yahweh has done for himself just as he spoke by my hand. And Yahweh has torn the kingdom from your hand and has given it to your companion, to David.

UST

¹⁷ He has done what he told me previously that he would do to you. He has torn the kingdom away from you, and he is giving it to someone who is another Israelite—David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh and did not perform the burning of his nose against Amalek, therefore Yahweh has done this thing to you this day.

UST

¹⁸ You did not obey Yahweh. Yahweh was very angry with the Amalek people group. You did not kill all of their animals, with the result that you did not show that he was very angry with them. That is the reason that he is refusing to answer you today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Yahweh will also give Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Yahweh will also give the camp of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh will enable the Philistine army to defeat you and all the other Israelite soldiers. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me in the place where spirits of dead people are. Yahweh will cause the whole Israelite army to be defeated by the Philistine army.”

How soon were Saul and his sons going to be dead with Samuel?

They would die the next day.

1 Samuel 28:20**ULT**

²⁰ And Saul immediately fell with the fullness of his height to the ground and was very afraid from the words of Samuel. Also strength was not in him, for he had not eaten bread all the day and all the night.

UST

²⁰ After Samuel said that, he disappeared. Saul immediately fell flat on the ground. He was so afraid because of what Samuel had said that he lost all his strength. He was also very weak because he had not eaten anything all that day and night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:21**ULT**

²¹ And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was very terrified, And she said to him, “Behold, your female servant has listened to your voice and I have put my life in my palm and have heard the words that you have spoken to me.

UST

²¹ The woman saw that he was very worried. She said to him, “Listen to me! I have done what you requested me to do. I could be executed for doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:22**ULT**

²² And now, please listen, even you, to the voice of your female servant, and let me set a bit of bread before your face and eat. And strength will be in you when you go in the way."

UST

²² So now please pay attention to what I say. Allow me to give you some food, in order that you will eat it and get enough strength to go back to your army."

What did the woman and Saul's servants urged him to do?

They urged him to eat and gain his strength.

1 Samuel 28:23**ULT**

²³ And he refused and said, "I will not eat." But his servants and also the woman, urged him, and he listened to their voice. And he rose from the ground and sat on the bed.

UST

²³ But Saul refused. He said, "No, I will not eat anything." Then Saul's servants also urged him to eat something, and finally he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:24**ULT**

²⁴ Now a calf of the stall belonged to the woman in the house, and she hurried and sacrificed it. And she took flour and kneaded and baked it to unleavened bread.

UST

²⁴ The woman had a fat calf close to her house. She quickly slaughtered it and cooked it. She took some flour and mixed it with olive oil, and baked it without putting in any yeast.

What did the woman bring to Saul and his servants to eat? (vv24-25)

She killed a fatted calf and baked unleavened bread for them to eat.

1 Samuel 28:25

ULT

²⁵ And she brought it near before the face of Saul and before the face of his servants, and they ate. And they rose and went in that night.

UST

²⁵ She placed the food in front of Saul and his servants, and they ate some of it. Then that same night they got up and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29**1 Samuel 29:1****ULT**

¹ And the Philistines gathered all their camp at Aphek. And Israel was camping at the spring that is in Jezreel.

UST

¹ The Philistine army gathered at the Valley of Aphek. The Israelites set up their tents at the city of Jezreel, which was in the same valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:2**ULT**

² And the rulers of the Philistines were passing over by hundreds and by thousands. And David and his men were passing over in the rear with Achish.

UST

² The kings of Philistia divided their men into groups; some groups had one hundred soldiers and some groups had one thousand soldiers. David and his men were marching behind, with King Achish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:3**ULT**

³ And the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days or these years, and I have not found anything in him from the day of his falling until this day?"

UST

³ But the Philistine commanders asked, "What are these Hebrews doing here, marching with us to battle?" Achish replied, "Their leader is David. He previously worked for King Saul of Israel, but now he has been living near me for more than a year. During all the time since he left Saul, I have not seen that he has any faults."

What did Achish say he had not found in David?

Achish said he had found no fault with David since he came to him.

1 Samuel 29:4**ULT**

⁴ And the commanders of the Philistines were furious against him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man return, that he may return to his place there where you assigned him. And he will not go down with us in the battle, and he will not become an adversary for us in the battle. And by what could this one make himself acceptable to his master? Is it not by the heads of these men?"

