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1 Samuel

1 Samuel 1

1 Samuel 1:1-2

Who were the two wives of Elkanah?

The wives of Elkanah were Hannah and Peninnah.

1 Samuel 1:2

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And two wives were to him. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second was Peninnah. And children were to Peninnah, but to Hannah children were not.	*Elkanah had two wives. Their names were Hannah and Peninnah. Now Peninnah had several children, but Hannah had no children.*

How many children did Hannah have at that time?

At that time Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:5

ULT	UST
But to Hannah he gave one portion for two faces, for he loved Hannah but Yahweh had shut her womb,	*But he would serve Hannah twice as much meat because he loved her very much even though Yahweh had not allowed her to give birth to children.*

Why did Elkanah give twice as much meat to Hannah?

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

1 Samuel 1:6

ULT	UST
but her adversary also provoked her with provocation in order to make her thunder, because Yahweh had shut up her womb.	*But Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, would try to make Hannah upset. She would remind her that Yahweh had not allowed her to give birth to any children.*

Why did Hannah's adversary provoke her?

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

1 Samuel 1:9-10

What did Hannah do because she was so sorrowful about not having children?

She went to the house of Yahweh, and she cried very sorrowfully as she prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:11

ULT	UST
And she vowed a vow, and she said, "Yahweh of Armies, if looking, you will 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 of the days of his life, and a razor will not go up on his head."	*Hannah made a solemn promise. She said, "Yahweh, you command the heavenly armies, so you are powerful enough to do anything. I am a woman who serves you devotedly. Please consider how unhappy I am. Please do something to help me. Allow me to give birth to a son. If you do that, then I will dedicate him to you for as long as he lives. And to show that we have dedicated him, we will never 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 they would never cut his hair.

1 Samuel 1:12-14

Because Hannah was speaking to Yahweh from her heart, what did Eli the priest think about her actions?

Eli saw Hannah's lips moving but did not hear her voice, so he thought she was drunk.

1 Samuel 1:15-16

What did Hannah assure Eli she was doing?

Hannah assured Eli that she was not drunk but was talking to Yahweh because someone made her feel very badly.

1 Samuel 1:17-18

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

Eli told her to go in peace and said that he hoped the God of Israel would grant her request.

1 Samuel 1:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, in the turning of the days, that Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, for "I requested him from Yahweh."	*She became pregnant, and nine months later she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel. That name expressed in her language that Yahweh had answered her prayer for a son.*

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

Hannah named her son Samuel because she had requested him from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:21-23

Why did Hannah not go with her husband to the house of Yahweh for the yearly sacrifice?

She did not go because she was waiting until her son was weaned.

1 Samuel 1:24-25

What offerings did Hannah bring with her when she brought her son to the house of Yahweh?

Hannah brought three bulls, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine.

1 Samuel 1:26-28

What did Hannah present to Yahweh?

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

1 Samuel 2

1 Samuel 2:1

ULT	UST
And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in Yahweh, my horn is high in Yahweh. My mouth is wide against my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.	*Then Hannah prayed. She said, "In my inner being I am so happy about what you, Yahweh, have done! I am strong because I belong to you. I laugh at my enemies because I am celebrating the way that you, Yahweh, have helped me.*

Why did Hannah laugh at her enemies?

Hannah laughed because she rejoiced in Yahweh's salvation.

1 Samuel 2:3

ULT	UST
May you not multiply, may you not speak, haughty, haughty! Let the arrogant go out from your mouth. For Yahweh is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.	*You people who oppose God, stop making so many boasts! Yahweh is a God who knows everything, and he will evaluate what each person does. So do not speak so arrogantly!*

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

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

1 Samuel 2:5

ULT	UST
The satisfied hire themselves out for bread, but the hungry cease. Even the barren bears seven, but the plenteous of sons languishes.	*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. Women who could not have any children before have now given birth to many children, but women who had many children before are not able to have any more.*

In Hannah's song, who is the one who is unable to have more children?

The woman who had many children before is not able to have any more.

1 Samuel 2:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh makes die and makes alive, causing to go down to Sheol and causing to come up.	*You, Yahweh, cause some people to die, and you cause other people to live. It seems that some people will soon go to where dead people go, but you make them healthy again.*

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

Yahweh is the one who decides death and life, and who causes people to go down to Sheol or to come up from there.

1 Samuel 2:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh is making poor and making rich, bringing down yet bringing up.	*Yahweh, you cause some people to be poor, but you cause others to become rich. You humble some people, but you honor other people.*

Who makes people poor or rich?

Yahweh makes people poor, and he makes them rich.

1 Samuel 2:8

ULT	UST
Raising the poor from the dust, he lifts up the needy from the trash heap to make them sit with nobles, and he makes them inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are to Yahweh, and he has set the world on them.	*Needy people often do not have homes, but Yahweh gives those poor people places to live in. People then treat them respectfully, and they even sit with community leaders. After all, it was Yahweh who created a place on which the world itself rests.*

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

Yahweh raises them up to sit in a seat of honor.

1 Samuel 2:9

ULT	UST
He will keep the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. For not by strength does a man prevail.	*You protect from harm people who are loyal to you, but you cause wicked people to die and go to the dark place where dead people go. People do not defeat their enemies by their own strength.*

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

Hannah says that Yahweh will guard the feet of his faithful people and will silence the wicked.

1 Samuel 2:10

ULT	UST
By Yahweh, the ones opposing him will be shattered. He will make 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."	*Yahweh, you will break into pieces those who fight against you. You will come powerfully to punish them. You, Yahweh, will judge people everywhere. When you choose a king for us Israelites, you will make him strong. Yes, when you have a leader anoint someone as our king, you will make him powerful."*

Who will judge the ends of the earth and give strength to his king?

Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth and give strength to his king.

1 Samuel 2:11

ULT	UST
Then Elkanah went to Ramah, to his house. And the boy was serving Yahweh at the face of Eli the priest.	*After that, Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah. But Samuel, who was still a little boy, stayed at the sacred tent to work with Eli the priest to help the people worship 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	UST
Now the sons of Eli were sons of wickedness. They did not know Yahweh.	*Eli's two sons were priests like their father, but they did very bad things. That was because they did not respect Yahweh.*

Whose sons were wicked men who did not know Yahweh?

Eli the priest's sons did very bad things.

1 Samuel 2:13-14

What was the custom of the priests with the people at the time of sacrifice?

The custom was for the priest's servant to come with a three-pronged fork while the meat was boiling and take whatever the fork brought up for the priest.

1 Samuel 2:15-16

What evil thing did Eli's sons have their servant do?

They had their servant demand raw meat for the priest before the fat was burned as an offering to Yahweh, and had him take it by force if the person refused.

1 Samuel 2:17

ULT	UST
So the sin of the young men was very great at the face of Yahweh. For the men disdained the offering of Yahweh.	*Eli's sons were committing a very serious sin that offended Yahweh personally. They were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that people were bringing to Yahweh.*

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

Their sin was great before Yahweh because the men were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that people were bringing to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 2:18-19

What would Samuel's mother make for him from year to year to clothe him?

She would make him a small robe each year.

1 Samuel 2:20

ULT	UST
And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and would say, "May Yahweh give seed to you from this woman in place of the request that one requested of Yahweh." And they would go to his place.	*Then Eli would ask God to do good things for Elkanah and his wife. He would say to Elkanah, "I hope that Yahweh will enable your wife to give birth to other children, since she brought the child here whom she asked Yahweh to give her." Then Elkanah and his family would return to their home.*

How would Eli bless Elkanah and his wife?

Eli blessed them by asking Yahweh to give them more children from Hannah.

1 Samuel 2:21

ULT	UST
For Yahweh visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew with Yahweh.	*And Yahweh helped Hannah to have three more sons and two daughters. She raised them at home, while Samuel stayed in Shiloh and grew up while doing work for Yahweh in his sacred tent.*

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

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

1 Samuel 2:23-24

What did Eli say to his sons when he heard evil reports about them?

Eli told his sons that the report he was hearing from Yahweh's people about their evil deeds was not good. He told them to stop doing what they were doing.

1 Samuel 2:25

ULT	UST
If a man sins against a man, then God will intercede for him, but if a man sins against Yahweh, who will intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for Yahweh desired to make them die.	*Suppose one person does something wrong to another person. Then God can act as a referee between them. But suppose a person does something wrong to Yahweh. Then no one can act as a referee between him and Yahweh!" But Eli's sons would not stop what they were doing, even though their father had commanded them to stop. This was because Yahweh had decided that they had already done so many wicked things that they deserved to die.*

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

Eli's sons did not listen to his voice because Yahweh desired to make them die.

1 Samuel 2:26

ULT	UST
But the boy Samuel was going and growing and was good both with Yahweh and also with men.	*Samuel, however, continued to grow up, and the things that boy did pleased Yahweh and other people.*

Who grew up and was good in the sight of Yahweh and also with men?

Samuel grew up and was good in the sight of Yahweh and with men.

1 Samuel 2:27-28

Who told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors out of all the tribes of Israel to be Yahweh's priest?

A man of God told Eli that Yahweh had chosen his ancestors.

1 Samuel 2:29

ULT	UST
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 the fattening of yourselves from the first of every offering of Israel, of my people?	*But you and your sons are treating with great disrespect the sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to my sacred tent! You are letting your sons do what they want instead of making sure that all of you do what I want. You have all been getting fat from eating the best parts of all the sacrifices that my Israelite people have been bringing to me!'*

How had Eli and his sons scorned Yahweh's sacrifices and offerings?

They scorned the sacrifices and offerings by honoring his sons above Yahweh and fattening themselves on the best parts of offerings.

1 Samuel 2:33

ULT	UST
But I will not cut off a man to you from near my altar, to make your eyes fail and to make your soul grieve. And all of the increase of your house will die as men.	*I will allow some of your descendants to survive and continue to serve at my altar. But they will be so sad about what happens to the sacred tent that their eyes will get very tired from crying. And all of your descendants will die while they are still young.*

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

Yahweh told Eli that all the men born in his family would die young.

1 Samuel 2:34

ULT	UST
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.	*And your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will both die on the same day. That will prove to you that everything I have told you will happen.*

What did Yahweh say would be a sign to Eli that his prophecy would come true?

The sign would be that both of his sons would die on the same day.

1 Samuel 2:35

ULT	UST
And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest. He will do just as is in my heart and in my soul. And I will build for him an established house, and he will walk about to the face of my anointed all of the days.	*I have chosen another man to be my priest. He is someone who will serve me faithfully. He will do everything I want. I will make sure that he has descendants who will be priests. He will continually be a helper to the king whom I will appoint.*

Who will walk before Yahweh's faithful priest always?

Yahweh has chosen another man who will serve him faithfully and continually be a helper to the king whom Yahweh will appoint.

1 Samuel 2:36

ULT	UST
And it will happen that every remaining one in your house will come to bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and he will say, "Please assign me to one of the priestly positions to eat a piece of bread."'"	*All of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to that priest and ask him to give them money and food. They will have to ask him to allow them to work with the other priests so that they can earn money to buy food.'"*

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

They will ask him to allow them to work with the other priests so that they can have food to eat.

1 Samuel 3

1 Samuel 3:2-4

What was Samuel's reply when he heard Yahweh call to him as he was lying down?

Samuel replied that he was ready to do whatever you ask.

1 Samuel 3:5

ULT	UST
And he ran to Eli and said, "Behold me, for you called to me." But he said, "I did not call. Go back, lie down." So he went and lay down.	*Then he got up and ran to Eli. He told him, "I have come because you called me. I am ready to do whatever you ask." But Eli replied, "No, I did not call you. Go back to 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 3:7

ULT	UST
(Now Samuel did not yet know Yahweh, for the word of Yahweh had not yet been revealed to him.)	*Samuel did not realize that it was Yahweh who was speaking to him because he had not yet become personally acquainted with Yahweh. That was because Yahweh had not previously spoken to him to reveal something to him.*

What had not yet been revealed to Samuel?

The word of Yahweh had not yet been revealed to Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh resumed calling Samuel for a third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Behold me, for you called to me." Then Eli understood that Yahweh was calling to the boy.	*After he lay down again, Yahweh called out to Samuel yet again. So Samuel got up yet again and went to Eli. He said, "I have come because you called me. I am ready to do whatever you ask." Then Eli realized that it was Yahweh who had been calling Samuel.*

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

Eli realized that it was Yahweh who had been calling Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:9

ULT	UST
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.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.	*So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down again. If the same person calls you again, say, 'I am ready to obey you, Yahweh, so please tell me what you want me to do.'" So Samuel went back to bed and lay down.*

What did Eli tell Samuel to say if he was called again?

Eli told Samuel to say that Yahweh should speak, because his servant was listening.

1 Samuel 3:11

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold, I am doing a thing in Israel that everyone hearing it, the two of his ears will tingle.	*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 he was going to do?

Yahweh said that the ears of everyone who heard it would tingle.

1 Samuel 3:13

ULT	UST
Now I have declared to him that I am judging his house forever for the iniquity that he knew. For his sons have been cursing themselves, but he has not restrained them.	*Eli's sons have been doing things that are so wicked that they deserve severe punishment. Eli knows they have been doing those things. But he has not disciplined them. So I told him that I would punish all future generations of his family.*

What had Eli's sons brought upon themselves?

Eli's sons had brought a curse upon themselves.

1 Samuel 3:14

ULT	UST
And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, 'If forever the iniquity of the house of Eli will cover itself by sacrifice or by offering!'"	*That is why I solemnly told Eli's family, 'Even if you give me sacrifices or offerings, I will still consider you guilty of your sin and punish you for it.'"*

What would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering?

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

1 Samuel 3:15

ULT	UST
And Samuel lay until the morning, then he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh. But Samuel was afraid of telling the vision to Eli.	*Samuel stayed in bed until it became light. Then he got up and opened the doors of the building as usual. He was too afraid to tell Eli what Yahweh had said to him when he appeared to 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.

1 Samuel 3:17-18

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 him.

1 Samuel 3:20

ULT	UST
So all of Israel, from Dan and unto Beersheba, knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Yahweh.	*As a result, all the people of Israel, from the northern end of the country to the southern end, realized that Samuel was a prophet who truly spoke for Yahweh.*

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

All Israel knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 4

1 Samuel 4:1-2

What was the result of the battle between Israel and the Philistines?

Israel was defeated by the Philistines.

1 Samuel 4:3

ULT	UST
And the people came into the camp, and the elders of Israel said, "Why did Yahweh strike us today to the face of the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves from Shiloh the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, and it will come in our midst, and it will save us from the palm of our enemies."	*When the remaining Israelite soldiers returned to their camp, the Israelite elders asked, "Why did Yahweh allow the Philistine army to defeat us today? It must have been because we did not bring the sacred chest into battle with us. We should bring the sacred chest here from Shiloh. That way we can bring it with us when we go into battle again, and it will keep our enemies from defeating us!"*

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

The elders decided to bring the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from Shiloh to be with them.

1 Samuel 4:4

ULT	UST
So the people sent to Shiloh, and they carried from there the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh of Armies, sitter on the cherubs. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Box of the Covenant of God.	*So the soldiers sent some men to Shiloh, and those men brought back the sacred chest of Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. There were statues of winged creatures on top of the chest, and those statues were like a throne for Yahweh. Eli's two sons Hophni and Phinehas traveled with the sacred chest to the Israelite military camp.*

Who was with the Box of the Covenant of God?

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

1 Samuel 4:5-6

What did the Philistines wonder when they heard the great shout from the people of Israel?

The Philistines wondered about the meaning of the great shout in the camp of the Hebrews.

1 Samuel 4:7

ULT	UST
And the Philistines feared, for they said, "A god has come into the camp!" And they said, "Woe to us! For it was not like this yesterday or the third day!	*They said, "A god has come into their camp to help them fight against us!" This made them very afraid. They said, "We are in big trouble now! Nothing like this has ever happened before!*

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

The Philistines said that a god had come into the camp.

1 Samuel 4:8

ULT	UST
Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are they, the gods having struck the Egyptians with every plague in the wilderness.	*We certainly are in big trouble! The gods of the Israelites are very strong, and it will be difficult to overcome their power. It was the gods of the Israelites who made the Egyptians suffer from many plagues in the barren land outside their country.*

With what did the Philistines say that the gods of Israel had struck the Egyptians in the wilderness?

