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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-20

Background: The book of 1 Samuel is about Samuel, Saul, and David. Samuel was the last of the judges over Israel. Saul was the first king of Israel. Much of the book is about how Saul became king, then how he later sinned against God and died. God chose David to be king after Saul. This book shows how God protected David when Saul tried to kill him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ There was a man named Elkanah who lived in Ephraim who had two wives, Peninnah and Hannah. [1:1-2]
- ☐ Peninnah had children. Hannah could not have children. Elkanah loved her, but Peninnah was cruel to her. [1:2-8]
- ☐ Hannah was troubled and went to the temple. There she made a vow to Yahweh asking for a son and promising to give him back to Yahweh. [1:9-11]
- ☐ Eli saw her praying and at first thought she was drunk, but then realized she was very sad. He prayed God would do what she asked. [1:12-18]
- ☐ Yahweh answered Hannah's prayer and she conceived and had a son named Samuel. [1:20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who were the two wives of Elkanah? [1:1-2]
The wives of Elkanah were Hannah and Peninnah.
2. Did Hannah and Peninnah have children? [1:2]
Peninnah had children but Hannah had no children.
3. Where did Elkanah go every year? [1:3]
He went to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to Yahweh.
4. Who were the priests that were there? [1:3]
Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas were there.
5. What did Elkanah do on the day of sacrifice every year? [1:4-5]
He always gave portions of meat to Peninnah and all her sons and her daughters, but he gave a double portion to Hannah because he loved her.
6. Why did Hannah's rival provoke her? [1:6]
She provoked Hannah in order to irritate her, because Yahweh had made her unable to have children.
7. What would Hannah do when Peninnah provoked her? [1:7]
She would weep and eat nothing.
8. Why do you think Elkanah asked Hannah if he was not better to her than ten sons? [1:8]
He probably meant she should not be so sad about not having children because she had a husband who loved her very much.

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9. Where was Eli the priest? [1:9]
He was sitting on his seat by the doorway to the temple of Yahweh.
10. What did Hannah do because she was so deeply distressed about not having children? [1:10]
She prayed to Yahweh and wept bitterly.
11. What did Hannah vow to Yahweh? [1:11]
Hannah vowed that if Yahweh would give her a son, she would give him to Yahweh and no razor would touch his head.
12. When Hannah went to the temple and spoke to Yahweh in her heart, what did Eli, the priest, think about her actions? [1:12-13]
Eli saw Hannah's lips moving but didn't hear her voice, so he thought she was drunk from wine.
13. What did Eli ask Hanna and what did she reply to him? [1:14-15]
He asked how long she would be drunk and told her to get rid of her wine. Hannah answered that she had not been drinking but had a sorrowful spirit and was pouring out her soul to Yahweh.
14. What did Eli say to Hannah? [1:17]
Eli told her to go in peace and asked the God of Israel to grant her the request she was asking him.
15. How did Hannah respond to Eli? [1:18]
She said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went away and ate and was no longer sad.
16. What happened after Elkanah and his family returned to Ramah? [1:19]
Elkanah "knew" his wife Hannah and Yahweh remembered her.
17. What do you think it meant that Yahweh remembered her? [1:19]
It meant God heard her prayers and answered them by allowing her to have a child.
18. When Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, what did she name him? [1:20]
Hannah named her son Samuel because she asked for him from Yahweh. (The name "Samuel" means "heard of God.")

Comment Section:

2:27-36

Background: In 2:11-26, Hannah sent Samuel to serve Yahweh with Eli the priest. Samuel increased in favor with Yahweh and men. Eli's two sons were worthless men who did not know Yahweh. They disrespected the sacrifices people brought to Yahweh, and they caused the people of Israel to sin.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A man of God came to Eli and told him what was going to happen to him and his family. [2:27-28]
- ☐ The man of God said that since Eli honored his sons more than he honored Yahweh, Yahweh would punish Eli's family. His two sons would die on the same day. [2:30-34]
- ☐ The man of God said he would raise up a faithful priest who would do what was on the heart of Yahweh, and members of Eli's family would bow down to him. [2:35-36]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who came to speak to Eli? [2:27]
A man of God.
2. What did Yahweh say he gave to the house of Eli's father? [2:28]
Yahweh said he gave all the offerings of the people of Israel made with fire.
3. How had Eli scorned Yahweh's sacrifices and offerings? [2:29]
He scorned the sacrifices and offerings by honoring his sons above Yahweh.
4. What had Yahweh promised to Eli's ancestors after he brought the Israelites out of Egypt? [2:30]
He had promised him that his family would serve Yahweh forever as priests.
5. Why did Yahweh say he would not do what he promised to Eli's family? [2:30]
He would not do it because he would honor those who honored him but he would consider anyone who despised him as unworthy of him.
6. What did Yahweh say he would do in the days ahead? [2:31]
He said he would cut off Eli's strength and that of his father.
7. What do you think was meant by the words "when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will no longer be any old man in your house"? [2:31]
Perhaps Yahweh meant that he would allow Eli's two sons to die so that Eli's family would come to an end.
8. What did Yahweh tell Eli would happen to the others in his family? [2:33]
Yahweh told Eli that he would cause their eyes to fail, and grief would be in their hearts, and the men would die.

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9. What did Yahweh say would be a sign that all the men in Eli's family would die? [2:34]

He told him that both of Eli's sons would die on the same day.

10. Who would walk before Yahweh's anointed king forever? [2:35]

A faithful priest who Yahweh would raise up.

11. Why would everyone in Eli's family come and bow down to the faithful priest? [2:36]

They would bow down and ask for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread. They would ask him for a position as a priest so that they could have food to eat.

Comment Section:

3:10-21

Background: Samuel was lying down in the temple of Yahweh, where the ark of God was.

Yahweh called to Samuel three times, but Samuel thought Eli was calling him. The third time, Eli realized that Yahweh was calling to Samuel, so Eli told Samuel that if it happens again, he should say “Speak, Yahweh, for your servant is listening.”

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read

- ☐ Samuel heard the voice of Yahweh again, and he told Yahweh that he was listening. [3:10]
- ☐ Yahweh told Samuel that he was going to punish Eli's family like he promised to do. [3:11-14]
- ☐ Samuel told Eli all that Yahweh said. [3:15-18]
- ☐ All Israel knew that Samuel was appointed to be prophet of Yahweh. [3:19-20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Samuel say when he heard Yahweh call him again? [3:10]
Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”
2. What did Yahweh say would happen to the ears of everyone when they heard what Yahweh was going to do? [3:11]
Yahweh said their ears would tingle.
3. What do you think it meant that their ears would tingle?
Perhaps it meant they would be very curious and afraid at what they heard.
4. What did Yahweh say he would do on that day? [3:12]
Yahweh said he would do everything he said he would do against Eli and his house.
5. Why did Yahweh say he would judge Eli's house? [3:13]
He said it was because his sons sinned and brought a curse upon themselves, and Eli knew about it but he did not stop his sons.
6. What would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering? [3:14]
The sins of Eli's house would never be atoned for.
7. What was Samuel afraid to do in the morning after he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh? [3:15]
He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision from Yahweh.
8. What did Eli ask Samuel? [3:17]
He asked what the word was from God. He asked him not to hide anything from him.

1 Samuel 3:10-21 continued

9. What did Samuel do after Eli told him that he must not hide from him the words that Yahweh had spoken? [3:18]
Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from Eli.
10. How did Eli respond to Samuel's message? [3:18]
Eli said that it was Yahweh and Yahweh would do what seemed good to him.
11. What happened to Samuel? [3:19]
Samuel grew up and Yahweh was with him. None of the prophetic words fell to the ground. This meant that Yahweh did everything he promised to do.
12. What did all Israel from Dan to Beersheba know about Samuel? [3:20]
All Israel knew that Samuel was appointed to be a prophet of Yahweh.
13. What happened in Shiloh when Yahweh appeared? [3:21]
Yahweh revealed himself to Samuel by his word.