UST

⁴ But the Philistine army commanders were angry with Achish for allowing David's army to be going with them. They said to him, "Send David and his men back to the city that you gave to him! We do not want him to go with us into the battle. If he goes with us, we will have an enemy in our own midst! He would please Saul by killing our own soldiers!"

What were the princes of the Philistines afraid that David would do during the battle?

They feared that David would become an enemy to them in the battle.

1 Samuel 29:5**ULT**

⁵ Is this not David of whom they sang in the dances, saying, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?'

UST

⁵ Have you forgotten that David is the one about whom the Israelites dance and sing, saying, 'Saul has killed a thousand of our enemies, but David has killed ten thousand of them?'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:6**ULT**

⁶ And Achish called to David and said to him, "As Yahweh is alive, surely you are upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the camp is good in my eyes, for I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming to me until this day. But in the eyes of the rulers you are not good.

UST

⁶ So Achish summoned David, and said to him, "Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you have been loyal to me. I would like very much for you to fight along with my army. Since the day that you came to me, I have not found that you have any faults. But the other kings do not trust you.

What did Achish tell David to do because the princes of the Philistines did not want David there? (vv6-7)

He told David to peacefully return to his home.

1 Samuel 29:7**ULT**

⁷ And now return and go in peace, so you do not do evil in the eyes of the rulers of the Philistines.”

UST

⁷ So all of you go back home, and I hope that things will go well for you. I do not want you to do anything that the other rulers of Philistia will not be pleased with.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:8**ULT**

⁸ And David said to Achish, “But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day when I was before your face until this day, that I may not come and fight against the enemies of my master the king?”

UST

⁸ David replied, “What wrong have I done? Since the day that I first came to you until today, have I done anything that you think is evil? Your majesty, why will you not allow me to go and fight against your enemies?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:9**ULT**

⁹ And Achish answered and said to David, “I know that you are good in my eyes like a messenger of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, ‘He must not go up with us in the battle.’

UST

⁹ Achish replied, “I know I can trust you as much as I could trust an angel from God. But the commanders of my army have said, ‘We will not allow David and his men to go with us into the battle.’

What was the final decision about David that Achish told David?

They said David must not go up with them to the battle.

1 Samuel 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And now rise early in the morning with the servants of your master who came with you. And you shall rise early in the morning with light for you and go.”

UST

¹⁰ So early tomorrow morning you and your men must leave. Get up as soon as it gets light and leave.”

What did Achish tell David to do in the morning?

He told David to rise early, take the men that had come with him, and go away.

1 Samuel 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ And David rose early, he and his men, to go in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

UST

¹¹ So David and his men got up early the following morning and returned to the area where the Philistine people lived. But the Philistine army went up to the city of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30

1 Samuel 30:1

ULT

¹ And it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had raided against the Negev and against Ziklag. And they had struck Ziklag and had burned it with fire.

UST

¹ Three days later, when David and his men arrived at Ziklag, they discovered that men of the Amalek people group had raided Ziklag and some towns in the southern Judean wilderness. They had destroyed Ziklag and burned down all the buildings.

What did David and his men find had happened to Ziklag while they were away? (vv1-2)

The Amalekites had raided, attacked, burned it, and captured all the women and others and took them away.

1 Samuel 30:2

ULT

² And they had taken captive the women who were in it, from small and as far as great. They had not put a man to death, but had led them away and went to their way.

UST

² They had captured the women and the children and everyone else, and had taken them away. But they had not killed anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:3

ULT

³ And David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire! And their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

UST

³ When David and his men came to Ziklag, they saw that the town had been burned, and that their wives and sons and daughters had been captured and taken away.

How did David and his men react to what they found in Ziklag? (vv3-4)

They raised their voices and wept until they could weep no more.

1 Samuel 30:4**ULT**

⁴ And David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.

UST

⁴ David and his men cried loudly, until they were so weak that they could not cry anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:5**ULT**

⁵ And the two of the wives of David had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelite woman and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

UST

⁵ David's two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, had also been taken away.

Why was David distressed? (vv5-6)

His two wives were taken captive, and the grieving people were talking about stoning him.

1 Samuel 30:6**ULT**

⁶ And it was very narrow for David, for the people said to stone him, for the spirit of all the people was bitter, a man for his sons and for his daughters. And David strengthened himself in Yahweh, his God.

UST

⁶ David's men were threatening to kill him by throwing stones at him, because they were very angry because their sons and daughters had been taken away. David was very distressed, but Yahweh his God gave him strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:7**ULT**

⁷ And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring near to me the ephod." And Abiathar brought near to David the ephod.