They said that the gods had struck the Egyptians with every kind of plague.

1 Samuel 4:10-11

What happened to the two sons of Eli when the Box of God was taken Israel was struck and fled?

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

1 Samuel 4:12-13

What did the whole city do when the man from the battle line entered the city and told the news?

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

1 Samuel 4:14

ULT	UST
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.	*Eli heard the noise and asked, "Why are people making all this noise?" So the messenger ran over to Eli and told him what had happened.*

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

Eli asked what the sound of the tumult meant.

1 Samuel 4:16-17

What did the man tell Eli had happened to his sons and to the Box of God when Israel was defeated?

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

1 Samuel 4:18

ULT	UST
And it happened, in his mentioning of the Box of God, that he fell backward from upon the seat at the side of the gate. And his neck was broken, and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel 40 years.	*As soon as Eli heard what had happened to the sacred chest, he fell backward off his seat beside the city gate. Because he was very old and very fat, he broke his neck when he fell, and that killed him. He had led the Israelite people for 40 years.*

What was the injury that killed Eli when he fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate?

Eli broke his neck and he died.

1 Samuel 4:19

ULT	UST
Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And she heard the report about the Box of God being taken and that her father-in-law had died and her husband. And she knelt down and gave birth, for her pangs turned themselves upon her.	*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 the news that the Philistines had captured God's sacred chest and that her husband and her father-in-law had died, her labor pains suddenly began. She crouched down and gave birth.*

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

Phinehas's wife knelt down and gave birth because her labor pains suddenly began.

1 Samuel 4:21-22

What name did Phinehas's wife give to the baby and why did she give him that name?

She named the baby Ichabod, saying that the glory had departed from Israel because the Box of God had been taken.

1 Samuel 5

1 Samuel 5:1-3

In what position did the people find the idol Dagon the next day after the Philistines brought the Box of God into Dagon's house?

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

1 Samuel 5:4

ULT	UST
And they arose early in the morning on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground to 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.	*But when they first got up the following morning, they saw that it was once again lying face down on the ground in front of Yahweh's sacred chest. And the statue no longer had its head or hands. Those were lying in the doorway. All it had left was its body.*

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

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

1 Samuel 5:6-7

Why did the men of Ashdod say that the Box of the God of Israel should not stay with them?

They said it should not stay because the hand of their God was severe against them and against their god Dagon.

1 Samuel 5:8

ULT	UST
So they sent and gathered all of the lords of the Philistines to them, and they said, "What shall we do with the Box of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the Box of the God of Israel go around to Gath." So they brought around the Box of the God of Israel.	*They summoned the five rulers of the Philistines and asked them, "What should we do with the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites?" The rulers replied, "Send the sacred chest to the city of Gath." So they moved it to Gath.*

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

The Philistines moved the Box to Gath.

1 Samuel 5:9

ULT	UST
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 unto great. And tumors broke out on them.	*But when they took the sacred chest to Gath, Yahweh made the people of that city suffer as well. This caused very great distress. Throughout the city, people of all ages died, and many others got unhealthy skin growths.*

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

Yahweh struck them with tumors.

1 Samuel 5:10

ULT	UST
So they sent the Box of God to Ekron. And it happened 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 kill me and my people!"	*So the people of Gath moved the sacred chest to the city of Ekron. But when some men from Gath carried the sacred chest into Ekron, the people there protested. They told the men, "You are going to cause us and our families to die by bringing the sacred chest of the god of the Israelites here!"*

What did the people of Ekron say the Box of the God of Israel would do to them?

They said that it would kill them and their people.

1 Samuel 5:11

ULT	UST
And they sent and gathered all of the lords of the Philistines, and they said, "Send away the Box of the God of Israel that it may return to its place, and it will not kill me and my people!" For there was a tumult of death in all of the city. The hand of God was very heavy there.	*So the people of Ekron also summoned the Philistine rulers. When they came, the people said to them, "Send this sacred chest of the god of the Israelites back to its own place! Otherwise, it will cause us and our families to die!" There was great distress throughout the city because so many people were dying. God was punishing them very severely.*

To what place did the people of Ekron ask the rulers to send the Box?

They asked that the Box be sent back to its own place.

1 Samuel 5:12

ULT	UST
And the men who did not die were struck with tumors. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.	*Some of the people in Ekron had already died, and the rest of the people were suffering badly because of unhealthy growths on their skin. The people of the city were wailing so loudly that other people far away could hear them.*

To what place did the cry of the city go?

The cry of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel 6

1 Samuel 6:1

ULT	UST
And the Box of Yahweh was in the field of the Philistines seven months.	*The people of Philistia kept Yahweh's sacred chest in their area for seven months.*

For how long was the Box of Yahweh in the Philistines' country?

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

1 Samuel 6:2

ULT	UST
And the Philistines called to the priests and to the diviners, saying, "What should we do with the Box of Yahweh? Cause us to know with what we should send it to its place."	*Then they summoned their priests and their fortunetellers. They asked them, "We want to know how we should treat the sacred chest of Yahweh. Tell us what gift we should send with it back to its own land."*

Who did the Philistines call to ask for advice on how the Box 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 Box back.

1 Samuel 6:3-4

What did the priests and diviners tell the Philistine people to send as a guilt offering to the God of Israel?

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

1 Samuel 6:6

ULT	UST
And why do you make your heart heavy, 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?	*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 then allowed the Israelites to leave their land.*

Why did the priests and diviners say the people should not be stubborn like the Egyptians and Pharaoh were?

Because when God dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh, they had to let Israel go.

1 Samuel 6:7

ULT	UST
And now, take and make a new cart, and two nursing cows upon which a yoke has not gone up. And you shall harness the cows to the cart, but you shall return their calves from behind them to the house.	*So this is what we advise you to do. Build a brand-new cart. Then get two cows that have very recently given birth to calves. They must be cows on which no one has ever put a yoke. Hitch those cows to the new cart. But keep their calves from following them by putting them securely in their pens.*

What animals did the priests and diviners tell the Philistines to tie to the cart for the Box of Yahweh?

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

1 Samuel 6:9

ULT	UST
And you shall look; if it goes up the way of its border, to Beth Shemesh, he has done this great harm to us. But if not, then we will know that his hand has not touched us; it has happened to us by chance."	*Then watch the cart as the cows pull it. If they pull it back into the territory of the Israelites, to the town of Beth Shemesh, then we will know that it was their God who caused these terrible plagues to afflict us. But if the cows do not pull the cart there, then we will know that the God of the Israelites has not been punishing us for taking his sacred chest. We will know that it was just a coincidence that we got unhealthy skin growths and mice ate our crops at the same time."*

How would the Philistines know that it was Yahweh who had done this great harm to them?

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

1 Samuel 6:10-12

Where did the nursing cows go with the cart carrying the Box and the gold mice and tumors?

The cows went straight in the direction of Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:13

ULT	UST
Now Beth Shemesh was harvesting the harvest of wheat in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes, and they saw the Box, and they rejoiced to see it.	*At that time, the people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting wheat in the valley outside their city. When the cows came along the road, they looked up and saw the sacred chest on the cart the cows were pulling. They were extremely happy when they saw it.*

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

They were harvesting their wheat in the valley.

1 Samuel 6:14

ULT	UST
And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Bethshemite, and it stood still there. Now a great stone was there. And they broke up the wood of the cart, and they offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.	

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	UST
Now the Levites had taken down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it, in which were the objects of gold, and they had set them on the great stone. And the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to Yahweh.	

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

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

1 Samuel 6:16

ULT	UST
And the five lords of the Philistines saw, and they returned to Ekron on that day.	*The five rulers of the Philistines watched the Israelites do these things. Then they returned to Ekron on that same day.*

What did the five rulers of the Philistines do when they saw what had happened?

They returned that day to Ekron.

1 Samuel 6:17-18

What did the numbers of gold tumors and gold mice represent?

The five gold tumors represented the people of their five cities, and the gold mice represented all the Philistine cities belonging to those rulers.

1 Samuel 6:19

ULT	UST
But he struck among the men of Beth Shemesh because they looked into the Box of Yahweh. And he struck among the people 70 men, 50, 000 men. And the people mourned because Yahweh had struck a great striking among the people.	*But some of the people who lived in Beth Shemesh looked into Yahweh's sacred chest. Because of that, Yahweh caused 50, 070 of them to die. The others who lived there mourned greatly because Yahweh had killed so many of those people.*

Why did Yahweh strike some of the men of Beth Shemesh?

Yahweh struck them because they looked into his Box.

1 Samuel 6:21

ULT	UST
And they sent messengers to the dwellers of Kiriath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the Box of Yahweh. Come down and bring it up to you."	*They sent messengers to the people who lived in the city of Kiriath Jearim. They told them, "The people of Philistia have sent Yahweh's sacred chest back to us. Come here and take it to your city."*

What did the messengers from Beth Shemesh ask the people of Kiriath Jearim to do?

The messengers asked the people of Kiriath Jearim to come and take the Box of Yahweh to their city.

1 Samuel 7

1 Samuel 7:1

ULT	UST
And the men of Kiriath Jearim came and lifted up the Box of Yahweh and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Box of Yahweh.	*When the men of Kiriath Jearim received the message, they came to Beth Shemesh and took the sacred chest of Yahweh. They took it to the house of a man whose name was Abinadab. He lived on a hill. They gave Abinadab's son Eleazar the special duty of taking care of the chest.*

What did the men of Kiriath Jearim do to Abinadab's son, Eleazar, so that he could take care of the Box of Yahweh?

They consecrated him to keep the Box of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:2

ULT	UST
And it happened from the day of the dwelling of the Box in Kiriath Jearim that the days were many, and they were 20 years. And all of the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh.	*The sacred chest remained in Kiriath Jearim for a long time, for 20 years. During that time, the Israelite people were very sorry that Yahweh was not helping them anymore.*

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

During that time, the Israelite people were very sorry that Yahweh was not helping them anymore.

1 Samuel 7:3-4

What did Samuel tell the people of Israel that they needed to remove from among them for Yahweh to rescue them from the Philistines?

Samuel told them that they needed to remove the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among them and serve Yahweh only.

1 Samuel 7:5-6

What did the people of Israel admit that they had done when they gathered at Mizpah?

They admitted that they had sinned against Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:7-8

Why did the people of Israel ask Samuel to call out to Yahweh for them?

They were afraid because they heard that the rulers of the Philistines were coming to attack them.

1 Samuel 7:9

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a lamb of milk, and he offered it, a whole burnt offering to Yahweh. And Samuel cried out to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh answered him.	*So Samuel took a young lamb that was still nursing, and he killed it and offered it to Yahweh as a sacrifice by burning it up entirely on the altar. Then he pleaded with Yahweh to help the Israelites, and Yahweh did what he asked.*

What did Yahweh do when Samuel offered a lamb as a burnt offering and cried out to him?

Yahweh answered Samuel.

1 Samuel 7:10

ULT	UST
And Samuel was offering the burnt offering, and the Philistines approached for battle with Israel. And Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines, and he panicked them, and they were struck to the face of Israel.	*While Samuel was still burning the lamb as an offering, the Philistine army came near to attack the Israelites. But Yahweh caused it to thunder very loudly. The soldiers in the Philistine army became so frightened that they could no longer fight effectively. So the Israelite soldiers were able to defeat them completely.*

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

Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:12

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and between Shen. And he called its name Ebenezer, for he said, "Unto here has Yahweh helped us."	*After the battle, Samuel got a large stone and set it up between the city of Mizpah and the rocky cliff of Shen. He named the stone Ebenezer. He said, "Yahweh has helped us to defeat our enemies this far."*

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 7:14

ULT	UST
And the cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel returned to Israel, from Ekron and unto Gath, and Israel delivered their border from the hand of the Philistines. And peace was between Israel and between the Amorite.	*The Philistines had previously captured some towns that belonged to the Israelites. But the Israelite army was now able to recapture those towns. They were around the Philistine cities of Ekron and Gath. The Israelites recaptured the whole area right up to the limits of those cities. The Amorites also did not attack the Israelites during this time.*

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

They were recaptured by Israel.

1 Samuel 7:15-16

What did Samuel do as he went on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah, and back to Ramah?

Samuel judged Israel in all these places.

1 Samuel 8

1 Samuel 8:1-3

In what ways did Samuel's two sons, who were judges, not walk in the ways of their father?

They were not honest like their father. They accepted bribes, and they did not make honest decisions about people's disputes.

1 Samuel 8:4-5

What request did the elders of Israel make of Samuel?

They asked Samuel to appoint a king to judge them, like all the other nations.

1 Samuel 8:6

ULT	UST
And the thing was bad in the eyes of Samuel when they said, "Give to us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to Yahweh.	*Samuel thought it was wrong for them to ask him to give them a king to rule them. So he prayed to Yahweh about it.*

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

Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 8:7

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people according to all that they have said to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them.	*Yahweh answered him, "Do everything that these leaders have asked you to do. But recognize that by asking for a king, they are not really refusing to have your family continue to lead them. They are actually refusing to have me continue to be their king.*

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to listen to the voice of the people?

Yahweh told Samuel to listen because the people were not rejecting Samuel, but they were rejecting Yahweh from reigning over them.

1 Samuel 8:8-9

What warning did Yahweh tell Samuel to give to the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Samuel to warn the people about the way the king would rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:10-12

For what did Samuel warn the people that a king would take their sons?

Samuel warned that the king would take their sons to be officers and soldiers, to plow his fields and harvest his crops, and to make weapons of war.

1 Samuel 8:13-15

How did Samuel warn the people about what a king would do with their daughters and property?

Samuel warned that the king would take their daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers, and he would take the best of their fields and vineyards and olive groves to give to his attendants.

1 Samuel 8:16-17

How did Samuel warn the people about what a king would do with their servants and animals?

Samuel warned that the king would take their servants, the best of their young men and donkeys, and a tenth of their flocks, and the people would become his servants.

1 Samuel 8:18

ULT	UST
And you will cry out on that day from to the face of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but Yahweh will not answer you on that day."	*When all of this happens, you will complain loudly about the king whom you yourselves have chosen. But when that happens, Yahweh will make you keep serving the king you are complaining about."*

What did Samuel warn would happen when the people cried out because of the king they had chosen?

Samuel said that Yahweh would not answer them on that day.

1 Samuel 8:19-20

How did the people of Israel respond to the warnings from Samuel?

The people refused to listen and said they wanted a king over them so they could be like the other nations.

1 Samuel 8:21-22

What was Yahweh's response when Samuel repeated the people's words to him?

Yahweh told Samuel to listen to their voice and appoint a king for them.

1 Samuel 9

1 Samuel 9:1-2

What were the outstanding physical features of Saul, the son of Kish?

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

1 Samuel 9:3-4

What was the outcome when Kish asked his son Saul to go and look for their lost donkeys?

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

1 Samuel 9:5

ULT	UST
They came into the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, lest my father cease from the female donkeys and become concerned about us."	*Finally, they came to the region of Zuph. Then Saul said to the servant, "We should 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 they should do when they came to the land of Zuph?

Saul told his servant that they should go back so his father would not stop being concerned about the donkeys and become concerned about them.

1 Samuel 9:6

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Behold, please, a man of God is in this city, and the man is honored. All that he speaks, coming, it comes. Now let us go there. Perhaps he will declare to us our way on which we have gone."	*But the servant told Saul, "I have another idea. Please listen to it. One of God's prophets lives in this city. People respect him very much because everything he predicts comes true. Let us go and speak with him. Perhaps he can tell us where we should go to find the donkeys."*

What different idea did the servant present to Saul?

The servant suggested they should go to a man of God in the city who might tell them the way they should go.

1 Samuel 9:7-8

What did the servant have to give to the man of God so he would tell them which way to go?

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

1 Samuel 9:9-11

ULT	UST
	Saul told his servant, "That is a good idea. Let us go and speak with him." So they went to the city where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the city, they met some young women who were coming out of the city to get some water from a well. They asked the women, "Is the seer currently in the city?" (They said that because at that time, when people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, "Let us go and speak with the seer." They used the term "seer" to refer to the same kind of person whom people now call a "prophet.")