Comment Section:

4:1-11

Background: The ark of the covenant was a very special box covered with gold. The ten commandments were kept inside of it.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Israel went out to battle the Philistines and Israel was defeated. [4:1-2]
- ☐ The ark of the covenant was brought to the battle site because the people believed it would keep the people safe. [4:3-5]
- ☐ The Philistines were afraid when they heard the ark was brought into the battle, but the Philistines fought and Israel was defeated. [4:6-10]
- ☐ The ark of the covenant was captured by the Philistines and the two sons of Eli died. [4:11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the result of the battle between Israel and the Philistines? [4:1-2]
Israel was defeated by the Philistines.
2. What did the elders of Israel decide to do so that they could be kept safe from the power of their enemies? [4:3]
The elders decided that they should bring the ark of the testimony of Yahweh to be with them.
3. What did the people do in 4:4?
The people sent men to Shiloh to the ark of the covenant.
4. Who was with the ark of the covenant of God? [4:4]
The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant.
5. What happened when the ark of the covenant came into camp? [4:5]
All of the people gave a great shout for joy and the earth resounded.
6. What did the Philistines wonder when they heard the great shout of all the people of Israel? [4:6]
The Philistines wondered what the loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews meant.
7. Who did the Philistines say had come into the camp of the Hebrews? [4:7]
They said a god had come into the camp of the Hebrews.
8. What did the Philistines tell their men? [4:9]
They told them to take courage and be men and fight or they would become slaves to the Hebrews.
9. What happened to Israel when the Philistines attacked them? [4:10]
Israel was defeated and thirty thousand footmen died.

1 Samuel 4:1-11 continued

10. What happened to the ark and the two sons of Eli? [4:11]

The Philistines captured the ark of God, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

Comment Section:

5:1-12

Background: When Eli heard that both of his sons had died and the ark had been captured, Eli fell over, broke his neck, and died.

This passage mentions “Dagon.” This was an idol that the Philistines worshiped as a god.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Philistines captured the ark of God, and they brought the ark into the house of their god Dagon. [5:1-2]
- ☐ Their god Dagon fell on the ground before the ark of Yahweh, and Yahweh worked against the people of Ashdod. [5:4-6]
- ☐ The men of Ashdod realized Yahweh was against them and they asked to have the ark removed. [5:7-9]
- ☐ The ark was moved from city to city but Yahweh worked against the people of whatever city the ark was in. [5:8-10]
- ☐ The people of Ekron asked rulers of the Philistines to send the ark back to the people of Israel. [5:11-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to the ark of God? [5:1]
The Philistines captured the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.
2. What did the Philistines do with the ark of God? [5:2]
They brought it into the house of Dagon and put it next to Dagon.
3. What happened the next morning? [5:3]
The next day when the people got up early, Dagon was found face down on the ground before the ark of Yahweh.
4. What remained of the idol Dagon the next morning? [5:4]
Only the trunk of Dagon remained, and his head and hands were lying cut off in the threshold.
5. What did the priests and the people not do when they entered Dagon's house? [5:5]
They did not step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod.
6. What did Yahweh do to the people of Ashdod? [5:6]
Yahweh's hand was heavy on them, and he destroyed them and caused them to have tumors.
7. What did the rulers of the Philistines decide to do? [5:8]
They decided to send the ark to Gath.
8. How did Yahweh afflict the men of the city of Gath? [5:9]
Yahweh afflicted them with tumors.
9. Where was the ark next sent? [5:10]
They sent the ark of God to Ekron.

1 Samuel 5:1-12 continued

10. What did the people of Ekron say that the God of Israel would do to them because the ark was sent to their city? [5:10]

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

11. Where did the people of Ekron request the rulers of the Philistines send the ark? [5:11]

They requested that the ark be returned to its own place so that it would not kill them.

12. What had happened to the people of Ekron? [5:11-12]

There was tumult in the city. People died and others were afflicted with tumors.