UST

⁷ Then David did not know what to do, so he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring to me the sacred apron and the sacred vest." So Abiathar brought them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:8**ULT**

⁸ And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "If I pursue after this troop, will I overtake it?" And he said to him, "Pursue, for you will certainly overtake and you will certainly rescue."

UST

⁸ and David asked Yahweh, "Should I and my men pursue the men who took our families? Will we be able to catch up to them?" Yahweh answered by means of the stones in the sacred vest: "Yes, pursue them. You will catch up to them, and you will be able to rescue your families."

What did David want to know when he prayed to Yahweh?

David wanted to know, if he pursued after the Amalekites, would he overtake them.

What was Yahweh's answer to David?

Yahweh told him to pursue the troop, be successful, and recover everything that had been taken.

1 Samuel 30:9**ULT**

⁹ And David went, he and the 600 men who were with him, and they came as far as the wadi of the Besor. And the ones who were left behind stayed.

UST

⁹ So David and the six hundred men who were with him left, and they came to the ravine of Besor. Some of his men stayed there with some of their supplies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And David pursued, he and 400 men. And 200 men stayed, who were too exhausted to pass over the wadi of the Besor.

UST

¹⁰ David and four hundred men continued to pursue the men who captured their families. The other two hundred men stayed there at the ravine, because they were so exhausted that they could not cross the ravine.

What happened to two hundred of David's men at the brook Besor?

They so weak that they had to stay behind.

1 Samuel 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ And they found an Egyptian man in the field and took him to David. And they gave to him bread, and he ate. And they caused him to drink water.

UST

¹¹ As David and the four hundred men were going, they saw a man from Egypt in a field; so they took him to David. They gave the man some water to drink and some food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:12**ULT**

¹² And they gave to him a slice of a fig cake and two raisin clusters, and he ate and his spirit returned to him. For he had not eaten bread and had not drunk water three days and three nights.

UST

¹² They also gave him a piece of fig cake and two packs of raisins. The man had not had anything to eat or drink for three days and nights, but after he ate and drank he felt refreshed.

What was wrong with the Egyptian man that David and his men found as they were pursuing the Amalekites?

He had not eaten bread or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

1 Samuel 30:13**ULT**

¹³ And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am an Egyptian young man, a slave of a man of the Amalekite. And my master left me because three days ago I became sick.

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¹³ David asked him, "Who is your master? And where do you come from?" He replied, "I am from Egypt. I am a slave of a man from the Amalek people group. Three days ago my master left me here, because I was sick and I was not able to go with them.

Why had the Egyptian's master left him?

He said he fell sick three days ago.

1 Samuel 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ We raided the Negev of the Kerethites, and against what belongs to Judah, and against the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire."

UST

¹⁴ We had raided the southern Judean wilderness of the Kerethites, and some other towns in Judah, and the southern Judean wilderness of the Calebites. We also burned Ziklag."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this troop?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will not put me to death and not deliver me into the hand of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop."

UST

¹⁵ David asked him, "Can you lead us to this group of raiders?" He replied, "Yes, I will do that if you ask God to listen while you promise that you will not kill me or give me back to my master. If you promise that, I will take you to them."

What was the Egyptian's requirement before he would show David where the raiding party was?

He told David to swear that he would not kill him or betray him to his master.

1 Samuel 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he brought him down, and behold, they were spread out over the face of all the land, eating and drinking and celebrating because of all the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

UST

¹⁶ David agreed to do that, so the man from Egypt led David and his men to where the men from the Amalek people group were. Those men were lying on the ground, eating and drinking and celebrating because they had captured many things from the regions of Philistia and Judah.

What were the raiders doing when David attacked them? (vv16-17)

They were celebrating because of all the booty they had taken from the land of the Philistines and Judah.

1 Samuel 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And David struck them down from the twilight and until the evening of their next day. And a man did not slip away from them except for 400 men, young men who rode on the camels and fled.

UST

¹⁷ David and his men fought against them from sunset that day until the evening of the following day. Four hundred of them escaped and rode away on camels, but none of the others escaped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And David rescued all that Amalek had taken. And David rescued the two of his wives.

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¹⁸ David rescued his two wives, and he and his men got back everything else that the men of the Amalek people group had taken.

What did David recover after his attack on the raiders?

He recovered everything the Amalekites and raiders had taken.