What did Saul and his servant ask the young women who were coming out to draw water?

Saul and his servant asked if the seer was in the city.

1 Samuel 9:12-13

Why was the seer coming to the city on that day?

The seer was coming to the city because the people were having a sacrifice at the high place, and he would bless the sacrifice.

1 Samuel 9:15-16

What did Yahweh reveal to Samuel about Saul's role in Israel?

Yahweh told Samuel that he was to anoint Saul as ruler over Israel, and Saul would save Yahweh's people from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 9:17-19

What invitation did Samuel give to Saul after he revealed that he was the seer Saul was seeking?

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

1 Samuel 9:20-21

How did Samuel surprise Saul with what he told him?

Samuel told him that all the desire of Israel was for him and his father's house, even though Saul was from the least clan of the smallest tribe.

1 Samuel 9:23-24

What did Samuel tell the cook to serve to Saul?

Samuel told the cook to serve Saul the thigh portion that had been set aside for him for the appointed time.

1 Samuel 9:25-26

What did Samuel say to Saul from the roof in the morning?

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

1 Samuel 9:27

ULT	UST
They were going down to the end of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, "Speak to the servant, that he may pass on to our face" (and he passed on), "but you, stand according to today, and I will make you hear the word of God."	*When they got to the edge of the city, Samuel told Saul to send his servant on ahead of them. After the servant left, Samuel said to Saul, "I want you to stay here for a few minutes so that I can give you a message I have received from God for you."*

Why did Samuel tell Saul to stand still for a while on the outskirts of the city?

Samuel told Saul to stand still so Samuel could tell him the word of God.

1 Samuel 10

1 Samuel 10:1

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and he kissed him. And he said, "Is it not that Yahweh has anointed you as ruler over his inheritance?	*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. He 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 did this because Yahweh had anointed Saul to be a ruler over his inheritance.

1 Samuel 10:2

ULT	UST
In your going today from with me, then you will find two men near the tomb of Rachel in the border 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 abandoned the matters of the female donkeys and has become concerned about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'	*When you leave here today and start to return home, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb near the town of Zelzah in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'Someone has found the donkeys that you were looking for. But now your father is more worried about you. He is saying that he is concerned that you have become lost yourself, and he does not know how to find 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 10:3-4

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to the oak of Tabor?

Three men going up to God at Bethel would meet him and give him two loaves of bread, which he should take.

1 Samuel 10:5-6

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to Gibeah of God?

The Spirit of Yahweh would rush upon him, he would prophesy with a group of prophets, and he would be changed into a different man.

1 Samuel 10:7-8

What instructions did Samuel give to Saul for later?

Samuel told Saul to go down to Gilgal and wait seven days for Samuel to come and offer sacrifices.

1 Samuel 10:9

ULT	UST
And it happened, as he turned his shoulder to go from with Samuel, that God changed to him another heart. And all of these signs came on that day.	*Just as Saul started to walk away from Samuel, God changed Saul's inner being. And all the things that Samuel had predicted happened that same day.*

What happened when Saul turned his back to leave Samuel?

When Saul turned to leave, God changed Saul's inner being.

1 Samuel 10:11-13

Why did people wonder if Saul was one of the prophets?

They saw him prophesying with the prophets and wondered how this had happened to the son of Kish.

1 Samuel 10:14

ULT	UST
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 they were not, so we came to Samuel."	*When Saul's uncle saw him there, he asked him and his servant, "Where have you been?" Saul replied, "We went to look for the donkeys. When we could not find them, we went 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 Samuel.

1 Samuel 10:15-16

What did Saul not tell his uncle about what Samuel had said to him?

Saul did not tell his uncle about the matter of the kingship.

1 Samuel 10:17-19

Why did Yahweh say that Israel had rejected him?

Israel had rejected Yahweh because they had asked for a king to be set over them.

1 Samuel 10:20-21

What happened when Saul, the son of Kish, was chosen as the next king?

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

1 Samuel 10:22

ULT	UST
So they asked of Yahweh again, "Has the man come here yet?" And Yahweh said, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the bags."	*So they asked Yahweh, "Can we not find Saul because he has not arrived here yet?" Yahweh replied, "I will tell you where he is. He is hiding under the baggage."*

Where was Saul when he was chosen as the next king?

Saul had hidden himself among the bags.

1 Samuel 10:24

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to all of the people, "Do you see upon whom Yahweh has chosen? For there is no one like him among all of the people!" And all of the people shouted and said, "May the king live!"	*Then Samuel said to all the people there, "This is the king whom Yahweh has chosen for you. Certainly he is taller and stronger than any other Israelite!" All the people shouted, "May God keep this king alive!"*

What did Samuel say 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	UST
And Samuel spoke to the people the custom of the kingship, and he wrote it in a book, and he made it rest to the face of Yahweh. And Samuel sent away all of the people, a man to his house.	*Then Samuel told the people what the responsibilities of the king would be and what responsibilities they would have toward him. He wrote all those things in a scroll. He placed the scroll for safekeeping in a location where people worshiped Yahweh. Then Samuel sent all the people home.*

How were the customs of the kingship established and preserved?

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

1 Samuel 10:27

ULT	UST
But some sons of wickedness said, "How shall this one save us?" And they despised him, and they did not bring a gift to him. But he was like one being silent.	*But some bad men said, "A man like him will not be able to save us from our enemies!" They did not think he would make a good king, and they refused to give him any gifts to show that they would be loyal to him. But even though Saul knew about their insult, he said nothing about it at the time.*

How did some wicked men show their dislike for Saul?

Some wicked men despised Saul and did not bring him a gift.

1 Samuel 11

1 Samuel 11:1-2

What was the response of Nahash the Ammonite to the request for a covenant from the men of Jabesh?

He said he would make a covenant with them if he could gouge out all their right eyes and bring disgrace on Israel.

1 Samuel 11:3

ULT	UST
And the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Leave us alone seven days, and let us send messengers through all of the border of Israel. And if there is no one saving us, then we will go out to you."	*The leaders of Jabesh replied, "Please do not attack us for the next seven days. During that time, we will send messengers throughout the land of Israel to ask for help. If no one comes to help us, then we will surrender to you."*

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

They asked for seven days to send messengers throughout Israel to see if anyone would save them.

1 Samuel 11:4-5

Why were the people in Saul's town of Gibeah weeping?

They were weeping because they had heard the words of the men from Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:6-8

How did Saul respond to the threat against Jabesh?

The Spirit of God rushed upon him, he became very angry, and he persuaded the men of Israel and Judah to fight.

1 Samuel 11:9

ULT	UST
And they said to the messengers having come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow deliverance will be for you, at the heat of the sun.'" And the messengers went and declared this to the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced.	*So Saul and Samuel sent the messengers back to the people at Jabesh Gilead to tell them, "We will come and rescue you tomorrow by the middle of the morning." The messengers went and told this to the people of Jabesh. They became very happy when they heard this news.*

What message did the messengers bring back to the men of Jabesh?

They told the men of Jabesh that they would have deliverance the next day by the time the sun was hot.

1 Samuel 11:10

ULT	UST
And the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will go out to you. And you may do to us according to all of the good in your eyes."	*Then the leaders of Jabesh told Nahash, "We will surrender to you tomorrow, and then you can do to us whatever you want."*

What did the men of Jabesh say to Nahash the Ammonite?

They told Nahash that they would come out to him the next day, and he could do to them whatever seemed good to him.

1 Samuel 11:11

ULT	UST
And it happened on the next day that Saul put the people into three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp during the watch of the morning, and they struck Ammon until the heat of the day. And it happened that the ones being left scattered, and two among them were not left together.	*That night Saul divided his troops into three groups. They marched all night and arrived at the city before the sun rose the next morning. They attacked the camp of the Ammonite soldiers from three different directions. By noontime they had killed most of them. Those who survived ran away, and none of them regrouped to continue fighting.*

What was the outcome of the battle between Israel and the Ammonites?

The people of Israel attacked and defeated the Ammonites, and the survivors were totally scattered.

1 Samuel 11:12-13

Why did Saul say that none of the men who opposed him would be put to death?

Saul said no one would be put to death, because that day Yahweh had brought deliverance to Israel.

1 Samuel 11:14-15

Why did Samuel, Saul, and all the people of Israel go to Gilgal?

They went to Gilgal to renew the kingship, make Saul king before Yahweh, and sacrifice peace offerings.

1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel 12:4-5

What did the people of Israel say when Samuel asked if he had ever wronged them?

The people of Israel told Samuel he had not defrauded or oppressed them or taken anything from anyone.

1 Samuel 12:6-7

Why did Samuel tell the people of Israel to present themselves before Yahweh?

He told them to present themselves so he could make the case against them that they should not have asked for a king instead of trusting Yahweh to rescue them.

1 Samuel 12:8-9

What did God do to the ancestors of Israel after they forgot Yahweh their God?

Yahweh sold them into the hand of Sisera, the Philistines, and the king of Moab, who all fought against them.

1 Samuel 12:10-11

What did Yahweh do after Israel's ancestors cried out to him and asked to be rescued from their enemies?

Yahweh sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel to rescue them.

1 Samuel 12:12-13

What did Samuel remind the people of Israel that they had requested?

Samuel reminded the people that they had wanted a king to reign over them, even though Yahweh their God was their king.

1 Samuel 12:14-15

What choice did Samuel present to the people of Israel?

They could fear Yahweh and serve him, or they could rebel against his command and his hand would be against them.

1 Samuel 12:16

ULT	UST
Even now station yourselves and see this great thing that Yahweh is doing before your eyes.	*Now stand here quietly and look at the great thing that Yahweh is about to do while you watch.*

What did Samuel challenge the people of Israel to do?

Samuel challenged the people to stand and see the great thing Yahweh is doing before their eyes.

1 Samuel 12:17-18

What did Samuel ask Yahweh to send so that the people would know the extent of their wickedness?

He asked Yahweh to send thunder and rain during the wheat harvest.

1 Samuel 12:19-20

How did Samuel respond when the people of Israel realized their sin?

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

1 Samuel 12:22

ULT	UST
For Yahweh will not forsake his people, because of his great name. For Yahweh was pleased to make you into a people for himself.	*Yahweh wants everyone in the world to know what a faithful God he is. So he will not abandon us after he gladly chose us to be his own people.*

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

Samuel comforted the people by telling them that Yahweh would not forsake them, because of his great name.

1 Samuel 12:23

ULT	UST
Also, for me, profane to me from sinning against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you! And I will instruct you in the good and straight way.	*For my part, you can be sure that I will keep praying for you. If I did not, I would be sinning against Yahweh. I will also continue to teach you what the right things are to do.*

What did Samuel promise to do for Israel?

He promised to continue to pray for them and to instruct them in the good and right way.

1 Samuel 12:24

ULT	UST
But fear Yahweh and serve him in faithfulness with all of your heart. For see what he has made great with you!	*But you must honor Yahweh and serve him genuinely with complete commitment. Bear in mind all the great things that he has done for you.*

What did Samuel challenge the people of Israel to do?

Samuel told them to fear Yahweh and serve him faithfully with all their heart, considering the great things he had done for them.

1 Samuel 13

1 Samuel 13:2

ULT	UST
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.	*After returning from defeating the Ammonites at Jabesh Gilead, Saul chose 3, 000 of the Israelite men who had fought them to become a regular army. He sent the other men back home. Of the soldiers Saul chose, 2, 000 stayed with him at Michmash and in the hilly area near the city of Bethel. The other 1, 000 stayed with his son Jonathan at the city of Gibeah within the territory 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 13:3-4

How did Israel make itself stink among the Philistines?

They made themselves stink among the Philistines because Jonathan had struck the garrison of the Philistines at Geba.

1 Samuel 13:5

ULT	UST
And the Philistines gathered themselves to fight with Israel: 30, 000 chariots and 6, 000 horsemen and people like the sand that is on the shore of the sea for abundance. And they went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth Aven.	*Then the Philistines mobilized their army to attack the Israelites. The Philistines had 3, 000 chariots and 6, 000 soldiers on horseback. They seemed to have too many footsoldiers to count, like the grains of sand on the seashore. The Philistines came and set up their tents near the city of Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven.*

How did the Philistines respond to the attack by Jonathan?

They gathered 30,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, and people as numerous as the sand on the seashore to fight against Israel.

1 Samuel 13:6-7

How did the men of Israel react to the forces of the Philistines?

They were distressed, so they hid in caves, thickets, cliffs, pits, and cisterns, and some fled across the Jordan.

1 Samuel 13:8-10

What did Saul do when Samuel did not come to Gilgal after seven days?

Saul offered the burnt offering himself.

1 Samuel 13:11-12

What excuse did Saul give Samuel for not waiting for him to offer the sacrifices?

He said he saw that the Philistine army was going to attack, and he had not yet asked Yahweh to help Israel, so he forced himself to offer the burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:13

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly! You have not kept the command of Yahweh your God that he commanded you. For now Yahweh would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.	*Samuel told Saul, "That was a very foolish thing to do! You did not obey what Yahweh, your God, commanded about sacrifices. If you had obeyed him, Yahweh would have allowed you and your descendants to rule Israel for a long time.*

How did Samuel rebuke Saul?

Samuel told Saul that he had acted foolishly by not keeping the command that Yahweh gave him.

1 Samuel 13:13-14

What did Samuel say would be the consequences of Saul's disobedience?

Because Saul did not obey Yahweh's command, none of his descendants will become king. Instead, Yahweh has found someone else who will do what he wants him to do, and he will make that person the next king of Israel.

1 Samuel 13:17

ULT	UST
And the destroyer went out from the camp of the Philistines, three companies. One company turned to the way of Ophrah, to the land of Shual,	*The Philistines sent out three groups of soldiers to make 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 out soldiers in three groups to attack different Israelite towns.

1 Samuel 13:19

ULT	UST
Now a blacksmith was not found in all of the land of Israel. For the Philistines had said, "Lest the Hebrews make a sword or a spear."	*The Philistines did not want the Israelites (whom they called Hebrews) to be able to make any swords or spears. So they did not allow any Israelites to be metalworkers.*

What problem did the Israelites face in their fight against the Philistines?

There were no blacksmiths in all the land of Israel, so they could not make swords or spears.

1 Samuel 13:22

ULT	UST
So it was on the day of battle that a sword or spear was not found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and with Jonathan, but one was found for Saul and for his son Jonathan.	*As a result, none of the 600 men who were with Saul and Jonathan had swords or spears that they could use to fight the Philistines. Only Saul and Jonathan, his son, had swords and spears.*

How were the soldiers of Israel hindered on the day of battle?

None of the people with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in their hand.

1 Samuel 14

1 Samuel 14:1

ULT	UST
And it happened one day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man, the carrier of his equipment, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of the Philistines that is across from here." But he did not declare this to his father.	*One day, Saul's son Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, "I want to attack the Philistine soldiers who are staying on the other side of the valley from us, and I want you to help me do that." But Jonathan did not tell his father what he wanted to do.*

What secret plan did Jonathan, the son of Saul, have?

Jonathan planned to cross over to the Philistines' garrison, but he did not tell his father.

1 Samuel 14:2-3

What did the six hundred men with Saul not know?

They did not know that Jonathan had gone.

1 Samuel 14:6

ULT	UST
And Jonathan said to the young man, the carrier of his equipment, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised! Perhaps Yahweh will act for us, for there is no hindrance to Yahweh to save by many or by few."	*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 to him that there are only two of us, rather than many soldiers. Yahweh can still enable us to defeat them."*

What proposal did Jonathan present to his young armor-bearer?

Jonathan proposed that they cross over to the garrison of the uncircumcised, because perhaps Yahweh would act for them.

1 Samuel 14:7

ULT	UST
And the carrier of his equipment said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Turn yourself; behold me, with you according to your heart."	*The young man who was carrying Jonathan's weapons said, "Go ahead and do what you are planning. Go across the valley, and I will come with you and help you do what you want to do."*

What was the armor-bearer's response to the proposal?