Comment Section:

8:1-9

Background: After the Philistines returned the ark to Israel, Samuel became the next judge. He told the people to repent and remove all of their false gods. Samuel prayed to Yahweh, and he rescued them from the Philistines. Israel recovered towns and land that the Philistines had taken from them.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel, but they did not do what was right. [8:1-4]
- ☐ The people asked Samuel to appoint a king to judge them. [8:5-6]
- ☐ Yahweh told Samuel to listen to the people because they were not rejecting Samuel but rejecting Yahweh from being their king. [8:7-9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Samuel do when he was old? [8:1]
Samuel made his sons judges over Israel.
2. What were the names of his two sons and where were they judges? [8:2]
The oldest son was Joel, and the second son was Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba.
3. In what ways did the two sons of Samuel not walk in the ways of their father? [8:3]
They chased after dishonest gain, taking bribes and perverting justice.
4. Who gathered together and what did they do? [8:4]
The elders of Israel gathered together and went to see Samuel.
5. What request did the elders of Israel make of Samuel? [8:5]
They asked Samuel to appoint for them a king to judge them like all the nations, since he was old and his sons did not walk in his ways.
6. What did Samuel do when he was displeased by the request from the elders of Israel to give them a king? [8:6]
Samuel prayed to Yahweh.
7. Who did Yahweh say the people are rejecting with their request? [8:7]
Yahweh told Samuel they did not reject Samuel, but they rejected Yahweh from being king over them.
8. What did Yahweh tell Samuel about what the people were doing? [8:8]
He told Samuel that they were doing the same deeds they had been doing since he brought them out of Egypt, abandoning Yahweh and serving other gods.

1 Samuel 8:1-9 continued

9. What was the warning which Yahweh told Samuel to give to the people of Israel? [8:9]

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

Comment Section:

10:1-8

Background: Yahweh chose a man named Saul from the tribe of Benjamin to be the first king of Israel. Yahweh told Samuel that the next day a man would come to him, and Samuel should anoint him with oil. The next day Saul came to Samuel, looking for his donkeys.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Samuel poured oil on Saul's head because Yahweh had anointed him to be a ruler over his inheritance. [10:1]
- ☐ Samuel told Saul about some men he would meet and what they would do. [10:2-4]
- ☐ Samuel told Saul that when he arrived at the hill of God, he would meet a group of prophets and that he would prophesy with them. [10:5-6]
- ☐ Samuel assured Saul that God would be with him, and he should wait there seven days until he would come and show him what to do. [10:7-8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Samuel pour a flask of oil on Saul's head and kiss him? [10:1]
He did this because Yahweh had anointed him to be a ruler over his inheritance.
2. What did Samuel tell Saul would happen that day when Saul would leave him? [10:2]
He told Saul that he would find two men near Rachel's tomb in Benjamin at Zelzah.
3. What did Samuel tell Saul about his father's donkeys that were lost? [10:2]
Samuel told Saul that men would tell him the donkeys had been found and that his father was worried about him.
4. What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he would come to the oak of Tabor? [10:3]
Three men would meet him carrying three young goats, three loaves of bread, and a skin of wine.
5. What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he would come to the oak of Tabor? [10:4]
He told him the men would greet him and give him two loaves of bread, which he should take.
6. What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to the garrison of the Philistines? [10:5]
He told Saul that he would meet a group of prophets coming down the hill.
7. What did he tell Saul about the group of prophets? [10:5]
He told him that they would have a lute, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them and they would be prophesying.
8. What would the Spirit of Yahweh do? [10:6]
The Spirit of Yahweh would rush upon him so that he would be changed into a different man and he would prophesy with the group of prophets.

1 Samuel 10:1-8 continued

9. What instructions did Samuel give to Saul? [10:7]

Samuel told Saul that when he saw these signs, he should do whatever his hands found to do, for God would be with him.

10. What other instructions did Samuel give to Saul? [10:8]

Samuel told Saul to go down to Gilgal and Samuel would come to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. He also said to wait there for seven days until Samuel arrived to show him what he must do.