1 Samuel 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it was not missing for them from small and as far as great and as far as sons and daughters and from spoil and as far as all that they had taken for themselves. David brought back everything.

UST

¹⁹ Nothing was missing. They took all their people back to Ziklag—young people and old people, their wives, their sons and their daughters. They also recovered all the other things that the men of the Amalek people group had taken from Ziklag.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ And David took all the sheep and the cattle. They drove before the face of that livestock, and said, "This is the spoil of David."

UST

²⁰ They took with them the sheep and cattle that had been captured, and his men caused these animals to go in front of the rest of the cattle; they said, "These are animals that we captured in the battle; they belong to David!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:21**ULT**

²¹ And David came to the 200 men who had been too exhausted to go behind David, and they had caused them to stay at the wadi of the Besor. And they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And David came near the people and asked them with respect to well-being.

UST

²¹ David and his men got back to where the other two hundred men were waiting, the men who did not go with David because they were very exhausted. They had stayed at the ravine of Besor. When they saw David and his men coming, they went out to greet them. And David greeted them also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:22**ULT**

²² And all the evil and worthless men from the men who had gone with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give to them from the spoil that we have rescued, except a man his wife and his sons, that they may lead away and go."

UST

²² But some of the men who had gone with David, men who were evil and troublemakers, said, "These two hundred men did not go with us. So we should not give to them any of the things that we recovered. Each of them should take only his wife and children and go back to their homes."

Why didn't the wicked men think that the recovered booty should be shared with those men that were left behind?

They said those left behind did not go and fight with them.

1 Samuel 30:23**ULT**

²³ And David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with what Yahweh has given to us. And he has kept us and given into our hand the troop who came against us."

UST

²³ David replied, "No, my fellow Israelites, that would not be right. Yahweh has protected us and enabled us to defeat the enemies who attacked our town."

Why did David tell the wicked men they should all share and share alike? (vv23-24)

He said Yahweh had preserved them and had given them victory over the raiders that had come against them.

1 Samuel 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ And who will listen to you with respect to this matter? For as is the portion of the one who went down in the battle, so shall be the portion of the one who stayed with the things. They shall be apportioned together."

UST

²⁴ Who will pay attention to you if you say things like that? The men who stayed here with our supplies will get the same amount that the men who went into the battle will get. They will all receive the same amount."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ And it happened from that day and beyond, that he set it for a statute and for a custom for Israel, until this day.

UST

²⁵ David made that to be a law for the Israelite people, and that is still a law in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ And David came to Ziklag and sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his companions, saying, "Behold, a blessing for you: some of the spoil of the enemies of Yahweh."

UST

²⁶ When David and all the others arrived in Ziklag, David sent to his friends who were leaders in Judah some of the things that they had captured from the Amalek people group. He said to them, "Here is a present for you. These are things that we took from Yahweh's enemies."

What did David do with the booty from Yahweh's enemies when he came back to Ziklag?

David shared the booty with many elders of Judah and other places that he and his men frequently went.

1 Samuel 30:27**ULT**

²⁷ It was for he who was in Bethel and for he who was in Ramoth of the South and for he who was in Jattir

UST

²⁷ Here is a list of the cities and towns to whose leaders David sent gifts: Bethel, Ramoth in the southern part of Judah, Jattir,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:28**ULT**

²⁸ and for he who was in Aroer and for he who was in Siphmoth and for he who was in Eshtemoa

UST

²⁸ Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:29**ULT**

²⁹ and for he who was in Rakal and for he who was in the cities of the Jerahmeelite and for he who was in the cities of the Kenite

UST

²⁹ Also Rakal, the cities where the descendants of Jehrameel and the cities where the Kenite people group live,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:30**ULT**

³⁰ and for he who was in Hormah and for he who was in Bor Ashan and for he who was in Athak

UST

³⁰ Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athak,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:31**ULT**

³¹ and for he who was in Hebron and for all the places there where David walked about, he and his men.

UST

³¹ Hebron, and all the other places where David and his men had often gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31

1 Samuel 31:1

ULT

¹ Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from before the face of the Philistines and they fell pierced on Mount Gilboa.

UST

¹ Later, the Philistines again fought against the Israelites. The Israelites ran away from them, and many Israelites were killed on Mount Gilboa.

What happened to the men of Israel when they fought the Philistines?

The men of Israel fled from the Philistines and fell dead.

1 Samuel 31:2

ULT

² And the Philistines stuck close to Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malki-Shua, the sons of Saul.