Jonathan's armor-bearer told him to do all that was in his heart and that he was with him and would help him in all that he wanted to do.

1 Samuel 14:8-10

What would be the sign to Jonathan and his armor-bearer that Yahweh had given the Philistines into their hand?

If the Philistines told them to come up to them, that would be the sign.

1 Samuel 14:11-12

What did Jonathan say to his armor-bearer after the Philistines told them to come up?

He told his armor-bearer to follow him because Yahweh had given the Philistines into the hand of Israel.

1 Samuel 14:13-14

What was the result of the attack that Jonathan and his armor-bearer made on the Philistine garrison?

Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed about twenty men.

1 Samuel 14:16-17

What did Saul do when his watchmen saw the Philistine army dispersing?

Saul had the people counted to see who was missing, and they discovered it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer.

1 Samuel 14:18-19

Why did Saul tell Ahijah the priest to bring the Box of God to him?

Saul wanted to inquire of God, but he stopped because the tumult in the Philistine camp was increasing.

1 Samuel 14:21

ULT	UST
Now some Hebrews were to the Philistines according to yesterday and the third day who had gone up with them into the camp all around. But even they became to be with Israel who was with Saul and Jonathan.	*Some of the Hebrew soldiers had earlier deserted their army and joined the Philistine army. They were in different areas throughout the Philistine camp. But now those men helped Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers fight against the Philistines.*

Who rejoined the Israelites who had remained with Saul and Jonathan?

The Hebrews who had previously deserted to the Philistines in their camp rejoined the Israelites. Now those men helped Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers fight against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh saved Israel on that day. And the battle passed over Beth Aven.	*So Yahweh rescued the Israelites on that day. The Israelite soldiers chased the Philistines all the way to the city of Beth Aven and beyond it.*

Who saved Israel that day?

Yahweh saved Israel that day.

1 Samuel 14:24

ULT	UST
But the men of Israel were distressed on that day, for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats bread until the evening and I have taken vengeance on my enemies." So all of the people had not tasted bread.	*But the Israelites did not win as great a victory as they could have, because the Israelite soldiers became weak from hunger that day. That was because Saul had made the soldiers swear something. He had made them all say, "May Yahweh make bad things happen to any of us who eats any food before this evening, before we get revenge on our enemies!" So none of the Israelite soldiers ate any food, and this made them weak.*

What caused the men of Israel to be distressed and faint?

Saul had put the people under an oath, cursing any man who ate food before evening.

1 Samuel 14:27

ULT	UST
But Jonathan had not heard when his father adjured the people. So he extended the end of the staff that was in his hand, and he dipped it into a comb of honey. And he returned his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened.	*But because he had left the camp early that morning, Jonathan did not know that his father had made the soldiers swear that they would not eat any food before evening. So when he saw a honeycomb in a tree, he reached out with the end of the spear he was holding and collected some honey. He ate that honey, and it was evident from his appearance that afterward he felt stronger.*

How did Jonathan unknowingly break the oath?

Jonathan, who had not heard the oath, ate some honey from a honeycomb.

1 Samuel 14:29-30

How was Jonathan critical of the oath his father had made?

Jonathan said that if the people had been allowed to eat from the plunder of their enemies, the slaughter among the Philistines would have been greater.

1 Samuel 14:33-34

How did the people of Israel sin against Yahweh after their battle against the Philistines?

The people ate meat with the blood still in it.

1 Samuel 14:37-38

What did Saul believe was the reason why he did not receive an answer when he inquired of God?

Saul believed that God did not answer him on that day because someone had sinned.

1 Samuel 14:38-39

How did Saul say he would deal with the sin that had been committed?

He said that the person who committed the sin would surely die, even if it was his son Jonathan.

1 Samuel 14:41-42

How was it determined that Jonathan was the person who had sinned?

The priest threw a lot, and it indicated that either Jonathan or Saul had sinned, not one of the other Israelite soldiers. He threw the lot again, and the lot indicated that Jonathan had sinned.

1 Samuel 14:45

ULT	UST
But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has done this great salvation in Israel? Profane! The life of Yahweh, if from the hair of his head should fall to the ground! For he has done with God this day." So the people redeemed Jonathan, and he did not die.	*But the Israelite soldiers said to Saul, "Jonathan has led all us Israelites to this great victory! So you must not execute him! That would be very wrong! Since Jonathan led us to this great victory by depending on God's help, we swear by Yahweh that we will not allow you to harm him in any way." By saying that, the Israelite soldiers persuaded Saul not to execute Jonathan.*

How was Jonathan saved from death?

The people redeemed Jonathan and would not allow him to die because he had brought about a great salvation for Israel.

1 Samuel 14:47-48

How did Saul lead Israel as their king?

Saul fought against all his enemies on every side and rescued Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

1 Samuel 15

1 Samuel 15:2-3

Why did Yahweh want Saul to attack and completely destroy Amalek?

Yahweh wanted to punish Amalek for what he had done to Israel when he opposed them on the way up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:5-7

Why did Saul tell the Kenites to depart from the Amalekites?

He warned the Kenites to move away because they had shown kindness to the people of Israel when they came up from Egypt. He did not want to kill them when he killed the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 15:8-9

How did Saul disobey the directions that Yahweh had given to him?

Saul spared King Agag and the best of the sheep, cattle, and lambs, and was not willing to devote them to destruction as Yahweh had commanded.

1 Samuel 15:10-11

Why did Yahweh regret that he had made Saul king?

Yahweh regretted making Saul king because Saul had turned from following him and was no longer obedient to him.

1 Samuel 15:12-13

What lie did Saul tell Samuel?

Saul told Samuel that he had obeyed what Yahweh told him to do.

1 Samuel 15:14

ULT	UST
And Samuel said, "Then what is this sound of a flock in my ears? And the sound of cattle that I am hearing?"	*But Samuel replied, "If that is true, then I should not be hearing sheep bleating or cattle mooing, but I am!"*

How did Samuel respond to the lie that Saul had told him?

Samuel asked about the bleating of sheep and the lowing of cattle that he was hearing.

1 Samuel 15:15

ULT	UST
And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekite. For the people had compassion on the best of the flock and the cattle, to sacrifice them to Yahweh your God. But the remainder, we devoted."	*Saul replied, "The soldiers wanted to save the best sheep and cattle so they could offer them as sacrifices to Yahweh, your God. So they took these animals from the Amalekites and brought them here. But we completely destroyed all the other animals that the Amalekites had."*

What excuse did Saul give to Samuel to explain his disobedience?

He said the people had spared the best of the sheep and cattle so they could sacrifice them to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:17-19

How did Samuel rebuke Saul?

He told Saul that Yahweh had sent him to devote the sinners, the Amalekites, to destruction, but instead he had swooped down on the plunder and done evil.

1 Samuel 15:20-21

What excuse did Saul repeat to Samuel?

Saul insisted that he had obeyed, but that the people brought back the best of the plunder to sacrifice to Yahweh at Gilgal.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

What was Samuel's response to Saul?

Samuel said that to obey is better than sacrifice, and that rebellion is as the sin of divination, and because Saul rejected Yahweh's word, Yahweh rejected him as king.

1 Samuel 15:24

ULT	UST
And Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. For I have crossed over the mouth of Yahweh and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.	*Then Saul said to Samuel, "I admit that I have sinned. I disobeyed what you told me Yahweh had commanded. I did that because I was afraid of what the soldiers would do to me if I did not give them what they wanted.*

What reason did Saul give Samuel for his sin?

Saul said he had disobeyed Yahweh's command because he was afraid of the people, and so he listened to their voice.

1 Samuel 15:25-26

What declaration did Samuel give to Saul from Yahweh?

Samuel said that Yahweh had rejected Saul from being king over Israel because Saul had rejected the word of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:28

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from upon you today, and he has given it to your fellow, one better than you.	*Samuel said to him, "You have taken this piece away from my robe, and in the same way, Yahweh has now taken the kingship of Israel away from you. He is going to make another Israelite king instead of you. That other Israelite is a better man than you are.*

To whom was Yahweh going to give the kingdom of Israel?

Samuel told Saul that Yahweh was going to give the kingdom to one of Saul's neighbors, an Israelite who was a better man than Saul.

1 Samuel 15:32-33

What did Samuel do to finish the task that Saul had not done?

Samuel hacked King Agag to pieces before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Until when will you be mourning for Saul, since I myself have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have seen among his sons a king for me."	*Finally, Yahweh said to Samuel, "You know that I have decided not to allow Saul to continue to be the king of Israel. So you should not keep feeling sad for him. I have recognized that one of the sons of the man whose name is Jesse who lives in the town of Bethlehem will make a good king. So I am sending you there to pour oil on the head of that son to show this. Now put some olive oil in a small container and go there."*

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to stop mourning for Saul?

Yahweh told him to stop because he had rejected Saul from being king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16:2

ULT	UST
But Samuel said, "How shall I go? If Saul hears, then he will kill me." So Yahweh said, "Take a heifer of cattle in your hand and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.'	*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 yet given birth, and tell the people of Bethlehem that you have come to offer it as a sacrifice to me.*

What did Samuel fear would happen if Saul heard he was going to Bethlehem?

He feared that Saul would kill him.

1 Samuel 16:3

ULT	UST
And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I myself will make you know what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me whom I say to you."	*Invite Jesse to come to the sacrifice. When he comes, I will show you what to do. I will tell you which of his sons I have chosen to be the king, and I want you to pour the olive oil on his head to indicate that I have chosen him to be the king."*

How did Yahweh say that Samuel would know whom to anoint?

Yahweh told Samuel that he would show him what to do and that Samuel should anoint the one Yahweh told him to anoint.

1 Samuel 16:4

ULT	UST
And Samuel did what Yahweh had spoken, and he came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him, and they said, "Is your coming in peace?"	*Samuel did what Yahweh told him to do. He went to Bethlehem. When the town leaders saw him coming, they were very afraid. One of them asked him, "Have you come here to speak peacefully with us?"*

How did the elders of Bethlehem act when Samuel arrived?

They came trembling to meet him and asked if his coming was in peace.

1 Samuel 16:6

ULT	UST
And it happened, in their coming, that he saw Eliab and said, "Surely his anointed one is before Yahweh."	*When Jesse and his sons arrived at the place where Samuel was going to offer the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Jesse's oldest son Eliab, and thought, "This must be the man whom Yahweh wants me to anoint as the next king!"*

What did Samuel think when he looked at Eliab?

He thought that surely Yahweh's anointed one was standing before him.

1 Samuel 16:7

ULT	UST
But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not what man sees, for man looks at the eyes, but Yahweh looks at the heart."	*But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Yes, Eliab is handsome and very tall, but this should not impress you, since he is not the one I have chosen. I do not evaluate people as humans do. Humans evaluate people by their appearances, but I evaluate people by their character."*

How did Yahweh explain that he does not see as a human sees?

Yahweh said that a human looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:10

ULT	UST
And Jesse made seven of his sons pass over to the face of Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen among these."	*Similarly, Jesse told the other four of his sons who were present to come and walk past Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen any of these sons of yours."*

What did Samuel say to Jesse after seven of his sons passed before him?

Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen any of them.

1 Samuel 16:11

ULT	UST
So Samuel said to Jesse, "Are your young men complete?" And he said, "The youngest still remains, but behold, he is tending among the flock." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not go around until he comes here."	*Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all of your sons?" Jesse replied, "My youngest son is not here. That is because he is out in the pasture taking care of the sheep." Samuel told Jesse, "We will only sit down to eat once he has joined us. So send someone to bring him here."*

Where was Jesse's youngest son before Samuel called for him?

The youngest son was out in the pasture tending the flock of sheep.

1 Samuel 16:13

ULT	UST
And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day and onward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.	*So as David stood there with his older brothers around him, Samuel took the container of oil that he had brought and poured some of it on David's head to indicate that Yahweh had chosen him to be the next king. Immediately the Spirit of Yahweh began to influence David powerfully, and the Spirit continued to influence him from then on. After they had shared a meal together with the meat from the heifer, Samuel left and went back home to Ramah.*

What happened to David after Samuel anointed him?

The Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:14

ULT	UST
Now the Spirit of Yahweh turned from with Saul, and a bad spirit from with Yahweh terrified him.	*But Yahweh's Spirit no longer influenced Saul. Instead, Yahweh sent a troubling spirit that made Saul afraid.*

What spirit troubled Saul after the Spirit of Yahweh had turned away from him?

A bad spirit from Yahweh terrified him.

1 Samuel 16:16

ULT	UST
May our master please say to your servants to your face, 'Seek a man knowing playing upon the lyre.' And it will happen, when the bad spirit from God is upon you, that he will play by his hand, and it will be good for you."	*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 that troubling spirit bothers you. Then you will calm down."*

What did Saul's servants suggest a skillful player on the lyre could do for him?

When the bad spirit was on Saul, the person would play the lyre, and would calm down.

1 Samuel 16:19

ULT	UST
So Saul sent messengers to Jesse. And he said, "Send to me David your son, who is with the flock."	*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 your sheep."*

Which of Jesse's sons did Saul ask to have sent to him?

Saul asked Jesse to send his son David, who was with the flock.

1 Samuel 16:21

ULT	UST
And David came to Saul, and he stood to his face. And he loved him greatly, and he became to him a carrier of equipment.	*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 because he loved him greatly?

Saul made David his armor-bearer.

1 Samuel 16:23

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the lyre and played it by his hand. And it breathed to Saul, and it was good for him, and the bad spirit turned away from upon him.	*After that, whenever the troubling spirit that God sent made Saul afraid, David would play the harp. Then the bad spirit would stop making Saul afraid, and he would calm down and feel better.*

What would happen to Saul when David played the lyre?

The bad spirit would turn away from Saul, and he would calm down and feel better.

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:2

ULT	UST
And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and they camped by the Valley of Elah. And they arrayed for battle to meet the Philistines.	*Saul gathered the Israelite solders, and they set up their tents near the Valley of Elah. Then they formed battle lines in order to be ready to fight the Philistines.*

Why had Saul and the men of Israel encamped in the valley of Elah?

They had drawn up in battle array to fight the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:5

ULT	UST
And a helmet of bronze was on his head, and he was clothed with a coat of scales. And the weight of the coat was 5, 000 shekels of bronze.	*He wore a helmet made of bronze to protect his head, and he wore body armor that had small overlapping metal plates to protect his body. The metal armor weighed over 50 kilograms.*

What did Goliath have on his head?

He had a helmet of bronze on his head.

1 Samuel 17:6

ULT	UST
And greaves of bronze were on his legs, and a curved sword of bronze was between his shoulders.	*He wore bronze armor on his legs to protect them. He had slung a small bronze spear across his back.*

What did Goliath carry between his shoulders?

He had a curved sword of bronze between his shoulders.

1 Samuel 17:8

ULT	UST
And he stood and called out to the arrays of Israel, and he said to them, "Why have you come out to array for battle? Am I not the Philistine, and you, servants of Saul? Choose for yourselves a man, and let him come down to me.	*Goliath stood there and shouted to the Israelite army, "There is no need for our entire armies to fight each other. You can see that I am a Philistine soldier who is ready to fight alone on behalf of my people group. Someone ought to be able to represent all of you servants of Saul. Choose one man who can fight on behalf of all of you and send him down into this valley where I am!*

What did Goliath call the ranks of Israel?

Goliath called them servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 17:9

ULT	UST
If he is able to fight with me and he strikes me, then we will become servants to you. But if I am able against him and I strike him, then you will become servants to us, and you will serve us."	*If he can fight with me and kill me, then my fellow Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I can fight with him and kill him, then all of you Israelites will become our slaves instead."*

What did Goliath say would happen to the Philistines if Israel's chosen man killed him?

He said the Philistines would become servants to Israel.

1 Samuel 17:11

ULT	UST
And Saul and all of Israel heard these words of the Philistine, and they were dismayed and feared greatly.	*When Saul and all the Israelite soldiers heard Goliath say this, they lost their courage and became terrified.*

When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, how did they feel?

They lost their courage and became terrified.