Comment Section:

12:1-5

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Samuel told all of Israel that he was old and gray and that he had set a king before them. [12:1-2]
- ☐ He asked them if he had ever stolen from them or defrauded them. [12:3]
- ☐ They responded that he had not defrauded or stolen from them. [12:4]
- ☐ Samuel said that Yahweh was his witness and that they found nothing in his hand. [12:5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Samuel say to all of Israel? [12:1]
He told them that he had listened to everything they told him and had set a king to reign over them.
2. How did Samuel describe himself and introduce the new king? [12:2]
He said he was old and gray and that his sons were with them. He said that the king was there walking before them.
3. For what did Samuel ask the people to testify against him? [12:3]
He asked them to testify against him if he had defrauded or oppressed or if he had taken a bribe from them.
4. How did the people respond to Samuel? [12:4]
The people of Israel told Samuel he had not cheated, oppressed, or stolen anything from them.
5. What did Samuel say about Yahweh and how did they respond? [12:5]
He told them that Yahweh was his witness against them and that they found nothing in his hand. They responded, "Yahweh is witness."

Comment Section:

13:8-15

Background: The Philistines gathered together to fight against Israel. Samuel had instructed Saul to wait seven days for Samuel to arrive so he could offer burnt offerings and peace offerings.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Saul offered burnt and peace offerings before Samuel arrived. [13:8-9]
- ☐ Samuel was not pleased that Saul acted foolishly and not kept the command of Yahweh. [13:10-13]
- ☐ He told Saul that his rule would not continue, but Yahweh has sought out a man after his own heart. [13:14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the people do when Saul waited for Samuel, and he did not come? [13:8]
When Samuel did not come to Gilgal, the men of his army began to leave.
2. What did Saul do when Samuel failed to come to Gilgal in seven days? [13:9-10]
Saul offered the burnt offering and the peace offerings himself.
3. What happened as soon as Saul finished offering the burnt offering? [13:10]
Samuel arrived and Saul went out to meet and greet him.
4. What excuse did Saul give Samuel for not waiting for him to offer the sacrifices? [13:11]
He said he saw the people leaving and that Samuel did not come in the set time.
5. What else did Saul say about not waiting for Samuel? [13:12]
He said the Philistines came down against him and that he had not sought the favor of Yahweh, so he forced himself to offer the burnt offering.
6. What did Samuel say to rebuke Saul? [13:13]
Samuel said Saul had acted foolishly for not keeping the command that Yahweh gave him. He added that Yahweh would have established Saul's rule over Israel forever had he obeyed His word.
7. What did Samuel say would be the consequences for Saul's actions? [13:14]
Because Saul did not obey Yahweh's command, his rule over Israel would not continue forever.
8. What kind of man had Yahweh appointed to rule over his people? [13:14]
He appointed a man after his own heart.
9. What do you think it meant to be a man after God's own heart? [13:14]
Perhaps it meant that the man would do everything that God wanted.

Comment Section:

15:22-31

Background: Saul was commanded to fight against the Amalekites and completely destroy them, but instead, Saul and the people spared Agag the king of the Amalekites and the best of the sheep and the best of cattle. Samuel asked Saul why he could still hear the sound of sheep and cattle. Saul said he planned to sacrifice them to Yahweh.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Samuel confronted Saul and said that it is better to obey Yahweh than to offer sacrifices. [15:22-23]
- ☐ Saul acknowledged his sin and begged for forgiveness. [15:24-25]
- ☐ Samuel told Saul that Yahweh had rejected him as king. [15:26-29]
- ☐ Saul begged Samuel to honor him before all the people of Israel. [15:30]
- ☐ Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshiped Yahweh. [15:31]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Samuel's response to Saul? [15:22-23]
Obedience to Yahweh was better than sacrifice and rebellion and stubbornness were sin to Yahweh.
2. What did Samuel say rebellion and stubbornness were like? [15:23]
He said rebellion was like the sin of divination, and stubbornness was like wickedness and idolatry.
3. What did Samuel say that Yahweh had done to Saul? [15:23]
He told Saul that Yahweh had rejected him as king because Saul rejected the word of Yahweh.
4. What was the reason Saul told Samuel he had sinned? [15:24]
Saul said he had broken Yahweh's commandment because he was afraid of the people and obeyed them.
5. What did Saul request of Samuel? [15:25]
He requested Samuel to forgive his sin and return with him so he could worship Yahweh.
6. What did Samuel say he would not do with Saul? [15:26]
He said he would not go back with Saul to worship Yahweh.
7. What did Saul do to Samuel's robe? [15:27]
Saul grabbed the hem of Samuel's robe and it tore.
8. What was Samuel's response to having his robe torn? [15:28]
He told Saul that Yahweh had torn the kingdom of Israel from Saul that day and had given it to a neighbor, one who was better than Saul.
9. What other strong words did he give Saul? [15:29]
Samuel told Saul that the Strength of Israel would not lie nor change his mind because he was not a man that he should change his mind.