UST

² The Philistines caught up with Saul and three of his sons, and they killed all those three, Jonathan and Abinadab and Malki-Shua.

What happened to Saul's sons?

The Philistines killed his sons.

1 Samuel 31:3

ULT

³ And the battle was heavy against Saul and the archers, the men with the bow, found him. And he writhed in pain greatly because of the archers.

UST

³ The fighting was very fierce around Saul. When the Philistine archers caught up with Saul, they wounded him badly with their arrows.

What happened to Saul in the battle?

He was overtaken by the archers and was in severe pain.

1 Samuel 31:4**ULT**

⁴ And Saul said to the one who carried his equipment, "Draw out your sword and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised ones come and pierce me through and deal severely with me." But the one who carried his equipment was not willing, for he was very afraid. And Saul took the sword and fell on it.

UST

⁴ Saul said to the man who was carrying his weapons, "Take out your sword and kill me with it, in order that these heathen Philistines will not be able to thrust their swords into me and make fun of me while I am dying." But the man who was carrying Saul's weapons was terrified, and refused to do that. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it. The sword pierced his body, and he died.

What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do because Saul was in severe pain and he was afraid his enemy would come and abuse him?

Saul asked him to draw his sword and kill him.

What did Saul do when his armor bearer was afraid and would not kill him?

Saul took his own sword and fell on it.

1 Samuel 31:5**ULT**

⁵ And the one who carried his equipment saw that Saul had died. And he fell, he also, on his sword and died with him.

UST

⁵ When the man carrying his weapons saw that Saul was dead, he also threw himself on his own sword and died.

What did the armor bearer do after he saw that Saul was dead?

He fell on his own sword and died.

1 Samuel 31:6**ULT**

⁶ And Saul died and the three of his sons and the one who carried his equipment, even all his men together on that day.

UST

⁶ So Saul, three of his sons, and the man who carried Saul's weapons, all died on that same day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:7**ULT**

⁷ And the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and who were on the other side of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they left their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and dwelled in them.

UST

⁷ When the Israelite people on the north side of the Valley of Jezreel and on the east side of the Jordan River heard that the Israelite army had run away and that Saul and his sons had died, they left their towns and ran away. Then the Philistines came and occupied their cities.

Why did the men of Israel from the other side of the valley and beyond the Jordan abandon their cities and flee?

They fled because they saw that the other men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead.

1 Samuel 31:8**ULT**

⁸ And it happened from the next day, that the Philistines came to strip the pierced ones. And they found Saul and the three of his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

UST

⁸ The next day, when the Philistines came to take away the weapons of the dead Israelite soldiers, they found the bodies of Saul and his three sons on Mount Gilboa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:9**ULT**

⁹ And they cut off his head and stripped off his equipment. And they sent into the land of the Philistines all around to bring news to the house of their idols and to the people.

UST

⁹ They cut off Saul's head and took his weapons. Then they sent messengers throughout their land to proclaim the news in the temples, where they kept their idols, and to the other people, that their army had defeated the Israelites.

What did the Philistines do with Saul's body that they found when they came to strip the dead?

The Philistines cut off Saul's head and fastened his body to the city wall of Beth Shan.

1 Samuel 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And they put his equipment in the house of the Ashtoreths. And they thrust his corpse on the wall of Beth Shan.

UST

¹⁰ They put Saul's weapons in the temple of their goddess Asherah. They also fastened the bodies of Saul and his sons to the wall that surrounded the city of Beth Shan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ And those who dwelled in Jabesh Gilead heard about it, what the Philistines had done to Saul.

UST

¹¹ When the people who lived in Jabesh in the region of Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul's corpse,

What did the fighting men of Jabesh Gilead do after its inhabitants heard what happened to Saul? (vv11-12)

They went to Bethshan and took the bodies of Saul and his sons to Jabesh and burned them.

1 Samuel 31:12**ULT**

¹² And all the men of strength rose and went all the night and took the corpse of Saul and the corpses of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan. And they went to Jabesh and burned them there.

UST

¹² all their bravest soldiers walked all night to Beth Shan. They took the corpses of Saul and his sons down from the city wall, and they took them back to Jabesh and burned the corpses there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:13

ULT

¹³ And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And they fasted seven days.

UST

¹³ They took the bones and buried them under a big tamarisk tree. Then they fasted for seven days.

What did the inhabitants of Jabesh do with the bones of Saul and his sons?

They buried their bones under a terebinth tree in Jabesh and fasted for seven days.

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