1 Samuel 17:13

ULT	UST
And the oldest three of the sons of Jesse went, 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.	*Jesse's three oldest sons had gone to fight the Philistines with Saul as their commander. The name of Jesse's oldest son was Eliab. His two younger brothers were Abinadab and Shammah.*

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 17:16

ULT	UST
And the Philistine approached when it was early and when it was getting dark. And he stationed himself 40 days.	*Twice each day, in the morning and in the evening, Goliath came out from the Philistine camp and stood in the valley between the two armies. He challenged the Israelites to choose one man to fight with him. He did that for 40 days.*

For how long and how often did the Philistine champion present himself for battle?

He presented himself for forty days, morning and evening.

1 Samuel 17:20

ULT	UST
So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper. And he carried and went, just as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the wagon-track, and the army was going out to the array, and they shouted for the battle.	*So David arranged for another shepherd to take care of the sheep. Early the next morning he took the food that Jesse had told him to bring and went to the Israelite camp. He arrived at the edge of the camp just as the Israelite soldiers were going out into their battle lines. 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 battle array, shouting the war cry.

1 Samuel 17:23

ULT	UST
And he was speaking with them, and behold, the man of the betweens was coming up, Goliath the Philistine was his name, from Gath, from the array of the Philistines, and he spoke like these words. And David heard.	*While David was speaking with them, something happened that immediately got his attention. Someone came into the valley between the battle lines. This was the man whom people called Goliath the Philistine Champion. He was from the city of Gath. He came forward from the Philistine battle lines and once again challenged any Israelite soldier to fight him in single combat. David heard what Goliath said.*

As David spoke with his brothers, who came out from the ranks of the Philistines?

As David spoke, the champion, Goliath, the Philistine from Gath, came out from the ranks of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:25

ULT	UST
And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man coming up? Indeed he is coming up to taunt Israel! And it will be, the man who strikes him, the king will make him wealthy with great wealth, and he will give his daughter to him, and he will make the house of his father free in Israel."	*The soldiers were saying to each other, "See how this man defiantly approaches us! And hear how he mocks us Israelite soldiers! The king has said that he will give a huge reward to whoever kills this man. He also says that he will allow that man to marry his daughter, and that he will no longer require that man's family to pay taxes or do unpaid work for the Israelite kingdom."*

What would the king do for the man who killed Goliath?

The king would enrich the man with great wealth, give him his daughter in marriage, and no longer require that man's family to pay taxes or do unpaid work for the Israelite kingdom.

1 Samuel 17:26

ULT	UST
And David spoke to the men standing with him, saying, "What will be done for the man who strikes this Philistine and turns away the disgrace from upon Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the arrays of the living God?"	*David talked with some of the men who were standing near him. He said, "This Philistine is a mere pagan. He should not be mocking soldiers who worship the only true God. Please confirm for me what the king will give to the soldier 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 turn away the disgrace from Israel.

1 Samuel 17:28

ULT	UST
Now 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 have come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I myself know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down in order to see the battle!"	*But when David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking to the men, he became very angry with him. He said to David, "You should not have come here! You are supposed to be watching our father's small flock of sheep, but I imagine you left them alone in a desolate pastureland. I know you think you have a right to be here, but you do not. You do not have good motives. You came because you want to watch the battle!"*

What did Eliab accuse David of having in his heart?

Eliab accused David of presumption and evil in his heart, saying David's motive for coming was to watch the battle.

1 Samuel 17:32

ULT	UST
And David said to Saul, "Do not let the heart of a man fall because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."	*David told King Saul, "No one should despair because of him. I will go and fight with that Philistine man!"*

What did David tell Saul he would do?

David told Saul that he would go and fight with the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:34-35

What did David do to a lion or a bear that took a sheep from the flock?

He went out after it, struck it, and delivered the sheep from its mouth; if it rose against him, he would seize its jaw and strike it and kill it.

1 Samuel 17:36

ULT	UST
Your servant has struck both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has taunted the arrays of the living God."	*So I have killed both lions and bears. And since he has mocked soldiers who worship the only true God, I will kill this pagan Philistine too!"*

Why did David say this uncircumcised Philistine would be like the lion or the bear he had killed?

The Philistine would be like them because he had taunted the arrayed armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:39

ULT	UST
And David strapped on his sword over his garments, and he tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I am not able to walk with these, for I have not tested them." And David removed them from on him.	*David put these things on. Saul also gave David his sword, and David strapped that on over them. Since David had not worn armor before, he walked around to find out what it was like to walk wearing armor. Then David told Saul, "I am not used to wearing these things, so I cannot fight while wearing them!" So he took them off.*

Why was David not able to walk in the armor the king provided?

He was not able to walk in the armor because he was not used it.

1 Samuel 17:42

ULT	UST
And the Philistine looked and saw David, and he despised him, for he was a youth, and ruddy with a beautiful appearance.	*When he got near David, Goliath looked at David closely. He believed he could easily defeat David because he was only a young man. David still had a handsome, boyish appearance.*

Why did the Philistine despise David when he saw him?

He despised David because he was only a youth, ruddy, and with a boyish appearance, and Goliath believed he could easily defeat David.

1 Samuel 17:45

ULT	UST
And David said to the Philistine, "You are coming to me with a sword and with a spear and with a curved sword. But I am coming to you in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the arrays of Israel, which you have taunted.	*David replied, "You are coming to attack me with a sword and a spear and a curved sword. But I am coming to you with the authority of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies. You have mocked the Israelite soldiers who worship him, and that is like mocking Yahweh himself.*

When the Philistine came with a sword, spear, and curved sword, in whose name did David say he came?

David said that he came in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom the Philistine had taunted.

1 Samuel 17:46

ULT	UST
This day Yahweh will enclose you in my hand, and I will strike you and remove your head from upon you. And this day I will give the corpse of the camp of the Philistines to the bird of the heavens and to the animal of the earth. And all of the earth will know that there is a God to Israel.	*Today Yahweh will enable me to defeat you. I will kill you and cut off your head. And today we Israelites will kill many Philistine soldiers and give their bodies to the birds and wild animals to eat. People throughout the world will hear about it, and they will know that we Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.*

What did David say all the earth would know after he defeated the Philistine?

All the earth would know that the Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.

1 Samuel 17:48

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the Philistine arose and went and approached to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the array to meet the Philistine.	*Then Goliath started to come closer in order to attack David. David ran quickly toward him, in the direction of the Philistine battle line.*

What did David do when the Philistine drew near to meet him?

David hurried and ran toward the battle line to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:51

ULT	UST
But David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it from its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their warrior had died, and they fled.	

What did the Philistines do when they saw that their warrior was dead?

The Philistines fled.

1 Samuel 17:53

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp.	*When the Israelites came back after chasing the Philistines, they took everything valuable from the Philistine camp.*

What did the people of Israel do when they returned from chasing the Philistines?

The people of Israel plundered the Philistine camp.

1 Samuel 17:57

ULT	UST
So as David returned from striking the Philistine, then Abner took him and brought him to the face of Saul. And the head of the Philistine was in his hand.	*So later, when David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought 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 18

1 Samuel 18:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when he finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David. And Jonathan loved him as his soul.	*After David finished speaking with Saul, he met Saul's son Jonathan. Jonathan immediately felt a strong friendship for David. He loved him as much as he loved himself.*

How strongly was the soul of Jonathan bound to the soul of David?

The soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:4

ULT	UST
And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and he gave it to David, and his garments, and even his sword and even his bow and even his belt.	*Jonathan took off the outer robe he was wearing and gave it to David. He also gave David the special clothes he wore under his armor, his sword, his bow and arrows, and his belt.*

What did Jonathan give to David along with his garments, sword, bow, and belt?

Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David.

1 Samuel 18:5

ULT	UST
And David went out. In all that Saul sent him, he succeeded. And Saul set him over the men of war. And he was good in the eyes of all of the people and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul.	*David then fought battles as Saul directed him. Whatever Saul told him to do, David did it very successfully. As a result, Saul appointed David as a commander in the army. The people of Israel, and especially the ones who served Saul directly, admired David greatly.*

Over whom did Saul set David?

Saul set him over the men of war.

1 Samuel 18:7-8

What had the singers' song ascribed to David that displeased Saul?

They ascribed to David myriads, but they had ascribed only thousands to Saul.

1 Samuel 18:11

ULT	UST
And Saul hurled the spear, and he said, "I will strike David, and into the wall!" But David turned from his face two times.	*Saul thought, "I can throw my spear so hard at David that it will go through him into the wall behind him and pin him there!" Saul threw his spear at David twice, but David jumped aside both times.*

What did Saul think as he threw the spear at David?

Saul thought that he would strike David and pin him to the wall.

1 Samuel 18:14

ULT	UST
And David was succeeding in all of his ways, for Yahweh was with him.	*But Yahweh helped David, so David won all of the battles that he fought.*

Why did David succeed in all his ways?

David succeeded because Yahweh was with him.

1 Samuel 18:17

ULT	UST
And Saul said to David, "Behold my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you for a wife. Only be for me a son of valor 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."	*One day Saul said to David, "I want to talk to you about my older daughter Merab. I will allow you to marry her if you serve me bravely by fighting battles for Yahweh against the Philistines." Saul said that because he thought, "I will not try to kill David myself. I will have the Philistines kill him."*

What did Saul hope would happen to David if he fought the Philistines?

Saul hoped the Philistines would kill David.

1 Samuel 18:20-21

What did Saul think his daughter Michal would be for David if Saul gave her to him?

Saul thought she could be a snare for David.

1 Samuel 18:22

ULT	UST
And Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David in secrecy, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all of his servants love you. And now, make yourself a son-in-law of the king.'"	*Saul told his servants, "Talk to David privately and tell him, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you. All of us who serve him love you. So we think that you should marry Michal and become the king's son-in-law.'"*

How 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 privately.

1 Samuel 18:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of Saul spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, "Does it seem light in your eyes to make oneself a son-in-law of the king? And I am a poor man, and I am lightly esteemed."	*So they said those things to David. But David replied, "It would be a great honor for anyone 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 said he was a poor and insignificant man.

1 Samuel 18:25

ULT	UST
And Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'There is no desire to the king for a bride-price except for a hundred foreskins of Philistines, to be avenged against the enemies of the king.'" (Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.)	*Saul replied, "Go and tell David, 'The king does not want you to pay him a large amount of money in order to marry Michal. All he wants you to do is kill a hundred Philistine soldiers and bring back their foreskins. In that way, he will get revenge on his enemies.'" But what Saul really wanted was for the Philistines to kill David while he was trying to kill them.*

What was the only bride-price the king desired from David?

The king desired one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 18:27

ULT	UST
and David arose and went, he and his men, and he struck two hundred men among the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they filled them to the king, to make himself son-in-law of the king. And Saul gave Michal, his daughter, to him for a wife.	*David and his men went into battle and killed two hundred Philistine soldiers. He brought back their foreskins. Saul's officials counted them all while Saul was watching. This proved that David had done what Saul had required for him to become his son-in-law. So Saul allowed David to marry his daughter Michal.*

What did David and his men do that exceeded the king's requested bride-price?

David and his men struck two hundred Philistines and brought their foreskins to the king.

1 Samuel 18:30

ULT	UST
And the commanders of the Philistines came out, and it happened that, whenever they came out, David was more successful than all of the servants of Saul, and his name became greatly precious.	*The Philistine commanders kept leading their armies to fight against 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 earned an excellent reputation.*

How great was David's success, so that he earned an excellent reputation?

David was more successful than any of Saul's other army commanders.

1 Samuel 19

1 Samuel 19:2

ULT	UST
so Jonathan declared to David, saying, "Saul my father is seeking to kill you. And now, please guard yourself in the morning and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.	*So he warned David, "My father Saul is looking for a way to kill you. So please be very careful. Tomorrow morning, find a place to hide in the field and do not come out unless I tell you it is safe.*

Why did Jonathan tell David to be on his guard and hide himself?

Jonathan told him to be very careful because his father was seeking to kill David.

1 Samuel 19:4

ULT	UST
And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and he said to him, "May the king not sin against his servant, against David, for he has not sinned against you, but surely his deeds have been very good for you.	*The next morning, Jonathan spoke with his father Saul in the field. He said many good things about David. He told his father, "Please do not do anything to harm David, who serves you faithfully. That would be a sin. David has never done anything to harm you. Everything he has done has helped you very much.*

What did Jonathan tell Saul that David's deeds had been for him?

Jonathan told Saul that David's deeds had been very good for him.

1 Samuel 19:6

ULT	UST
And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "The life of Yahweh, he shall not be killed"	*What Jonathan said persuaded Saul. Saul swore by Yahweh that he would not kill David.*

What did Saul swear after listening to Jonathan?

Saul swore that as Yahweh lives, David would not be killed.

1 Samuel 19:8

ULT	UST
And there resumed to be war, and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and he struck a great striking against them, and they fled from his face.	*But then the Philistines attacked the Israelites again. David led his soldiers to fight against the Philistine army. David's soldiers killed many of the Philistine soldiers, and as a result, the rest of the Philistine army ran away.*

What happened when David again went out and fought with the Philistines?

David's soldiers killed many of the Philistine soldiers, and as a result, the rest of the Philistine army ran away.

1 Samuel 19:11

ULT	UST
And Saul sent messengers to the house of David to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal his wife declared to David, saying, "If you are not rescuing your life tonight, tomorrow you will be being killed."	*Then Saul sent some soldiers to David's house. He told them to see whether David was in the house and to kill him when he left the house the following morning. But David's wife Michal knew about this and warned him. She told him, "In order to save your life, you must run away tonight. If you do not do that, some soldiers will kill you tomorrow!"*

Why did Saul send messengers to David's house to watch him?

Saul wanted them to kill David in the morning.

1 Samuel 19:12

ULT	UST
And Michal lowered David through the window. And he went and fled and rescued himself.	*Then she lowered David out a window since the soldiers were watching the door, and he escaped by running away from the house.*

How did Michal help David to flee and escape?

Michal lowered David out a window since soldiers were watching the door.

1 Samuel 19:15

ULT	UST
So Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to kill him."	*When the soldiers reported that, Saul told them to enter David's house and see whether he was really sick. He told them, "If you have to, pick up the whole bed he is lying on and use that to carry him back here to me. That way I can kill him!"*

What did Saul plan to do when he ordered his messengers to bring David to him in the bed?

Saul planned to kill him.

1 Samuel 19:16

ULT	UST
And the messengers came, and behold, the teraphim was on the bed, and the weaving of goats was at its head.	*But when those soldiers entered David's house, they found that there was only a statue in his bed, with goat's hair around its head.*

What did Michal use at the head of the idol in the bed to make it look like David?

She put a weaving of goats' hair at its head.

1 Samuel 19:18

ULT	UST
Now David fled and rescued himself, and he came to Samuel in Ramah, and he declared to him all that Saul had done to him. And he went, and Samuel, and they stayed in Naioth.	*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, to whom did he go in Ramah?

David went to Samuel in Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:20

ULT	UST
And Saul sent messengers to take David. And one saw a group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel was standing, having stationed himself over them. And the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.	*So Saul sent some soldiers to capture David. When those soldiers arrived in Ramah, they met some prophets who were speaking and singing as God inspired them. Samuel was there as their leader. The Spirit of God influenced the soldiers whom Saul had sent, and they began to speak and sing themselves instead of trying to capture David.*

What happened to Saul's messengers when they saw the group of prophets?

The Spirit of God came on them, and they also prophesied.

1 Samuel 19:21-22

After sending messengers two more times, what did Saul do?

Saul himself went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:24

ULT	UST
And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied to the face of Samuel. And he lay naked all of that day and all of the night. Therefore they said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"	*There he also took off his outer clothes, and he spoke and sang in front of Samuel. He lay on the ground uncovered all day and all night. That is the reason why, when people see someone doing something unexpected, they say, "Is Saul also a prophet?"*

How long did Saul lie naked before Samuel?

He lay naked all that day and all that night.

1 Samuel 20

1 Samuel 20:2

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Profane! You will not die. Behold, my father does not do a great thing or a small thing and not uncover my ear. So why would my father hide this thing from me? There is not this!"	*Jonathan replied, "My father is not going to kill you! I would not let that happen. Besides, he always tells me before he does anything of any kind. So he would not fail to tell me if he were planning to kill you. 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 revealing it to him.

1 Samuel 20:3

ULT	UST
And David swore besides and said, "Knowing, your father knows that I have found favor in your eyes. So he said, 'May Jonathan not know this, lest he be grieved.' But indeed, the life of Yahweh, and the life of your soul, surely like a step is between me and between death!"	*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 I swear by Yahweh and I swear by your own life that your father is just about to kill me."*

How close did David say he was to death?

He said that there was only a step between him and death.

1 Samuel 20:5

ULT	UST
And David said to Jonathan, "Behold, the new moon is tomorrow, and sitting, I should sit with the king to eat. But you shall let me go, and I shall hide myself in the field until the third evening.	*David replied, "Here is what you can do for me. Tomorrow the king will host a feast to celebrate the start of a new month. I always sit with the king at such festivals. But this time, allow me not to attend. Instead, I will hide in the field, and I will stay there until the evening of the day after tomorrow.*

What did David ask Jonathan to let him do until the third evening?

David asked to hide in the field until the third evening.

1 Samuel 20:6

ULT	UST
If missing, your father misses me, then you shall say, 'Asking, David asked from me to run to Bethlehem, his city, for the sacrifice of days is there for all of the clan.'	*If your father asks why I am not there at the festival, this is what you should tell him: 'All of David's relatives gather once a year to sacrifice an animal and eat a meal from the meat at which they praise and thank Yahweh. He asked permission from me to make a brief visit to Bethlehem so that he could eat that meal with his family.'*

What reason did David tell Jonathan to give Saul if Saul missed him?

He was to tell Saul that David had asked make a brief visit to his city, Bethlehem, for the yearly sacrifice for his whole clan.

1 Samuel 20:8

ULT	UST
Then 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, kill me yourself. For why this, that should you bring me to your father?"	*If that is true, then you must protect me. You indicated you would do that when you promised, with Yahweh as your witness, that you and I would always be good friends. But if I deserve to die for something very wrong that I have done, then you should kill me yourself. You do not need to make your father kill me."*

Why did David ask Jonathan to deal faithfully with him?

David asked this because Jonathan had brought him into a covenant of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 20:11

ULT	UST
And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out to the field." And the two of them went out to the field.	*Jonathan replied, "We need to go somewhere where we can speak more privately. Please come with me out to the field." So they went together out into the field.*

Where did Jonathan ask David to go so they could talk?

He asked David to go with him out into the field so they could speak privately.

1 Samuel 20:13

ULT	UST
Thus may Yahweh do to Jonathan, and thus may he add: if harm upon you is good to my father, then I will 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.	*But if he is planning to kill 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 get away safely. Yahweh helped my father when he became king, and I hope that Yahweh will help you in the same way.*

Why did Jonathan want to make his father's intentions known to David?

Jonathan promised to reveal his father's intentions so that David flee.

1 Samuel 20:16-17

How did Jonathan know that David would keep his promise that he would not harm Jonathan's descendants?

Jonathan knew that David would keep that promise because David loved Jonathan as much as he loved himself.

1 Samuel 20:21

ULT	UST
And behold, I will send a boy, 'Go find the arrows.' If saying, I say to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are from you, and hither, get them,' then come, for peace is for you and there is no matter, the life of Yahweh.	*Then I will tell a boy to go and get the arrows. You may hear me call out to him, 'You have gone too far, the arrows are behind you, turn around and pick them up!' I swear by Yahweh that if you hear me say that, then it is safe for you to return. You are in no danger.*

Whom did Jonathan say he would send to find the arrows he shot?

He said he would send a boy to find the arrows.

1 Samuel 20:24

ULT	UST
And David hid himself in the field, and it was the new moon, and the king sat down at the food to eat.	*So David went and hid in the field. When the festival of the new moon started, King Saul came to the table for the feast.*

When the festival of the new moon came, what did the king do?

The king came to the table for the feast.

1 Samuel 20:26

ULT	UST
But Saul did not say anything on that day, for he said, "It is an accident. He is not clean, surely not clean."	*At the time Saul did not say anything about David being absent, because he was thinking, "Something must have happened that caused David to become ritually unclean so that he cannot attend this religious festival today."*

What did Saul think might have happened to David to make him absent from the feast?

Saul thought it was an accident and that David was not ritually clean.

1 Samuel 20:29

ULT	UST
And he said, 'Please let me go. For the sacrifice of our clan is in the city, and my brother himself has commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, may I please go away, and may I see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the table of the king."	*He told me, 'Our family is going to offer a sacrifice in Bethlehem, and my oldest brother has insisted that I be there. So please let me go. I hope that you think well enough of me to permit that, since I would like to go and visit with my older brothers.' I allowed David to go, and that is the reason why he is not here eating with you."*

Why did Jonathan say David had to attend his family's sacrifice?

He said David's brother had commanded him to be there.

1 Samuel 20:30

ULT	UST
And the nose of Saul burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "Son of one perverting herself in rebellion! 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?	*Saul became furious with Jonathan. He said to him, "Your mother must have been unfaithful to me, because no real son of mine would have done that! It is no secret to me that you have promised always to be friends with that son of Jesse. But by being his friend, you are shaming yourself by showing that your mother must have had sexual relations with some other man who is your actual father.*

What did Saul call his son Jonathan in his burning anger?

He called him the son a mother who must have been unfaithful to Saul, because no real son of his would have done that.

1 Samuel 20:34

ULT	UST
And Jonathan arose from the table with burning of nose. And he did not eat bread on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David, because his father had dishonored him.	*This made Jonathan very angry, and he left the room. On that second day of the festival, he refused to eat anything. His father had said unfairly that David was not loyal to him, and that made Jonathan offended for David's sake.*

Why was Jonathan grieved for David?

He was grieved for David because his father had dishonored him, saying unfairly that David was not loyal to him.

1 Samuel 20:36

ULT	UST
And he said to his boy, "Run, please find the arrows that I am shooting." The boy ran, and he shot the arrow to pass over him.	*Jonathan told the boy, "Run out into the field so that you can find the arrows that I shoot." The boy started running, and Jonathan shot an arrow over the boy so that it would land on the ground far ahead of him.*

Where did Jonathan shoot an arrow as the boy ran?

Jonathan shot an arrow over the boy so that it would land on the ground far ahead of him.

1 Samuel 20:42

ULT	UST
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 between you, and between my seed and between your seed, forever.'" And he arose and went, and Jonathan entered the city.	*Jonathan said to David, "I am letting you go safely, because we made a promise to each other with Yahweh as our witness. We asked Yahweh to make sure that we would always help each other and that our descendants would never hurt each other." Then David finally left, and Jonathan went back into the city of Gibeah.*

What did Jonathan do after David left?

Jonathan went back into the city of Gibeah.

1 Samuel 21

1 Samuel 21:2

ULT	UST
And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me regarding a matter and has said to me, 'May a man not know anything about the matter for which I am sending you and about which I have commanded you.' And I have informed the young men about a certain unnamed place.	*David did not tell him the truth. He told Ahimelech, "I have come on a special mission from the king. I am alone because he told me that no one should find out about what he sent me to do. But I will have soldiers with me. I have told them to meet me at a specific place, but I must not say where that is.*

What did David say the king had told him to let no one know?

He said the king had commanded him to let no one know anything about what the king sent him to do.

1 Samuel 21:4

ULT	UST
And the priest answered David and said, "There is no common bread toward under my hand, but there is holy bread. If the young men have only kept themselves from women."	*Ahimelech told David, "There is no ordinary bread here, but I have some of the sacred bread that we put on the table in the sacred tent. I will give your men that bread to eat if they have not recently become ceremonially unclean by having sexual relations with women."*

What did the priest tell David about the bread he had?

The priest said that there was no common bread, but there was holy bread, if the young men not recently become ceremonially unclean by having sexual relations with women.

1 Samuel 21:6

ULT	UST
So the priest gave to him the holy. For no bread was there except the bread of the face having been removed from to the face of Yahweh to put hot bread on the day of its being taken away.	*Now the only bread that the priest had available was some bread that the priests had put on the table in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent. They had later removed that bread to replace it with fresh bread. So the priest gave David several loaves of it.*

From where had the bread of the Presence been taken?

The bread of the Presence had been taken from the table in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent.

1 Samuel 21:7

ULT	UST
Now a man was there from the servants of Saul on that day. He was detained to the face of Yahweh. And his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of the herders who were to Saul.	*On that day a man who worked for Saul was at the sacred tent. His name was Doeg. He was an Edomite. King Saul had made him the supervisor of all of his shepherds. Doeg needed to stay at the sacred tent until he had fulfilled a religious duty. He saw what Ahimelech did to help David.*

What was the work of Doeg the Edomite, who was there that day and saw what Ahimelech did to help David?

Doeg the Edomite was the chief of the herders who worked for Saul.

1 Samuel 21:8

ULT	UST
And David said to Ahimelech, "And is there not here under your hand a spear or a sword? For both my sword and also my weapons I did not take in my hand, because the matter of the king was being urged."	*David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or a sword here that you could give me? The king commanded me to leave right away on this mission, so I did not even have time to get any weapons."*

Why did David say he had no weapons with him?

He said that he had not brought any weapons because the king's matter was so urgent that he did not have time to get any weapons.

1 Samuel 21:10

ULT	UST
And David arose and fled on that day from the face of Saul. And he came to Achish, the king of Gath.	*So Ahimelech gave it to him, and David left that same day so that Saul would not capture him. He ran away to the Philistine city of Gath. He offered to work for Achish, the king of that city.*

From whom was David fleeing when he went to Achish, the king of Gath?

He was fleeing that day from Saul.

1 Samuel 21:13

ULT	UST
So he changed his behavior in their eyes, and he acted insane in their hand. And he made marks on the doors of the gate, and he caused his saliva to go down to his beard.	*So whenever he was with those officers or the king, he acted differently. For as long as he was in Gath, where they could harm him, he pretended that he was insane. When he was waiting in the court outside the palace, he would scratch all over the gate that led into the palace. He also drooled so much that saliva ran down onto his beard.*

What did David pretend to be when he changed his behavior before Achish and his servants?

He pretended to be insane whenever he was with the officers or the king.

1 Samuel 21:14

ULT	UST
And Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see a man raving. Why did you bring him to me?	*Then King Achish said to his men, "Look at this man! He is acting crazy! You should not have brought him to me!*

What did Achish ask his servants when he saw that David was acting as if he was insane?

He asked them why they had brought a raving man to him.

1 Samuel 22

1 Samuel 22:2

ULT	UST
And they gathered themselves to him, every man of distress and every man for whom was a creditor and every man bitter of soul. And he became a commander over them. And they were with him, about 400 men.	*Then other men joined him. Some were in trouble. Others had debts they could not pay. Still others came because they did not like what was happening in Israel with Saul as king. David became their commander. Eventually he had an army of 400 men.*

Who gathered with David at the cave of Adullam?

Everyone who was in distress, in debt, or who did not like what was happening in Israel with Saul as king.

1 Samuel 22:3-4

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 the stronghold.

1 Samuel 22:6

ULT	UST
And Saul heard that David had become known, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height, and his spear was in his hand, and all of his servants had stationed themselves beside him.	*Saul learned that people knew that David and his men had returned to Judah. One day Saul was sitting underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill in the city of Gibeah. He was holding his royal spear, and his officials were standing around him.*

Who did Saul hear had been discovered?

He heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered.

1 Samuel 22:8

ULT	UST
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 had raised up my servant against me to lie in ambush as this day."	*You seem to think that, and that is why you have all conspired against me. Not one of you informed me that my own son had promised always to be friends with that son of Jesse! Not one of you felt sorry for me or told me that my son had encouraged my own servant to revolt against me! At this very moment he is hiding somewhere, hoping to surprise me and kill me!"*

What did Saul accuse his servants of not revealing to him?

Saul said that none of his servants had revealed to him that his own son had made a covenant with David or had incited David against him.

1 Samuel 22:10

ULT	UST
And he inquired of Yahweh for him, and he gave provisions to him. And he gave to him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."	*Ahimelech asked Yahweh to show David what he should do. Ahimelech also gave David some food, and he gave him the sword that had belonged to Goliath, that great Philistine soldier."*

What two things did Doeg the Edomite tell Saul that Ahimelech gave to David?

Doeg the Edomite told Saul that Ahimelech gave David provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

1 Samuel 22:13

ULT	UST
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?"	*Saul said, "You are conspiring against me with that son of Jesse! You gave him some bread and a sword, and you asked God to tell him what he should do. You helped him to revolt against me, and at this very moment he is hiding somewhere, hoping to surprise me and kill me!"*

What did Saul say Ahimelech did for the son of Jesse besides giving him bread and a sword?

Saul said that Ahimelech had inquired of God for him.

1 Samuel 22:17

ULT	UST
And the king said to the runners having stationed themselves beside him, "Turn and kill the priests of Yahweh, because their hand is also with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing but they did not uncover my ear." But the servants of the king were not willing to stretch out their hand to attack the priests of Yahweh.	*Then Saul commanded his bodyguards, who were standing around him, "These priests of Yahweh are conspiring with David against me! They knew that David was trying to run away from me, but they did not tell me! So I want you to kill them right away!" But Saul's bodyguards refused to kill Yahweh's priests.*

What were the servants of King Saul not willing to do?

They were not willing to attack the priests of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 22:18-19

Whom did Doeg kill with the sword in Nob, the city of the priests?

He killed men and women, children and infants, and oxen, donkeys, and sheep.

1 Samuel 22:20

ULT	UST
But a son of one to Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, escaped, and his name was Abiathar. And he fled after David.	*However, one of Ahimelech's sons escaped. His name was Abiathar. He ran away and joined David and the men who were with him.*

Where did Abiathar go when he escaped the killing?

Abiathar ran away and joined David.

1 Samuel 22:22

ULT	UST
And David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that declaring, he would declare to Saul. I myself have turned against every soul of the house of your father!	*Then David said to him, "That man from the Edomites, Doeg, was there at Nob on the day when I was there. I knew that he would surely tell Saul that your father helped me. So it is my fault that your father and all of his family are dead.*

For what did David tell Abiathar he was responsible?

David said that the death of every person in Abiathar's father's house was his fault.

1 Samuel 23

1 Samuel 23:1-2

About what did David inquire of Yahweh when he heard the Philistines were robbing the threshing floors at Keilah?

David asked Yahweh if he should go and strike the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:3-4

Why did David inquire of Yahweh again about the Philistines?

David's men told him they were afraid even in Judah, and would be much more afraid to go to Keilah against the Philistine armies.

1 Samuel 23:5

ULT	UST
And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. And he drove off their livestock and struck a great striking against them. And David saved the dwellers of Keilah.	*So David and his men went to Keilah and fought against the Philistines. They killed many of their soldiers and captured many of their cattle. In that way David and his men rescued the people of Keilah.*

What was the outcome when David and his men fought with the Philistines?

David struck the Philistines with a great blow, drove off their livestock, and saved the people of Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:7-8

Why did Saul think he could capture David and his men in Keilah?

Saul thought God had delivered David into his hand because David had shut himself in a city that had gates and bars and locks to keep David from leaving.

1 Samuel 23:9

ULT	UST
But David knew that Saul was devising harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring near the ephod."	*But David found out that Saul was preparing to capture him with his army. So he told Abiathar the priest, "Bring the sacred apron here so we can use it to consult Yahweh."*

After David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him, what did David say to Abiathar the priest?

David told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod so they could use it to consult Yahweh.

1 Samuel 23:10-11

What did David ask Yahweh concerning Saul and the men of Keilah?

David asked if Saul would come down to Keilah and if the leaders of Keilah would surrender him into Saul's hand.

1 Samuel 23:12

ULT	UST
And David said, "Will the lords of Keilah enclose me and my men in the hand of Saul?" And Yahweh said, "They will enclose."	*Then David asked, "If we stay here, will the leaders of Keilah let Saul's army capture me and my men?" 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 him to Saul.

1 Samuel 23:13-14

Why did Saul stop his pursuit of David at Keilah?

Saul was told that David had left Keilah, so he stopped his pursuit.

1 Samuel 23:15-16

How did Jonathan, Saul's son, help David in the wilderness of Ziph?