1 Samuel 15:22-31 continued

10. Who do you think Samuel meant by “the Strength of Israel”? [15:29]

He meant Yahweh.

11. What was Saul’s response? [15:30]

Saul again admitted that he had sinned but asked Samuel to honor him before the elders of the people and before Israel. He asked Samuel to turn with him to worship Yahweh.

12. What did Samuel do in response to Saul’s request? [15:31]

Samuel returned with Saul, and Saul worshiped Yahweh.

Comment Section:

16:6-13

Background: Samuel left Saul and did not see him again until the day of his death, because he mourned over Saul. Yahweh regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. Yahweh told Samuel to stop mourning and to go anoint the new king that Yahweh had chosen. Samuel went to Bethlehem and met a man named Jesse. Samuel invited him and his sons to a sacrifice.

This passage mentions Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah, and David. These were sons of Jesse.

Part 1

- ☐ Several of Jesse's sons came before Samuel but Yahweh had not chosen any of them. [16:6-10]
- ☐ Yahweh told Samuel not to look at a person's appearance because Yahweh looks at a person's heart. [16:7]
- ☐ Samuel asked Jesse if there were any other sons. [16:11]
- ☐ David was brought to Samuel and Yahweh said to anoint him. [16:12]
- ☐ The Spirit of Yahweh was on David from that day forward. [16:13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Samuel say to himself when he looked at Eliab? [16:6]
He said to himself that Yahweh's anointed was certainly standing before him.
2. How did Yahweh explain to Samuel that he does not see as man sees? [16:7]
Yahweh said that man looked on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looked on the heart.
3. What do you think it meant that Yahweh looked on the heart? [16:7]
Yahweh judged a person based on their character or their inner morals.
4. What happened when Jesse called Abinadab to pass before Samuel? [16:8]
Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen Abinadab.
5. What did Samuel say when Shammah passed by? [16:9]
Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen this one either.
6. What did Samuel say to Jesse after he made seven sons pass before him? [16:10]
Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen any of them.
7. What did Samuel ask Jesse in 16:11?
Samuel asked Jesse if these were all the boys.
8. Where was the youngest son before Samuel called for him and what did Samuel ask Jesse to do? [16:11]
The youngest son was tending the sheep, and Samuel asked Jesse to send someone to get him.
9. How was David described, and what happened when David was brought to Samuel? [16:12]
David was ruddy, had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. Yahweh said to anoint him for he was the one.

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10. What did Samuel do to David and who was there? [16:13]
Samuel anointed David with oil in the middle of his brothers.
11. What did the Spirit of Yahweh do to David? [16:13]
The Spirit of Yahweh rushed on David from that day forward.

Comment Section:

17:41-50

Background: David went to the battlefield, where the Philistines and Israel had gathered on opposite hills. The giant Goliath, who was the leader of the Philistine army, challenged Israel to send one man to come to the valley and fight him one-on-one but everyone, including Saul, the king, was afraid. David, who was a young man, said he would face off against Goliath in battle.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Goliath the Philistine and David joined together in combat to see who would win the battle. [17:41-44]
- ☐ The Philistine cursed David and told him that he was a boy who was coming to the Philistine with sticks. [17:42-43]
- ☐ David told the Philistine that he was coming to meet him in the name of Yahweh. [17:45]
- ☐ David told Goliath that the battle was Yahweh's, and Yahweh would give Goliath into his hand. [17:46]
- ☐ David killed the Philistine with a stone and a sling. [17:49-50]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who came to David and who was with him? [17:41]
The Philistine (named Goliath) came to David with his shield bearer in front of him.
2. Why did the Philistine despise David when he saw him? [17:42]
David was only a boy, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.
3. What did the Philistine say to David and who did he curse? [17:43]
The Philistine asked David if he was a dog that he would come to him with sticks. He cursed David by his gods.
4. What did Goliath say he was going to do to David? [17:44]
He said he would give his flesh to the birds and to the wild animals.
5. When the Philistine came with sword, spear, and javelin, what did David say he came in? [17:45]
David said that he came in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom the Philistine had defied.
6. What did David say would happen that day? [17:46]
David said that Yahweh would give him victory over the Philistines that day.
7. What did David say the earth would know because the dead bodies of the Philistines would be given to the birds and wild beasts? [17:46]
All the earth would know that there is a God in Israel.
8. What did David say that Yahweh did not save with? [17:47]
He said that Yahweh did not save with sword or spear.

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9. What did David do when the Philistine drew near to meet him? [17:48]
David ran quickly toward the enemy army to meet him.
10. What action and weapon did David use? [17:49]
He took a stone from his bag, slung it, and hit the Philistine in the forehead.
11. What happened to the Philistine after he was hit with the stone? [17:49]
He fell on his face to the ground, and he was dead.

Comment Section:

22:1-5

Background: David became a mighty warrior, and Saul became very jealous of him. Saul wanted to kill David, so David ran away. He went to Achish, the king of Gath, which was a Philistine territory. David became afraid of Achish, so David ran away from there as well.

This passage mentions the cave of Adullam. Adullam was a town in Judah.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ David escaped to the cave of Adullam, and his family and others went to him. [22:1-2]
- ☐ David asked the king of Moab if his parents could stay with them. [22:3]
- ☐ The prophet Gad told David to leave Moab and to go to the land of Judah. [22:5]
- ☐ David left the stronghold in Moab and went into the forest of Hereth. [22:5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did David escape to? [22:1]
David escaped to the cave of Adullam.
2. Who gathered with him at the cave of Adullam? [22:2]
David's family gathered to him. Also, everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered to him.
3. What did David say to the king of Moab? [22:3]
He asked the king of Moab if his father and mother would be able to go with the king until David would know what God would do for him.
4. How long did David's father and mother stay with the king of Moab? [22:4]
They stayed with the king the whole time that David was in his stronghold.
5. What did the prophet Gad say to David and what did David do? [22:5]
He told David to not stay in his stronghold but to leave and go into the land of Judah.
6. Where did David go? [22:5]
He went into the forest of Hereth.

Comment Section:

28:8-25

Background: The Philistines gathered to fight Israel, and Saul was very afraid. Samuel had died, and Yahweh would not help Saul, so Saul wanted to speak with a sorceress to learn what he should do. Saul had banned sorcerers from Israel, so he would have to sneak to meet with her. His servants told him there was a sorceress in a place called Endor in the tribe of Manasseh.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Saul disguised himself and went to see a sorceress. [28:8]
- ☐ The sorceress was afraid she might die because sorcery was banned, but Saul promised she would not be punished. [28:9-10]
- ☐ The sorceress brought up the spirit of Samuel, and she was afraid because she realized that the man was Saul. [28:11-14]
- ☐ Saul said he brought up Samuel so he could tell him what to do about the Philistines. [28:15]
- ☐ Samuel told Saul Yahweh had left him because he did not obey him, so Yahweh would allow the Philistines to defeat Israel, and Saul and his sons would be killed. [28:16-20]
- ☐ Saul became very afraid, and the woman brought some food to him and his servants. [28:20-25]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Saul do before going to see the woman? [28:8]
He disguised himself.
2. Why do you think Saul disguised himself? [28:8]
He knew he was doing something against the law, so he did not want anyone to recognize him.
3. When did Saul go to see her and what did he say to her? [28:8]
He went at night and asked her to bring up the one he named.
4. What was the woman afraid of when the disguised Saul and two of his men went to talk to her? [28:9]
She was afraid because Saul had banned sorcerers and spiritists. She was afraid she would be killed if she did what Saul asked.
5. What did Saul promise to the woman? [28:10]
Saul promised that she would not be punished if she helped him.
6. What did Saul ask her to do? [28:11]
He asked her to bring up Samuel for him.
7. What did the woman say after she saw Samuel? [28:12]
She asked Saul why he had deceived her because she then realized he was Saul.