He went to David and reassured him that he could trust God to protect him.

1 Samuel 23:18

ULT	UST
And the two of them cut a covenant to the face of Yahweh. And David stayed in the forest, and Jonathan went to his house.	*Then, with Yahweh as their witness, David and Jonathan repeated their solemn promise always to be loyal to each other. Then Jonathan went home, and David stayed in the forest.*

Before Jonathan went home, what did he and David do in the forest?

With Yahweh as their witness, David and Jonathan repeated their solemn promise to be loyal to each other.

1 Samuel 23:25

ULT	UST
And Saul and his men went to seek. And they declared to David, and he went down to a crag and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard, and he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.	*Saul and his soldiers went to search for David, but someone told David that they were coming. So he and his men went farther south to stay on a rocky hill in the area of Maon. Saul found out about that, and he and his men chased David and his men farther into that desolate area.*

Why did David and his men go to the wilderness of Maon?

Someone told David that Saul and his men went to search for David so he and his men went farther south to the wilderness of Maon.

1 Samuel 23:26-27

What happened as Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men?

A messenger came to Saul and told him that the Philistines had made a raid against the land.

1 Samuel 23:28

ULT	UST
And Saul returned from pursuing after David, and he went to meet the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sela Hammahlekoth.	*So Saul stopped pursuing David. Instead, he and his soldiers went to fight against the Philistine army. That is the reason why people call that place Sela Hammahlekoth.*

What was Saul's response to this news?

Saul returned from pursuing David and went to meet the Philistines.

1 Samuel 24

1 Samuel 24:1-2

What did Saul do when he heard that David was in the wilderness of En Gedi?

He took three thousand chosen men and went there to seek David and his men.

1 Samuel 24:3-4

What did David do to Saul in the cave instead of killing him?

David secretly cut off the edge of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:5-7

Why did David not allow his men to attack Saul?

David's heart struck him, and he said he would not stretch out his hand against his master, because he was the anointed of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 24:8

ULT	UST
And David arose after this and came out from the cave. And he called out after Saul, saying, "My master the king!" And Saul looked behind him, and David bowed, nostrils to the ground, and prostrated himself.	*David then came out of the cave and shouted to Saul, "King Saul, my lord!" Saul turned around and looked, and David humbly bowed down with his face touching the ground.*

When David left the cave after Saul, how did he show respect to Saul?

David called out to Saul as his master the king, and then he bowed with his face to the ground.

1 Samuel 24:10-11

How did David prove to Saul that he did not want to harm him?

David showed Saul the edge of his robe that he had cut off, proving he had been close enough to kill him, but did not.

1 Samuel 24:16

ULT	UST
And it happened, as David finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.	*When David finished saying this to Saul, Saul called back to him and said, "Is that really you speaking to me, David my son?" Then he cried loudly.*

What was Saul's response to David?

He asked if it was David's voice, called him his son, then lifted up his voice and wept.

1 Samuel 24:17-18

Why did Saul say that David was more righteous than he was?

David had repaid Saul with good even though Saul had done evil to David.

1 Samuel 24:20

ULT	UST
And now, behold, I know that reigning, you will reign, and the kingdom of Israel will stand in your hand.	*Now I know that someday you will surely become king and that you will have a long and successful reign over the kingdom of Israel.*

What did Saul say he knew about David at this time?

Saul knew that David would surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel would be established in David's hand.

1 Samuel 24:21-22

Before Saul went home, what oath did David swear to him?

David swore that he would not cut off Saul's descendants or destroy his name from his father's house.

1 Samuel 25

1 Samuel 25:3

ULT	UST
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 appearance. But the man was harsh and evil of deeds, and he was a Calebite.	*This man's name was Nabal. He was a descendant of Caleb. His wife Abigail was a wise and beautiful woman, but Nabal himself was very cruel. He treated people very unkindly.*

What kind of man was Nabal in his dealings?

He was harsh and evil in his deeds.

What was Nabal's wife Abigail like?

She had good insight and was beautiful in appearance.

1 Samuel 25:4-5

Whom did David send to greet Nabal while he was shearing his sheep?

David sent ten young men to greet Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:7

ULT	UST
And now, I have heard that shearers are to you. Now the shepherds who are to you have been with us. We have not hurt them, and anything to them has not been missing all of the days of their being in Carmel.	*I have a small request. People have told me that you now have workers cutting the wool from your sheep. My soldiers and I were in the same area where your shepherds were tending those sheep. But the whole time they were with us near Carmel, we did not harm them, and we did not steal any sheep from them.*

Why did David think that Nabal would be generous to him and his men?

David's men had not harmed Nabal's shepherds, and nothing of theirs was missing while they were near David's men.

1 Samuel 25:8

ULT	UST
Ask your young men, and they will declare to you. So 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.'"	*You can ask your own servants about this, and they will tell you that it is true. We have come here at a time when you are celebrating, so I ask you please to be generous to us and send back with these men something from the feast that you have prepared for this occasion. David regards you respectfully as a benefactor.'"*

What did David's young men ask Nabal to give them?

They asked Nabal to please send back with them something from the feast that he prepared for this occasion.

1 Samuel 25:9-11

What was Nabal's response to David's young men?

Nabal spoke of disrespectfully of David, implying that he was a runaway slave wandering the countryside, and he said he would not give any of his food and water to them.

1 Samuel 25:13

ULT	UST
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 equipment.	*When he heard this, David told his men, "We are going to kill Nabal! Each of you, fasten on your swords!" So they did, and David fastened on his own sword. Then 400 of the men went with David to Carmel, while 200 of them stayed behind to guard their supplies.*

What did David tell his men to do when he heard Nabal's response?

David ordered his men to strap on their swords.

1 Samuel 25:14-15

When one of the young men spoke to Abigail, how did he say that David and his men had treated Nabal's shepherds?

He said the men were very kind to them and did not harm them or steal anything from them.

1 Samuel 25:17

ULT	UST
And now, know and see what you shall do, for harm has completed against our master and against all of his house. And he is a son of wickedness from speaking to him."	*So please consider this situation and think of something that you can do about it. David has already decided to hurt our master and all of us in his household. Nabal is a very bad man, so he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what he should do."*

Why did the young man go to Abigail instead of to Nabal?

He said that Nabal is such a wicked man that he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what he should do.

1 Samuel 25:18-19

What did Abigail do after hearing about her husband's response?

Abigail hurriedly gathered provisions, put them on donkeys, and told her young men to go ahead of her, taking them to David, but she did not tell Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:20

ULT	UST
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.	*Abigail was riding on her donkey, and she was coming down the slope of a hill. Just then David and his men were coming down the slope of an opposite hill. So they met at the bottom.*

Whom did Abigail meet as she rode her donkey down the mountain?

David and his men were coming down to meet her, and she encountered them.

1 Samuel 25:21-22

What had David said he planned to do after protecting Nabal's possessions in vain?

David had said that by morning he would kill Nabal and every male person in his household.

1 Samuel 25:23-24

What did Abigail do when she met David?

Abigail hurriedly got down from her donkey, respectfully bowed to the ground before David, accepted the blame for the way he was mistreated, and asked to speak to him.

1 Samuel 25:25-26

What did Abigail hope to prevent by speaking to David?

She hoped to keep David from killing many people himself instead of relying on Yahweh to protect him.

1 Samuel 25:27-28

What did Abigail ask David to do with the blessing she brought?

Abigail asked that the blessing be given to the young men who followed David and that he would forgive her transgression.

1 Samuel 25:28

ULT	UST
Please lift off the transgression of your maidservant. For making, Yahweh will make for my master an established house, because my master is fighting the battles of Yahweh. And evil will not be found in you from your days.	*So please forgive this offense, for which I consider myself responsible. Because you have been fighting against Yahweh's enemies, he will certainly make you king of Israel and then allow many of your descendants to become king after you. So please do not do anything terrible that you will regret for as long as you live.*

Who did Abigail say would make David to be king?

Abigail said that Yahweh would make David king of Israel and then allow many of his descendants to become king after him. because he was fighting the battles of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 25:29

ULT	UST
If a man arises to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my master will be bound in the bundle of the living by Yahweh your God. But the life of your enemies, he will sling it away in the midst of the pocket of a sling.	*Even if someone searches for you to try to kill you, Yahweh your God will make sure that you stay alive, as if he had wrapped you up securely for protection. He will make your enemies die instead. They will die as swiftly as a stone flies that someone hurls from a sling.*

Who does Abigail say will sling away the lives of David's enemies?

She says that Yahweh, David's God, will sling them away as swiftly as a stone flies from the pocket of a sling.

1 Samuel 25:32

ULT	UST
And David said to Abigail, "May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be blessed, who sent you this day to meet me.	*David replied to Abigail, "I thank Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, for sending you to speak with me today.*

Whom did David say had sent Abigail to meet him?

David said that Yahweh, the God of Israel, had sent Abigail.

1 Samuel 25:33

ULT	UST
And blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you who have kept me this day from entering into bloodshed and my hand saving for myself!	*I thank him for your wisdom, and I thank him that you kept me today from killing many people myself instead of relying on Yahweh to protect me.*

Why did David say that Abigail and her discernment were blessed?

Because Abigail had kept him that day from entering into bloodshed and from saving himself with his own hand.

1 Samuel 25:34

ULT	UST
For indeed, the life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, who has retrained me from harming you, that lest you had hurried and come to meet me, that if one pissing against the wall had been left to Nabal until the light of the morning!”	*I will swear something to you by Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, who has prevented me from hurting you. If you had not come so quickly to speak with me, not a single male in your household would have still been alive by dawn tomorrow.”*

Who had kept David from harming Nabal’s household?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, had restrained David from harming them.

1 Samuel 25:36

ULT	UST
And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, a feast was to him in his house like the feast of a king. And the heart of Nabal was good within him, and he was drunk to abundance. So she did not declare to him a thing small or great until the light of the morning.	*When Abigail returned home to Nabal, she found that he was having a big celebration such as kings have. He was feeling very happy, and he had gotten very drunk. So Abigail did not say anything at all to him that night about her meeting with David.*

Why did Abigail not say anything to Nabal when she returned from seeing David?

Nabal was holding a feast like a king’s feast and was very drunk.

1 Samuel 25:37-38

What happened to Nabal in the morning when Abigail told him what had happened?

He had a stroke and could no longer move; about ten days later, Yahweh struck Nabal and he died.

1 Samuel 25:39-40

What did David do when he heard that Nabal was dead?

David sent messengers to speak with Abigail, to take her as his wife.

1 Samuel 25:42

ULT	UST
And Abigail hurried and arose and rode on a donkey, and her five young women were going at her feet. And she went after the messengers of David, and she became to him a wife.	*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, he married her.*

What did Abigail do when she heard David wanted to marry her?

Abigail hurriedly arose, rode on a donkey with her five young women, and followed David's messengers to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:44

ULT	UST
But Saul had given his daughter Michal, the wife of David, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.	*King Saul's daughter Michal was David's wife, but Saul had given her to Palti son of Laish, who was from the town of Gallim.*

What had happened to David's wife, Michal?

Saul had given her to another man as his wife.

1 Samuel 26

1 Samuel 26:2

ULT	UST
And Saul arose 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.	*So Saul chose 3, 000 of the best Israelite soldiers and led them to the desolate area in the region of Ziph to search for David.*

Whom did Saul take with him to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph?

Saul took three thousand chosen men of Israel.

1 Samuel 26:4

ULT	UST
For David sent spies, so he knew as a confirmed thing Saul had come.	*He learned that by sending out some spies. They came back and told him that Saul had in fact come to their area.*

How did David know that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness?

David sent out spies and learned for certain that Saul had come.

1 Samuel 26:5

ULT	UST
And David arose and came to the place where Saul had camped there. And David saw the place where Saul lay there, and Abner, the son of Ner, the commander of his army. And Saul lay within the wagon-track, and the people were camped around him.	*David decided to go at night and look at the place where the spies told him Saul's army had set up its tents. From a distance, he could see where Saul and his army commander, Abner, were sleeping. Saul was sleeping inside a barricade that the soldiers had made with the wagons in which they had brought their supplies. The rest of the army was sleeping all around Saul.*

Where did David go after learning that Saul had come?

David arose and went to the place where Saul had camped.

1 Samuel 26:6-8

What did Abishai want to do when he and David saw Saul sleeping inside the camp?

Abishai wanted to strike Saul with his own spear and pin him to the earth.

1 Samuel 26:9

ULT	UST
But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him. For who has stretched out his hand against the anointed one of Yahweh and been innocent?"	*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 Abishai to kill Saul?

David said no one could kill Yahweh's appointed king and be innocent. He said that Yahweh will surely punish anyone who kills him.

1 Samuel 26:10

ULT	UST
And David said, "The life of Yahweh—but rather Yahweh will strike him, or his day will come and he will die, or he will go down into a battle and be swept away—	*David continued, "Instead, Yahweh may cause him to die, or he may die of some disease or of old age, or enemy soldiers may kill him in a battle. But I swear by Yahweh that I will not kill Saul myself.*

How did David say Saul must die?

David said that Yahweh may cause him to die, or he may die of some disease or of old age, or enemy soldiers may kill him in a battle, but David would not kill him.

1 Samuel 26:11-12

What did David take from beside Saul's head?

David took the spear and the jug of water from near Saul's head.

1 Samuel 26:13

ULT	UST
And David passed over to the other side, and he stood on the head of a hill at a distance. Great was the place between them.	*David and Abishai went across a valley and climbed up high on a hill opposite Hakilah. They were far away from Saul's camp.*

Where did David go after he left Saul's camp?

He went across a valley and stood on the top of the hill far away from Saul's camp.

1 Samuel 26:15-16

Why did David say Abner, the man who was to watch over Saul, deserved to die?

He said Abner deserved to die because he did not watch over his master, the anointed of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:17-18

What question did David ask Saul?

David asked why his master was pursuing David, his servant, and what evil he had done.

1 Samuel 26:19

ULT	UST
And now, may my lord the king please hear the words of his servant. If Yahweh has incited you against me, may he smell an offering. But if sons of man, may they be cursed to the face of Yahweh. For they have driven me out today from joining myself with the inheritance of Yahweh, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'	*Your majesty, please listen to me! If Yahweh is punishing me for sinning by causing you to want to harm me, I hope he will accept a guilt offering from me and forgive me. But if it is people who have caused you to be angry with me, then I hope Yahweh will make bad things happen to them! If people have convinced you to want to harm me, they are now forcing me to leave this land that Yahweh has given to the Israelites. By making me leave Israel, it is as if they are telling me to live somewhere else where the people worship different gods!*

What did David say should happen to the people who had caused Saul to be angry with him?

David said that they should be cursed before Yahweh because they had driven him out from the inheritance of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:21

ULT	UST
And Saul said, “I have sinned! Return, my son David! For I will not harm you again, for my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly and have strayed very greatly!”	*Then Saul said, “David, my son, I have sinned by trying to kill you. Please come back home. Today you considered my life to be very valuable, so you did not kill me. So I will not try to harm you anymore. I recognize that I have foolishly made a very big mistake.”*

What did Saul say to David?

Saul said that he had sinned, had acted foolishly, and would not harm David anymore. He asked David to come back home.

1 Samuel 26:22

ULT	UST
And David answered and said, “Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men pass over and take it.	*David replied, “Look, here is your spear! Send one of your young men over 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 26:24

ULT	UST
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 deliver me from all distress.”	*Just as I considered your life to be valuable and spared it today, I hope that Yahweh will consider my life to be valuable and rescue me from every danger.”*

What did David say about the value of both of their lives?

David said that just as Saul’s life was great in his eyes that day, he hoped that Yahweh could consider his own life to be great and rescue him from every danger.

1 Samuel 27

1 Samuel 27:1

ULT	UST
And David said to his heart, "Now I will be swept away one day by the hand of Saul. There is no good for me except escaping, I should escape to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me to seek me again in all of the border of Israel, and I will escape from his hand."	*But David thought, "Some day Saul will capture me and kill me if I stay here in Israel. So the best thing that I can do is certainly to flee to the region of Philistia. If I do that, Saul will stop searching for me here in Israel, and I will be safe from him."*

Why did David think that he needed to escape into the land of the Philistines?

David felt that otherwise Saul would capture him and kill him.

1 Samuel 27:4

ULT	UST
And it was declared to Saul that David had fled to Gath, and he did not add to seek him more.	*When Saul learned that David had gone to live in Gath, he stopped pursuing him.*

What made Saul no longer seek for David?

Saul heard that David had fled to Gath.

1 Samuel 27:5-6

What did David ask for and receive from Achish the Philistine?

David asked for a place to live in one of the villages in the countryside, and Achish gave him Ziklag.

1 Samuel 27:8-9

What did David and his men do when they raided the Geshurites, Girzites, and Amalekites?

They struck the land, did not let a man or woman live, and took the sheep, cattle, donkeys, camels, and garments.

1 Samuel 27:10

ULT	UST
And Achish said, "Have you not raided today?" And David said, "Against the Negeb of Judah" or "against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelite" or "against the Negeb of the Kenite."	*Each time Achish would ask David, "Where did you go raiding today?" David would lie to him and sometimes say that he and his men had attacked the people who lived in the Negeb within the territory of Judah. Other times, he would say that they had attacked the Jerahmeelites who lived in the Negeb. And at other times, he would say that they had attacked the Kenites who lived in the Negeb.*

Where did David tell Achish he had raided?

David would say that he had raided the south of Judah, or the south of the Jerahmeelites, or the south of the Kenites.

1 Samuel 27:11

ULT	UST
Now David did not let a man or a woman live to bring to Gath, saying, "Lest they declare about us, saying, 'Thus did David do.'" And this was his custom all of the days that he dwelled in the field of the Philistines.	*David's men never brought anyone alive back to Gath. David thought, "If we do not kill everyone, some of them will tell Achish the truth about what we really did." David did that the whole time that he and his men lived in the region of Philistia.*

From the raids, why did David not bring anyone alive back to Gath?

David did this so that they would not be able to tell Achish the truth about he had really done.

1 Samuel 27:12

ULT	UST
And Achish trusted in David, saying, "Stinking, he stinks among his people in Israel, so he will be to me for a servant forever."	*Achish believed what David told him, and he thought, "Because of what David has done, his own people, the Israelites, must now hate him very much. So he will always have to stay here and serve me."*

Why did Achish trust David?

Achish believed what David told him and thought that David had made himself to be hated among his own people so that he would always have to stay and serve Achish.

1 Samuel 28

1 Samuel 28:1-2

What did Achish want David and his men to do when the Philistines gathered to fight Israel?

Achish wanted David and his men to go out with him into the camp for battle.

1 Samuel 28:3

ULT	UST
Now Samuel had died, and all of Israel had mourned for him, and they had buried him in Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had removed the ritual pits and the familiar spirits from the land.	*By this time, Samuel had died, and the Israelite people had mourned for him. Then they had buried him in Ramah, his hometown. Also, before this, Saul had forbidden anyone in Israel to try to contact people who had died or to try to talk to spirits that could tell them things that people otherwise could not know.*

Whom had Saul removed from the land after Samuel's death?

Saul had removed those who consulted with ritual pits and familiar spirits from the land.

1 Samuel 28:4

ULT	UST
And the Philistines gathered and came and camped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all of Israel, and they camped at Gilboa.	*The Philistines assembled their troops and marched into Israel and set up their tents near the city of Shunem. Saul gathered the Israelite army, and they set up their tents at Gilboa.*

Where did the Philistines and the Israelites set up their camps to fight?

The Philistines camped at Shunem, and Israel camped at Gilboa.

1 Samuel 28:5-7

Why did Saul search for a woman who was a mistress of a ritual pit?

Saul was very afraid of the Philistine army, and Yahweh did not answer him by dreams, Urim, or prophets, so Saul sought a women who owns a pit that she uses to contact people who have died.

1 Samuel 28:8-9

What was the woman afraid of when the disguised Saul went to talk to her?

She was afraid that he was setting a trap for her life, because Saul had cut off those who try to contact people who have died or to try to talk to spirits.

1 Samuel 28:10

ULT	UST
But Saul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, "The life of Yahweh, if punishment shall meet you for this thing!"	*In response, Saul made her a sacred promise. He said, "I swear by Yahweh, if you do what I ask, no one will punish you."*

What did Saul promise the woman?

Saul swore by Yahweh that no one would punish if she did what he asked.

1 Samuel 28:11-12

How did the woman know that the man who asked her to bring up Samuel was Saul?

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice and said to Saul that he had deceived her.

1 Samuel 28:13-14

What did the woman say Samuel looked like?

The woman said she saw an old man wearing a robe.

1 Samuel 28:15

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me to bring me up?" And Saul said, "It is very narrow to me, for the Philistines are fighting with me. And God has turned aside from with me, and he does not answer me anymore, either by the hand of prophets or by dreams, so I have called to you to let me know what I should do."	*Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you bothered me by bringing me back to earth from the place where dead people go?" Saul said, "I am in great danger. The Philistine army is about to attack my army, but God is no longer helping me. He no longer tells me what I should do by giving a message for me to any prophet or by giving me a dream. That is why wanted to speak with you. I want you tell me what I should do!"*

Why did Saul say he had brought up Samuel?

Saul said that he was in great danger but God was no longer helping him, so he wanted Samuel to tell him what he should do.

1 Samuel 28:16-17

What did Samuel say Yahweh had done with Saul's kingdom?

Yahweh had torn Saul's kingdom from his hand and had given it to his fellow, to David.

1 Samuel 28:19

ULT	UST
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."	*Yahweh will also enable the Philistine army to defeat you and all the other Israelite soldiers. By tomorrow you and your sons will be with me in the place where dead people go. Yes, Yahweh will enable the Philistine army to defeat the entire Israelite army."*

What did Samuel say would happen to Saul and his sons the next day?

He said that the next day, Saul and his sons would be with him in death.

1 Samuel 28:22

ULT	UST
And now, please listen, even you, to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set to your face a piece of bread, and eat. And strength will be in you when you go in the way."	*Since I did what you asked, please now do what I ask. Please let me serve you some food to eat. That way you will get enough strength back to return to your army."*

What did the woman and Saul's servants urge him to do?

They urged him to eat a piece of bread to have strength to go on his way.

1 Samuel 28:24-25

What did the woman prepare for Saul and his servants to eat?

She killed a fatted calf from the stall of her house, and she baked unleavened bread for them to eat.

1 Samuel 29

1 Samuel 29:3

ULT	UST
And the lords of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews?" And Achish said to the lords 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 to this day."	*But on the way to the battlefield the Philistine rulers asked, "These Hebrews should not be here, marching with us to battle!" Achish replied, "Their leader is David. He previously served 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, he has been completely loyal to me."*

How did Achish defend the presence of David on the battlefield to the Philistine rulers?

Achish said that in the year that David had been living near him, David had been completely loyal to him.

1 Samuel 29:4

ULT	UST
But the lords of the Philistines were angry with him. And the lords of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man return, that he may return to his place that you assigned him there. For he shall not go down with us into the battle, so he does not become an adversary for us in the battle. For by what shall this one make himself acceptable to his master? Is it not by the heads of these men?	*But the Philistine rulers became angry with Achish. They said to him, "You must send David and his men back to the city that you gave him! We do not want him to go with us into the battle. If he goes with us, we will have an enemy within our own army! He would make Saul happy with him again by killing our own soldiers!*

What were the commanders of the Philistines afraid that David would do during the battle?

They feared that David would become an adversary to them in the battle by turning against them.

1 Samuel 29:6-7

What did Achish tell David to do because the commanders of the Philistines did not approve of him?

He told David to return and go in peace.

1 Samuel 29:9

ULT	UST
And Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are good in my eyes like an angel of God. Nevertheless, the lords of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us into the battle.'	*Achish replied, "I know I can trust you as much as I would trust an angel from God. But the Philistine commanders have said, 'We will not allow David and his men to go with us into the battle.'*

What was Achish's final decision about David?

Achish said that David was good in his eyes like an angel of God, but the commanders had said David must not go up with them to the battle.

1 Samuel 29:10

ULT	UST
And now, arise early in the morning with the servants of your master who came with you. And you shall arise early in the morning, when light is to you, and go."	*So you and the other Israelite men who came to me with you must leave early tomorrow morning. Get up as soon as it becomes light and leave."*

What did Achish tell David to do in the morning?

He told David and his men to rise early in the morning and go away as soon as it was light.

1 Samuel 30

1 Samuel 30:1-2

What did David and his men find had happened to Ziklag while they were away?

The Amalekites had raided Ziklag, burned it with fire, and taken captive all the women who were in it.

1 Samuel 30:3-4

How did David and his men react to what they found in Ziklag?

They lifted up their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.

1 Samuel 30:5-6

Why was David greatly distressed?

His two wives had been taken captive, and the people were talking about killing David by stoning him.

1 Samuel 30:8

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I pursue after this band? Will I overtake it?" And he said to him, "Pursue, for overtaking, you will overtake, and delivering, you will deliver."	*Then David asked Yahweh, "Should I and my men pursue the men who took our families? Will we be able to catch up with them?" Yahweh answered David by means of the stones in the sacred apron: "Yes, pursue them. Yes, you will catch up with them. Yes, you will be able to rescue your families."*

What did David ask Yahweh?

David asked Yahweh if he should pursue the band of raiders and if he would overtake them.

What was Yahweh's answer to David?

Yahweh told him to pursue the men who took their families, for he would catch up with them and be able to rescue their families.

1 Samuel 30:10

ULT	UST
So David pursued, he and 400 men, but 200 men stayed who were too exhausted to pass over the wadi of Besor.	*There were 200 of those men. They stayed there at the ravine because they were too tired to cross it. But David and the other 400 men continued to pursue the Amalekites who had captured their families.*

What happened to two hundred of David's men at the wadi of Besor?

They were too exhausted to cross the wadi, so they stayed behind.

1 Samuel 30:11-12

What was wrong with the Egyptian man that David and his men found in the field?

He had not eaten bread or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

1 Samuel 30:13

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "To whom are you? And where from this are you?" And he said, "I am an Egyptian young man, the slave of a man of the Amalekite. But my master abandoned me the third day because I became sick.	*David asked him, "Who is your master? And where do you come from?" He replied, "I am a youth from Egypt. I am a slave of an Amalekite man. But I became sick, and it was difficult for me to keep traveling with the raiding band. So the day before yesterday, my master left me here.*

Why had the Egyptian slave's Amalekite master abandoned him?

His master abandoned him because he became sick three days earlier and it was difficult for him to keep traveling with the raiding band.

1 Samuel 30:15

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God, if you will cause me to die and if you will enclose me in the hand of my master, and I will bring you down to this band."	*David asked him, "Can you lead us to this group of raiders?" He replied, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or give me back to my master. If you promise that, I will take you to them."*

What did the Egyptian require before he would lead David to the raiding party?

He made David swear by God that he would not kill him or deliver him into the hand of his master.

1 Samuel 30:16-17

What were the raiders doing when David attacked them?

They were spread out over the land, eating, drinking, and celebrating because of all the great plunder they had taken.

1 Samuel 30:18

ULT	UST
And David rescued all that Amalek had taken, and David rescued the two of his wives.	*David and his men were able to recover everything that the Amalekites had taken, including David's two wives.*

What did David recover after his attack on the raiders?

He rescued everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

1 Samuel 30:22

ULT	UST
But all of the evil and wicked 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 plunder that we have rescued except a man, his wife and his sons, that they may lead away and go."	*But some of the men who had gone with David were bad men and troublemakers. They said, "These 200 men did not go with us. So we will not give them any of the things that we recovered. We will just allow each of them to take his wife and children and go back to his home."*

Why did the evil and wicked men not want to share the recovered plunder with those who stayed behind?

They said those who stayed behind did not go with them.

1 Samuel 30:23-24

Why did David tell the men they should all share alike?

He said Yahweh had given them what they had and had given the raiders into their hand, so the share of the one who went to battle should be the same as the one who stayed with the equipment.

1 Samuel 30:26

ULT	UST
And David came to Ziklag, and he sent from the plunder to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, a blessing for you from the plunder of the enemies of Yahweh,"	*Then David and his men and their families returned safely to Ziklag. The leaders of some of the cities and towns in Judah had helped David. They were his friends. David sent them some of the things that he and his men had captured from the Amalekites. He sent messengers with those things to say, "Here is a present for you. These are things that we took from Yahweh's enemies."*

What did David do with some of the plunder when he came back to Ziklag?

David sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah who were his friends, telling them it was a blessing for them from the plunder of the enemies of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 31

1 Samuel 31:1

ULT	UST
Now the Philistines were fighting with Israel, and the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and they fell pierced on Mount Gilboa.	*Meanwhile, the Philistine army attacked the Israelite army. The Israelites ran away from them to Mount Gilboa. But the Philistines killed many of them there.*

What happened to the men of Israel when they fought the Philistines on Mount Gilboa?

The men of Israel fled from the Philistines to Mount Gilboa, but the Philistines killed many of them there.

1 Samuel 31:2

ULT	UST
And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi Shua, the sons of Saul.	*The Philistines caught up with Saul and the three of his sons who were fighting with him. They killed all three of them, Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi Shua.*

What happened to Saul's sons?

The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons and killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi Shua.

1 Samuel 31:3

ULT	UST
And the battle was heavy against Saul. And the shooters, the men with the bow, found him. And he writhed greatly from the shooters.	*The fighting became very fierce around Saul. The Philistine archers realized that he was the king of Israel, so they aimed many arrows at him and wounded him badly.*

What happened to Saul in the battle?

The fighting became very fierce around Saul. The Philistine archers realized that he was the king of Israel, so they aimed many arrows at him and wounded him badly.

1 Samuel 31:4

ULT	UST
And Saul said to the carrier of his equipment, "Draw your sword and stab me with it, lest these uncircumcised ones come and stab me and abuse me." But the carrier of his equipment was not willing, for he feared greatly. So Saul took the sword and fell on it.	*Saul told the man who was carrying his weapons, "Take out your sword and kill me with it! That way these pagan Philistines will not come and kill me slowly with many small wounds and make fun of me while I am dying." But the man who was carrying Saul's weapons was too afraid to do that. So Saul took out his own sword and threw himself on it. The sword went deep into his body and killed him.*

What did Saul ask his armor-bearer to do?

Saul asked him to draw his sword and stab him so that the uncircumcised Philistines would not come and abuse him.

What did Saul do when his armor-bearer was afraid and would not kill him?

Saul took out his own sword and threw himself on it, killing himself.

1 Samuel 31:5

ULT	UST
And the carrier of his equipment saw that Saul had died, so he fell, he also, on his sword, and he died with him.	*When the man carrying his weapons saw that Saul had died, he also threw himself on his own sword. He died next to Saul.*

What did the armor-bearer do after he saw that Saul was dead?

He also fell on his own sword and died with Saul.

1 Samuel 31:7

ULT	UST
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 abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and dwelled in them.	*The Israelite people who lived in the area north of the Valley of Jezreel and west of the Jordan River learned that the Israelite army had run away and that Saul and his sons had died. They knew that no one would now defend them from the Philistines, so they left their homes and ran away. Then the Philistines came and occupied the cities and towns that area.*

Why did the men of Israel who lived across the valley and the Jordan abandon their cities and flee?

They fled because they saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead.

1 Samuel 31:9-10

What did the Philistines do with Saul's body after they found it?

The Philistines cut off Saul's head, stripped off his equipment, and fastened his corpse to the wall of Beth Shan.

1 Samuel 31:11-12

What did the valiant men of Jabesh Gilead do after they heard what happened to Saul?

They marched all night and took the corpses of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth Shan, brought them to Jabesh, and burned them there.

1 Samuel 31:13

ULT	UST
And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And they fasted seven days.	*Then they took the bones and buried them under a big tamarisk tree in Jabesh like the one Saul would sit under when he was with his royal court. Then, to show how sad they were, they ate very little food for seven days.*

What did the inhabitants of Jabesh do with the bones of Saul and his sons?

They buried their bones under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh and fasted for seven days.