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8. What did the woman tell Saul she saw? [28:13]
She said she saw a god coming out of the earth.
9. What did the woman say Samuel looked like? [28:14]
The woman said she saw an old man coming up clothed with a robe.
10. When Samuel asked Saul why he brought him up, what did he say? [28:15]
Saul told Samuel he brought him up because he was distressed, and said the Philistines were going to war with him, God had left Saul, and Saul needed to know what to do..
11. What did Samuel ask Saul? [28:16]
He asked Saul what he was asking him since Yahweh had left Saul and become an enemy.
12. What did Samuel say Yahweh had done with Saul's kingdom? [28:17]
Yahweh had torn the kingdom out of his hand and given it to someone else.
13. What did Samuel tell Saul was the reason Yahweh took his kingdom away? [28:18]
He told Saul it was because Saul did not obey the voice of Yahweh and did not carry out his wrath on Amalek.
14. When would Saul and his sons die? [28:19]
They would die the next day.
15. What happened to Saul after hearing Samuels words? [28:20]?
Saul immediately fell to the ground and was very afraid. He had no strength because he had not eaten all that day.
16. What did the woman and Saul's servants urged him to do? [28:22]
They urged him to eat and gain his strength.
17. How did Saul respond to their urging? [28:23]
He said he would not eat, but after they begged him, he listened to them and got up from the ground.
18. What did the woman prepare for them to eat? [28:24]
She prepared a fatted calf and bread.

Comment Section:

31:1-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Philistines fought against Israel and killed Saul's three sons. [31:1-2]
- ☐ Saul knew he was going to die, so he asked his armor bearer to kill him. When he refused, Saul killed himself with his sword. [31:3-6]
- ☐ The men of Israel abandoned their cities when they saw what happened to Saul and his sons. [31:7]
- ☐ The Philistines cut off Saul's head and took his armor and put them on the city wall in the temple of Ashtoreths. [31:8-10]
- ☐ When the people of Jabesh Gilead heard what happened to Saul, they went at night and took Saul and his sons' bodies and burned them, buried their bones, then fasted for seven days. [31:11-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to the men of Israel when they fought the Philistines? [31:1]
The men of Israel fled from the Philistines and were killed on Mount Gilboa.
2. What happened to Saul and his sons? [31:2]
The Philistines pursued Saul and killed his sons.
3. What happened to Saul in the battle? [31:3]
He was overtaken by the archers and was in severe pain.
4. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do? [31:4]
Saul asked his armor bearer to take out his sword and kill him.
5. Why did Saul ask the armor bearer to do this? [31:4]
Saul asked him to do this because he knew the Philistines would abuse him if they captured him.
6. What did Saul do when his armor bearer was afraid and would not kill him? [31:4]
Saul took his own sword and fell on it.
7. What did the armor bearer do after he saw that Saul was dead? [31:5]
He fell on his own sword and died.
8. What happened to Saul and his three sons? [31:6]
They died together on the same day.
9. Why did the men of Israel from the other side of the valley and beyond the Jordan abandon their cities and flee? [31:7]
They fled because they saw that the other men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead.

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10. What happened the next day? [31:8]

The Philistines came to strip the dead and found Saul and his three sons dead.

11. What did the Philistines do with Saul's body and armor? [31:9-10]

The Philistines cut off Saul's head, stripped off his armor, put his armor in the temple of the Ashtoreths, and they put his body on the city wall of Beth Shan.

12. What did the fighting men of Jabesh Gilead do when they heard what the Philistines had done to Saul? [31:11-12]

They went by night and took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth Shan, went to Jabesh, and burned them.

13. What did the inhabitants of Jabesh do with the bones of Saul and his sons? [31:13]

They buried their bones under a tamarisk tree in Jabesh and fasted for seven days.

Comment Section: