

# 1 Samuel

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## Detailed Bible Book Outline

## **I Samuel**

### **I. The life and ministry of Samuel - 1:1-8:22**

#### **A. Samuel was born in answer to prayer - 1:1-2:10**

##### **1. Hannah had sorrow because she had no son - 1:1-8**

###### **a. The parents of Samuel are introduced - 1:1-3**

**A certain man came from Ramathaim Zophim in Ephraim  
The man was named Elkanah and was the son of Jeroham  
Elkanah had two wives - Hannah and Peninnah  
Peninnah had children  
Hannah did not have any children  
Elkanah went each year to worship the Lord in Shiloh  
Elkanah would offer sacrifices to the Lord of hosts  
The two sons of Eli were the priests who offered the sacrifices  
The names of the two sons were Hophni and Phinehas**

###### **b. The parents went to the tabernacle to worship - 1:4-8**

###### **1) The family participated in worship 1:4**

**Elkanah would give a piece of the sacrifice to Peninnah  
Elkanah would give pieces to each of her sons and daughters**

###### **2) The family had problems because of two wives - 1:5-8**

**Elkanah would give Hannah a double piece of the sacrifice  
Elkanah loved Hannah even though she had no children  
Peninnah provoked Hannah severely to make her miserable  
Peninnah could see the Lord had closed the womb of Hannah  
This happened every year when they went to the house of the Lord  
Peninnah really provoked her at the house of the Lord  
Hannah would cry and not eat when they were there  
Elkanah asked Hannah why she was crying and weeping  
Elkanah asked Hannah why her heart was grieved  
Elkanah asked if he was not better than ten sons**

**2. Hannah made a vow to the Lord - 1:9-18**

**a. A praying parent can look to the Lord for help - 1:9-11**

**1) Hannah went to the tabernacle to pray - 1:9**

**Hannah got up after they finished eating and drinking in Shiloh  
Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the gate of the tabernacle**

**2) Hannah poured out her inner feelings to the Lord - 1:10**

**Hannah was experiencing bitterness of her soul (great sorrow)  
Hannah prayed to the Lord and wept in her great sorrow**

**3) Hannah made a vow to the Lord - 1:11**

**Hannah made a vow to the Lord  
Hannah asked the Lord to look on her affliction  
Hannah asked the Lord to give her a male child  
Hannah said she would give him to the Lord all the days of his life  
Hannah said his hair would not be cut (a Nazirite vow)**

**b. A praying parent may be misunderstood - 1:12-14**

**Eli watched Hannah as she was praying  
Hannah spoke in her heart so that only her lips moved  
Eli thought that she was drunk  
Eli told her to stop drinking and put away her wine**

**c. A praying parent can look to the Lord for answers - 15-18**

**Hannah said that she was a woman with great sorrow  
Hannah said that she had not drunk any wine or strong drink  
Hannah said that she was pouring out her soul before the Lord  
Hannah asked Eli not to consider her a wicked woman  
Hannah said that she spoke out of the abundance of her grief  
Eli told Hannah to go in peace  
Eli said that God would grant her request  
Hannah then went and ate and her face was no longer sad**

**3. Hannah saw the Lord answer her prayer - 1:19-23**

**a. A caring parent worshiped the Lord - 1:19**

**The family got up early in the morning and worshiped the Lord  
The family returned to their home and came to Ramah  
Elkanah had relations with his wife and the Lord remembered her**

**b. A caring parent honored the Lord - 1:20**

**Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son  
Hannah called the name of her son Samuel (name of God)  
Hannah said, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord"**

**c. A caring parent served the Lord - 1:21-23**

**Elkanah and his family offered the Lord their yearly sacrifice and vow  
Hannah did not go up with the rest of the family  
Hannah said she would go up when she had weaned her son  
Hannah said at that time her son would stay at the tabernacle  
Elkanah told Hannah to do what seemed best to her and wait  
Elkanah said, "Only let the Lord establish His word"  
Hannah stayed and nursed her son until she weaned him**

**4. Hannah brought Samuel to the tabernacle - 1:24-28**

**a. An obedient parent worshiped the Lord - 1:24-25**

**Hannah brought a special sacrifice for the Lord  
Hannah brought Samuel to the house of the Lord when he was young  
They killed the animal and then brought Samuel to Eli**

**b. An obedient parent expressed appreciation - 1:26-28**

**Hannah told Eli that this was the child for which she prayed  
Hannah thanked the Lord for granting her request  
Hannah said that she now lent him to the Lord  
Hannah said he would be lent to the Lord as long as he lived  
Hannah and the family then worshiped the Lord there**

**5. Hannah gave praise to God for what He had done - 2:1-10**

**a. The prayer of Hannah recognized the greatness of God - 2:1-3**

**Hannah prayed and thanked the Lord that He provides salvation  
Hannah said her heart rejoiced in the Lord and her horn exalted the Lord  
Hannah said she smiled at her enemies because she rejoiced in the Lord  
Hannah said there is none holy like the Lord  
Hannah said there is none besides the Lord  
Hannah said there is no rock like God  
Hannah said to not talk proudly or speak with pride in your mouth  
Hannah said the Lord is a God of knowledge and He weights the actions**

**b. The prayer of Hannah recognized the sinfulness of man - 2:4-5**

**Hannah said God breaks the bows of the mighty  
Hannah said those who stumbled are given strength  
Hannah said the rich are now hiring themselves out for bread  
Hannah said that the hungry have hunger no longer  
Hannah said the barren woman had become fruitful  
Hannah said the woman with many children had become feeble**

**c. The prayer of Hannah recognized that the Lord changes people - 2:6-11**

**The Lord is the One who kills and gives life  
The Lord brings down to the grave and raises those back life  
The Lord makes some poor and makes others rich  
The Lord brings people low and lifts up others  
The Lord raises the poor from the dust  
The Lord lifts the up the beggar from the ash heap  
The Lord sets them among the princes and makes them inherit glory  
The Lord made the pillars of the earth and set the world on them  
The Lord guards the feet of His saints  
The Lord will cause the wicked to be silent in the darkness  
The Lord will break His adversaries in pieces  
The Lord will thunder from the heaven and judge the ends of the earth  
The Lord will give strength to His king and will exalt His anointed  
Elkanah then went to his home in Ramah  
The child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest**

**B. Samuel grew up in the house of Eli - 2:12-3:21**

**1. Eli was a priest of God - 2:11**

**2. Eli had sons that did not know the Lord - 2:12-17**

**a. Children can become worthless adults - 2:12**

**The sons of Eli were corrupt  
The sons of Eli did not know the Lord**

**b. Children can become leaders of false worship - 2:13-17**

**The custom of the priests when anyone offered a sacrifice - Deut. 18:3  
The servant of the priest would come with a fleshhook as the meat boiled  
He would put the fleshhook into the pot and took what it brought up  
This was what had been done in Shiloh for all who came to worship  
The sons of Eli did not do what had been done in the past  
The sons of Eli wanted the meat while it still had the fat on it  
The servant said to give meat for roasting to the priest  
The servant said he did not want boiled meat but raw  
Some wanted the fat burned before the priest took the meat  
These were then willing to give as much as the priest desired  
The servant said to give the meat to him or he would take it by force  
The sin of the young men was very great  
The sin of the young men caused the people to abhor the offering of the Lord**

**3. Eli saw God bless the parents of Samuel - 2:18-21**

**Samuel ministered before the Lord even as a child  
Hannah would make and bring a new robe for Samuel each year  
Hannah brought the robe when the family came for the yearly sacrifice  
Eli would bless the parents of Samuel for their ministry  
Eli gave this blessing because she lent Samuel to the Lord for his lifetime  
Eli asked the Lord to give them more children through Hannah  
The Lord gave Hannah three sons and two daughters  
Samuel continued to grow before the Lord**

**4. Eli had sons who would not listen - 2:22-26**

**Eli was very old and heard what his sons were doing**  
**Eli heard his sons were having sexual relationships with the women**  
These were the women who served at the door of the tabernacle - Ex. 38:8  
**Eli asked his sons why they were doing these things**  
**Eli said he had heard of their evil activities from all the people**  
**Eli said that it was not a good report that he heard about his sons**  
**Eli said they were causing the Lord's people to sin**  
**Eli said God will judge those who sin against others**  
**Eli said if a person sins against the Lord no one will intercede for him**  
**The sons of Eli did not listen to their father**  
**The Lord was going to kill those sons for their sin**  
**Samuel continued to grow in height, and in favor with God and men**

**5. Eli was warned his family would lose the priesthood - 2:27-36**

**a. The consequences for Eli - 2:27-30**

**A man of God came to speak to Eli about his sons**  
**Eli had come from the family of priests (the family of Aaron)**  
**The family of Aaron was chosen by God to be the priests - Ex. 28:1-4**  
**The Lord provided the offerings for food for the priests**  
**Eli was asked why he kicked at the sacrifice and offering of the Lord**  
**Eli was asked why they made themselves fat with the best of the offerings**  
**Eli was asked why he honored his sons more than the Lord**  
**God honors those who honor Him and despises those who esteem Him lightly**

**b. The consequences for the family of Eli - 2:31-36**

**Eli would have his right arm (family) cut off**  
**Eli would no longer have an old man in his house**  
**All of his descendants would die at a young age**  
**Eli was given a sign by the Lord**  
**Hophni and Phineas would both die the same day**  
**God would raise up a faithful priest who would do the will of God**  
**Christ is that faithful high priest who will rule forever - II Sam. 22:47-51**  
**Eli's descendants would get in line just to get a piece of bread**



**6. Eli recognized God was calling Samuel - 3:1-10**

**a. The Lord was not known by most of the people - 3:1**

**Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli  
Samuel ministered at a time when the Word of the Lord was rare  
Samuel ministered at a time when visions were rare**

**b. The Lord was looking for a person that was available - 3:2-5**

**Eli was lying down in the place where he slept one night  
Eli had eyes that were growing dim so he could not see  
The lamp of the Lord had not yet gone out for the night  
Samuel was lying down in the tabernacle of the Lord  
The Lord called to Samuel as he was lying there  
Samuel immediately answered, "Here I am"  
Samuel then ran to Eli and said:  
"Here I am, for you called me"  
Eli said that he did not call  
Eli told him to go back and lie down**

**c. The Lord was not yet known by Samuel - 3:6-7**

**The Lord called a second time "Samuel"  
Samuel got up and went to Eli again and said:  
"Here I am, for you called me"  
Eli said he did not call and told him to lie down a second time  
(Samuel did not yet know the Lord)  
(The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him)**

**d. The Lord was looking for a person that would serve Him - 3:8-10**

**Samuel had the same thing happen for a third time  
Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling Samuel  
Eli told him to go lie down and what to say if it happened again:  
"Speak Lord for your servant hears"  
The Lord came again and called as He had the other times  
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant hears"  
Samuel did not let any of the Lord's words fall to the ground - I Sam. 3:19**

## **7. Eli heard what God had told Samuel - 3:11-18**

### **a. The Lord spoke with Samuel - 3:11-14**

**The Lord spoke to Samuel as he was lying there  
The Lord told Samuel what He was going to do  
The Lord said all who heard it would have both ears tingle  
He would perform against the house of Eli what He had spoken  
The Lord was going to carry out all He said from beginning to end  
The Lord would judge the house of Eli for his sin  
His sons made themselves vile and he did not restrain them  
The Lord said his actions would never be atoned by sacrifice**

### **b. The Lord spoke through Samuel - 3:15-18**

**Samuel lay down until the morning  
Samuel then opened the doors of the tabernacle  
Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision  
Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!"  
Samuel answered "Here I am"  
Eli asked what the Lord had said to Samuel  
Eli also asked Samuel not to hide anything  
Eli asked Samuel to tell him all the things that the Lord said to him  
Samuel told Eli everything that the Lord had said  
Samuel did not hide anything from Eli  
Eli said, "It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him"  
Eli realized the consequences of his failure to rebuke his sons - Gal. 6:7-8**

## **8. Eli saw Samuel become a prophet - 3:19-21**

**Samuel grew and the Lord was with him  
Samuel did not let any of the words of the Lord fall to the ground  
This was recognized by all the people from Dan to Beersheba  
Dan was in the far north and Beersheba the far south  
Samuel was recognized by all as a prophet of the Lord  
The Lord begin to again appear in Shiloh  
The Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh  
The Lord revealed Himself by the word of the Lord  
The word of the Lord was rare during the time of Eli - I Sam. 3:1**

**C. Samuel saw the sons of Eli judged - 4:1-22**

**1. The decision to get the ark - 4:1-4**

**The word of Samuel came to all Israel  
Israel went to fight against the Philistines near Ebenezer and Aphek  
The Philistines lined up to fight against Israel  
Israel was defeated that day and 4,000 men were killed  
The people returned to the camp and the elders of Israel asked:  
“Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines?”  
“Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from Shiloh to us”  
The ark, “may save us from the hand of our enemies.”  
The people sent a messenger to Shiloh to get the ark of the covenant  
The ark of the Lord of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim  
Hophni and Phinehas brought the ark of the covenant of God**

**2. The defeat of the army of Israel - 4:5-11**

**a. Israel shouted when the ark arrived - 4:5**

**The ark of the covenant of the Lord arrived at the camp of Israel  
The people shouted so loudly that the earth shook when the ark arrived**

**b. Israel caused the Philistines to fear when they shouted - 4:6-9**

**The Philistines heard the shout and wanted to know what it meant  
Then they heard that the ark of the Lord had come into the camp  
The Philistines were afraid and said, “God has come into the camp.”  
They said, “Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before”  
“Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods”  
These gods struck the Egyptians with all the plagues  
Be strong and fight so you do not become servants of the Hebrews  
“Conduct yourselves like men and fight!”**

**c. Israel experienced judgment for rejecting God - 4:10-11**

**Israel was defeated and every man fled to his tent  
There was a great slaughter and 30,000 men of Israel died  
The ark of God was captured and the two sons of Eli died**

### **3. The death of Eli - 4:12-18**

#### **a. Eli was waiting for a message about the ark - 4:12-15**

**A man from the tribe of Benjamin ran the same day to Shiloh  
The man had his clothes torn and dirt on his head  
The man saw Eli sitting on a seat by the wayside watching  
The heart of Eli was trembling as he watched for the ark of God  
The man came into the city and told what had happened in the battle  
The entire city began to cry out when they heard about the defeat  
Eli heard the noise of the people crying and asked what it meant  
The man came quickly and spoke to Eli as he sat on the wall  
Eli was 98 years old and blind so that he could no longer see**

#### **b. Eli was given the message about the ark - 4:16-18**

**The man said that he was the one who had come from the battle  
The man said that he had fled from the battle  
The man was asked a question by Eli, "What happened my son?"  
The man said that Israel had fled from the Philistines  
The man said that there had been a great slaughter among the people  
The man told Eli that Hophni and Phinehas were dead  
The man told Eli that the ark of God had been captured  
Eli reacted when he heard about the ark of God  
Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate  
Eli had his neck broken by the fall and he died  
Eli was old and heavy when he fell and had judged Israel 40 years**

### **4. The departure of the glory of God - 4:19-22**

**The wife of Phinehas was ready to give birth to a child  
She heard that the ark of God had been captured  
She heard about the deaths of Eli and her husband  
She went into labor and gave birth  
She died in childbirth due to the news  
The other women told her she had given birth to a son  
The wife of Phinehas did not answer or pay attention  
She called the name of the boy Ichabod (no glory) and said:  
"The glory has departed from Israel for the ark of God has been captured"**

**D. Samuel saw God judge the Philistines - 5:1-6:21**

**1. The Philistines were judged for taking the ark - 5:1-12**

**a. God judged the god of the Philistines - 5:1-5**

**The Philistines took the ark of God from Ebenezer to Ashdod  
The Philistines placed the ark of God in the house of Dagon  
Dagon was their idol and their god of vegetation  
The Philistines placed the ark of God next to Dagon  
The Philistines got a surprise the next morning  
The idol of Dagon had fallen to the earth before the ark of the Lord  
The Philistines took Dagon and set him up in his place again  
The Philistines got up early the next morning to check on their idol  
Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord  
This time the head and both of the hands of Dagon were broken off  
These parts landed on the threshold (doorsill) of Dagon's house  
The priests of Dagon and the people became afraid to step on the doorsill**

**b. God judged the Philistines - 5:6-12**

**1) The Lord judged the people of Ashdod - 5:6-8**

**The hand of the Lord was also heavy on the people of Ashdod  
The Lord ravaged them and struck them with tumors  
The Lord struck Ashdod and the entire surrounding area  
The men said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us"  
"His hand is harsh toward us and Dagon our god"  
They asked the lords of the Philistines what to do with the ark of God  
They were told to send the ark to Gath**

**2) The Lord judged the people of Gath - 5:9**

**3) The Lord judged the people of Ekron - 5:10-12**

**The people of Ekron were filled with fear and said:  
"They have brought the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people"  
The lords of the Philistines said to send the ark back to Israel  
The Lord had brought a great destruction on the city of Ekron**

**2. The Philistines sent the ark back to Israel - 6:1-21**

**a. The ark was no longer wanted by the Philistines - 6:1-6**

**1) The Philistines suffered for seven months - 6:1**

**The ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines 7 months  
The Philistines called for the priests and the diviners  
The Philistines asked what to do with the ark of the Lord  
The Philistines asked them how to send the ark to its place**

**2) The Philistines recognized their guilt - 6:2-3**

**The Philistines were told not to send the ark away empty  
The Philistines were told to return it with a trespass offering  
The Philistines were told that was the only way for them to be healed**

**3) The Philistines chose to give glory to God - 6:4-5**

**The Philistines asked what they should send as a trespass offering  
They were told to send five golden tumors and five golden rats  
They were told to give glory to the God of Israel  
They were told that only the true God could lighten their suffering**

**4) The Philistines chose not to harden their hearts - 6:6**

**They were warned not to harden their hearts like the Egyptians  
They were reminded of the mighty things that happened in Egypt**

**b. The ark included an offering with the ark - 6:7-9**

**The Philistines were told to make a new cart and pull it with two milk cows  
They were told to hitch the cows to the cart and take away their calves  
They were told to set the ark of the Lord on the cart  
They were told to put the articles of gold in a chest as a trespass offering  
They were told to send it away and let it go  
They were told to watch if it went up the road to its own territory  
They were told that they would know if God did this great evil to them  
They said otherwise it just happened to them by chance**

**c. The ark was sent on a cart - 6:10-12**

**The Philistines took two milk cows and hitched them to the cart  
The Philistines then shut up their calves at home  
The Philistines set the ark of the Lord on the cart  
They set the chest with the gold rats and images of their tumors  
The cows headed straight up the road to Beth Shemesh in Israel  
The cows went along the highway lowing as they went  
The cows did not turn to either side as they went  
The lords of the Philistines followed them to the border of Beth Shemesh**

**d. The ark was received at Bethshemesh - 6:13-18**

**The people of Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley  
They look and saw the ark and rejoiced when they saw it  
The cart came into the field of Joshua and stood there  
The people split the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a sacrifice  
The Levites took down the ark of the Lord and the chest with it  
They put the ark and the chest with it on the big rock  
The people offered burnt offerings to the Lord  
The people also offered sacrifices that same day to the Lord  
The five lords of the Philistines saw it and returned to Ekron  
The gold tumors and rats were for the five Philistine cities  
The gold tumors and rats were a trespass offering to the Lord  
The offerings were for both the cities and the country villages  
The large stone in the field of Joshua stood as a witness**

**e. The ark brought judgment at Beth Shemesh - 6:19-21**

**The people of Beth Shemesh looked into the ark of the Lord  
The Lord struck the men for looking into the ark of the Lord  
The Lord struck a large number of the men  
The people mourned because the Lord slaughtered many people  
The men of Beth Shemesh asked two questions:  
“Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God?”  
“And to whom shall it go up from us?” (the ark)  
The men sent messengers to the people of Kirjath Jearim  
The message said the Philistines had brought back the ark  
The message told the men of Kirjath Jearim to take the ark to their city**

**E. Samuel encouraged the people to return to the Lord - 7:1-17**

**1. the Lord saw the people do nothing for 20 years - 7:1-2**

**The men of Kirjath Jearim came and got the ark of the Lord  
The men brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill  
The men consecrated Eleazar to keep the ark of the Lord  
The ark of the Lord was at Kirjath Jearim a long time  
The ark of the Lord was there for a total of twenty years  
The people of Israel finally cried out for the Lord after twenty years**

**2. The Lord led Samuel to call the people together - 7:3-8**

**a. The people were worshipping idols - 7:3**

**Samuel spoke to all of the people of Israel  
Samuel told them they needed to turn to the Lord with all their hearts  
Samuel told the people they needed to put away their foreign gods  
Samuel told them to prepare their hearts and serve the Lord only  
Samuel said then the Lord would deliver them from the Philistines**

**b. The people were willing to put away their idols - 7:4**

**The people put away their Baals (male) and their Ashtoreths (female)  
The people served God only instead of these idols**

**c. The people confessed their sin to the Lord - 7:5-6**

**Samuel told all of Israel to gather together at Mizpah  
Samuel said that he would pray to the Lord for them at Mizpah  
The people gathered, drew water and poured it out before the Lord  
The people fasted and confessed their sin against the Lord  
Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah**

**d. The people were fearful of the Philistines - 7:7-8**

**The Philistines heard and came against Israel at Mizpah  
The people heard they were coming and were filled with fear  
They told Samuel to not cease to cry out to the Lord to save them**



### **3. The Lord gave Israel a great victory - 7:9-12**

**Samuel offered a suckling lamb as a whole burnt offering to the Lord**  
**Samuel then cried out to the Lord and the Lord heard him**  
**Samuel was offering the lamb when the Philistines came to fight**  
**The Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day**  
This was in answer to Hannah's prayer when Samuel was small - I Sam. 2:10  
**The Lord so confused the Philistines that they were defeated by Israel**  
**The men of Israel left Mizpah and pursued the Philistines**  
The Philistines became the fearful instead of the feared - I Sam. 7:7-8  
**Israel chased the Philistines as far as below Beth Car**  
**Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen**  
**Samuel called the name of the stone Ebenezer (stone of help)**  
**Samuel then said, "Thus far the Lord has helped us"**  
Samuel wanted all Israel to know that the Lord gave this victory  
This stone served as the eastern boundary of the Philistines during that time

### **4. The Lord subdued the Philistines - 7:13-14**

**The Philistines were defeated that day**  
**The Philistines did not come into the territory of Israel any more**  
**The hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel**  
**The cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored**  
**Israel recovered its territory from Ekron to Gath**  
**This area had all been taken from Israel by the Philistines**  
These had earlier been taken by the Philistines - I Sam. 4:1-11  
This happened when the ark was captured - I Sam. 5:1-2  
**There was also peace between Israel and the Amorites during this time**

### **5. The Lord blessed the ministry of Samuel - 7:15-17**

**Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life**  
However, his sons did not walk in his ways - I Sam. 8:1-3  
**Samuel made a circuit each year to Bethel, Mizpah and Gilgal**  
**Samuel judged Israel in all of these places**  
**Samuel always returned to the town of Ramah**  
(This is the town where his home was located)  
**Samuel also judged Israel when he was at his home in Ramah**  
**Samuel also built an altar to the Lord at Ramah**

**F. Samuel was asked to give Israel a king - 8:1-22**

**1. The people demanded a king - 8:1-5**

**a. The people rejected the leadership of the family of Samuel - 8:1-3**

**Samuel made his sons judges over Israel when he was old  
The sons of Samuel, Joel and Abijah, were judges in Beersheba  
The sons of Samuel did not walk in his ways  
The sons of Samuel turned aside after dishonest gain  
The sons of Samuel took bribes and perverted justice**

**b. The people demanded a king so they could be like the other nations - 8:4-5**

**The elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah  
The elders told Samuel that he was old  
The elders told Samuel his sons did not walk in his ways  
The elders asked Samuel to make them a king  
The elders said then they would be like the other nations**

**2. The people were rejecting the Lord - 8:6-9**

**a. The people demanded a king - 8:6**

**Samuel prayed to the Lord for guidance**

**b. The people were actually rejecting the rule of the Lord - 8:7**

**God said the people were not rejecting Samuel  
God said the people were actually rejecting Him**

**c. The people were serving other gods - 8:8**

**The people had forsaken God since He brought them out of Egypt  
The people were now forsaking the leadership of Samuel**

**d. The people were to be warned about the consequences of their choice -8:9**

**The Lord said to heed their voice but solemnly warn them  
The Lord said to show them the behavior of the king**

**3. The people were warned about a king - 8:10-18**

**a. Samuel told the people the words of the Lord - 8:10**

**Samuel told the people who asked for a king what the Lord had said**

**b. Samuel told the people the consequences of their choice - 8:11-17**

**Samuel explained what the behavior of a king would be like  
A king would appoint their sons for his own chariots and horsemen  
A king would have some before his chariots  
A king would appoint some as captains of thousands and of fifties  
A king would set some to plow his grounds and reap his harvests  
A king would appoint some to make his weapons and others his equipment  
A king would take their daughters as perfumers, cooks and bakers  
A king would take their best fields, vineyards and olive groves  
A king would give those things to his servants  
A king would take a tenth of their grain and vintage  
A king would give them to his officers and servants  
A king would take their manservants and maidservants  
A king would take their finest young men and their donkeys  
A king would have these people do his work  
A king would take a tenth of their sheep for his servants**

**c. Samuel told the people that the Lord would not hear - 8:18**

**The people would cry to the Lord in that day  
The people would not be heard by the Lord when they cried**

**4. The people wanted to be like the other nations - 8:19-22**

**The people refused to obey the voice of Samuel  
The people demanded that they have a king over them  
The people said that they wanted to be like the other nations  
The people said they wanted a king so he could judge them  
The people said a king would go before them and fight their battles  
Samuel heard the words of the people and told them to the Lord  
The Lord told Samuel to listen and make them a king  
Samuel told the men of Israel to each one go to his city**

## **II. The Life, Ministry and Rejection of Saul - 9:1-15:35**

### **A. Saul was chosen to be king - 9:1-27**

#### **1. The Lord caused the donkeys of Kish to get lost - 9:1-10**

##### **a. The introduction to Saul - 9:1-2**

**There was a man of the tribe of Benjamin named Kish  
Kish was known as a mighty man of power  
Kish had a son named Saul  
Saul was a choice and handsome young man  
Saul was one of the most handsome people in Israel  
Saul was a head taller than any of the people  
People look at the appearance while the Lord looks at the heart - I Sam. 16:7**

##### **b. The seeking of Saul for his donkeys - 9:3-5**

**The donkeys of Kish were lost  
Kish told Saul to take one of the servants and go and look for the donkeys  
Saul did not find the donkeys in the mountains of Ephraim or in Shalisha  
Saul did not find the donkeys in the land of Shaalim  
Saul did not find the donkeys in the land of the Benjamites  
Saul and the servant came to the land of Zuph  
Saul said they better return or his father would get worried about them**

##### **c. The seeking of Saul for guidance - 9:6-10**

**Saul was told by the servant that the city there had a man of God  
Saul heard he was an honorable man whose words came to pass  
Saul heard that they should go find out from him what to do  
Saul asked what they could bring the man since their food was gone  
Saul said that they had no present for the man of God  
Saul heard that the servant had a coin worth 1/4 of a shekel  
Saul heard the servant say he would give it to the man of God  
Formerly the men of God were called seers  
In the time of Saul these men were now called prophets  
Saul agreed with the suggestion of the servant  
Saul and the servant went to the city where the man of God was**

**2. The Lord caused Saul to look for Samuel - 9:11-14**

**a. Saul asked if Samuel was in that city - 9:11**

**Saul and the servant went up the hill to the city  
They met some young women going to get water  
They asked the young women if the seer was there**

**b. Saul learned that Samuel had come to the city that day - 9:12**

**The young women pointed out that Samuel was just ahead  
The young women said Samuel had just come to the city that day  
The young women said he was going to offer the sacrifice of the people**

**c. Saul learned that Samuel would soon offer a sacrifice - 9:13**

**Saul was told to talk to Samuel before he went to the high place  
Saul was told the people would not eat until Samuel arrived  
Saul was told Samuel would bless the sacrifice before they ate**

**d. Saul met Samuel walking toward them - 9:14**

**Saul and the servant went up to the city  
Saul met Samuel just coming out of the city  
Saul learned Samuel was on his way to the high place**

**3. the Lord told Samuel that Saul would become king - 9:15-24**

**a. Samuel was told that Saul would be the king - 9:15-17**

**The Lord had told Samuel that Saul was coming  
Samuel learned that the Lord would send a young man the next day  
Samuel was told that he would be from the tribe of Benjamin  
Samuel was told to anoint him as the commander over the people of Israel  
Samuel was told Saul would save Israel from the Philistines  
Samuel said God looked at his people and heard their cry  
Samuel met Saul as he was walking out of the city  
Samuel was told that this was the man of whom God spoke  
Samuel was told Saul would reign over God's people**

**b. Samuel told Saul that he would be the king - 9:18-21**

**Saul came close to the place where Samuel was standing  
Saul asked him where the house of the seer was  
Samuel told Saul that he was the seer  
Samuel told Saul to go before him to the high place  
Samuel said that Saul would eat with him that day  
Samuel said tomorrow he would tell Saul all that was in his heart  
Samuel told Saul not to worry about the donkeys  
Samuel told Saul that the donkeys had been found  
Samuel told Saul the desire of Israel was on him and his family  
Saul said he was a Benjamite, the smallest of the tribes of Israel  
Saul said his family was the least of the tribe of Benjamin  
Saul asked Samuel why he spoke to him that way**

**c. Samuel made Saul the honored guest at the feast - 9:22-24**

**Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall  
Samuel had them sit in the place of honor  
There were a total of about thirty persons there that day  
Samuel told the cook to bring the portion he had given him  
Samuel said he had told the cook to set that portion apart  
The cook took the thigh with its upper part and set it before Saul  
Samuel explained that piece of meat had been kept back for Saul  
Samuel said that meat had been kept for Saul  
Saul ate with Samuel that day**

**4. The Lord told Samuel to talk to Saul - 9:25-27**

**Then they came down from the high place into the city  
Samuel spoke with Saul on the top of the house  
Saul and the servant got up early in the morning about dawn  
Samuel called Saul to the top of the house  
Samuel said he would send Saul on his way  
Samuel and Saul went outside together  
Samuel and Saul reached the outer edge of the city  
Samuel told Saul to send the servant ahead of him  
Samuel told Saul to stand with him for awhile  
Samuel said he would announce the word of God to Saul**

**B. Saul was anointed as the king - 10:1-27**

**1. Samuel told Saul the signs he would see - 10:1-8**

**a. Samuel anointed Saul privately - 10:1**

**Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on the head of Saul  
Samuel then gave Saul a kiss  
Samuel said the Lord had anointed Saul over His inheritance**

**b. Samuel told Saul the signs that would confirm his word - 10:2-5**

**Samuel told Saul that certain things would happen that day  
Samuel said Saul would find two men by Rachel's tomb at Zelzah  
Those men would tell Saul that the donkeys had been found  
His father was no longer worried about the donkeys  
His father was concerned about what had happened to Saul  
Samuel said Saul would then go on to the terebinth tree of Tabor  
Samuel said that there Saul would meet three men  
One would be carrying three goats  
One would be carrying three loaves of bread  
One would be carrying a skin of wine  
Samuel said they would greet Saul and give him two loaves of bread  
Samuel said Saul would then come to the hill with the Philistine fort  
Samuel said Saul would meet a group of prophets when he came into the city  
Samuel said they would be playing musical instruments and prophesying**

**c. Samuel told Saul how he would be changed - 10:6-8**

**Saul would have the spirit of the Lord come upon him  
Saul would then prophesy with the prophets  
Saul would be turned into a different person  
Saul would have these signs happen in his life as he went  
Saul was to do what the occasion required  
Saul was to know that God was with him  
Saul was to go to Gilgal and wait for Samuel to come  
Saul was told Samuel would come and offer sacrifices  
Saul was to wait for seven days for Samuel to come  
Saul would then be told by Samuel what he was to do**

## **2. Samuel had his prophecies fulfilled - 10:9-13**

### **a. Saul had his heart changed by God - 10:9**

**Saul then turned from Samuel to go on his way  
Saul was given another heart by God  
We see that only God can change the heart - Ezek. 36:26  
God's love is poured into our hearts by the Spirit - Rom. 5:5  
Saul had all of the signs happen that day**

### **b. Saul prophesied when the Spirit of God came upon Him - 10:10-12**

**When they came to the hill, a group of prophets met Saul and the servant  
Saul then had the Spirit of God come upon him  
The Spirit of God came on individuals in the Old Testament  
The Spirit of God could also depart in the Old Testament - I Sam. 16:14  
In contrast, all Christians are sealed with the Holy Spirit - Eph. 1:13-14  
Saul prophesied while he was among the prophets  
The people who knew Saul saw he prophesied with the prophets  
They said, "What is this that has come upon the son of Kish?"  
"Is Saul also among the prophets?"  
One of the men there asked, "Who is their father?"  
It became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"**

### **c. Saul came to the high place - 10:13**

**Saul finished prophesying with the prophets  
Saul then went to the high place**

## **3. Samuel did not have his words revealed to Saul's uncle - 10:14-16**

**The uncle of Saul came to Saul and the servant  
The uncle asked Saul where he had gone  
The uncle was told that he went to look for the donkeys  
Saul said when they could not find the donkeys, they went to Samuel  
The uncle said, "Tell me please, what Samuel said to you."  
Saul said Samuel told them plainly that the donkeys had been found  
Saul did not say anything about the kingdom  
Saul did not mention that Samuel talked about the kingdom**



**4. Samuel anointed Saul to be the king of Israel - 10:17-27**

**a. Saul was chosen by lot - 10:17-21**

**Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah  
Samuel reminded Israel of the past  
The Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt  
The Lord had delivered Israel from the Egyptians  
The Lord had delivered Israel from all kingdoms that oppressed  
The people had rejected God  
God had saved them from all their adversaries  
God had saved them from all their tribulations  
The people had rejected God by asking for a king to be over them  
Samuel said to now present themselves by their tribes and clans  
Samuel caused all of the tribes of Israel to come near  
The tribe of Benjamin was chosen (by casting lots) - Lev. 16:8-10  
The family of Matri was chosen  
Saul, the son of Kish was chosen - Prov. 16:33  
Saul was hiding and could not be found**

**b. Saul was recognized as king - 10:22-25**

**The people then inquired of the Lord further  
The people asked if Saul had come to the place yet  
The Lord answered, "He is hidden among the equipment"  
Someone ran and brought him to the people  
Saul was a head taller than any of the other people  
Samuel told the people to look at the one that God had chosen  
The people then shouted and said, "Long live the king."  
Samuel explained the behavior of royalty  
Samuel wrote what he had said in a book  
Samuel then sent the people home**

**c. Saul experienced two different responses - 10:26-27**

**Saul returned to his home in Gibeah  
Valiant men went with him whose hearts God had touched  
Other rebelled and said, "How can this man save us?"  
Those men despised him and brought him no presents**

### **C. Saul saved the city of Jabesh-gilead - 11:1-15**

#### **1. The people of Jabesh-gilead were threatened by the Ammonites - 11:1-3**

**Nahash the Ammonite came up and encamped against Jabesh-Gilead  
The men of Jabesh said they would serve Nahash if he made a covenant  
Nahash agreed to make a covenant on one condition  
Nahash said the men must all have their right eye blinded  
Nahash said this would bring reproach on all Israel  
The men of Jabesh asked for seven days to see if they could get help  
The men of Jabesh said they would send messengers to all of Israel  
The men of Jabesh said they would see if anyone would save them  
The men of Jabesh said if no one helped them they would agree**

#### **2. the people of Jabesh-gilead were protected by Saul - 11:4-11**

**The messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news to the people  
The people of Gibeah wept when they heard the news  
Saul returned from taking care of the herd in the field  
Saul said, "What troubles the people, that they weep?"  
Saul heard the words of the men of Jabesh  
The Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard and he was greatly angered  
Saul took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces  
Saul sent the pieces throughout Israel by the hand of messengers  
Saul said that would happen to their oxen if they did not help Jabesh  
The fear of the Lord came on the people and they came out with one consent  
There were 300,000 men from Israel and 30,000 men from Judah  
The messengers were told what to tell the men of Jabesh:  
"Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help."  
The men of Jabesh told Nahash he could do the next day what he desired  
Saul divided the men into three groups and attacked in the early morning  
They killed the Ammonites until the heat of the day and the rest scattered**

#### **3. the people recognized the leadership of Saul - 11:12-15**

**Some people told Samuel that those who rejected Saul should be put to death  
Saul said it was the Lord who had given victory that day  
Samuel told the people, "Let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there"  
The people made Saul the king before the Lord in Gilgal  
The people made sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord and rejoiced**

**D. Saul had his appointment explained by Samuel - 12:1-25**

**1. Samuel reviewed the history of Israel - 12:1-11**

**a. Samuel reminded the people that he had been faithful - 12:1-5**

**Samuel spoke to all of the nation of Israel  
Samuel said he had listened to the voice of the people  
Samuel said that he had made a king over the people  
Samuel said they now had their king walking before them  
Samuel said that he was old and grayheaded and his sons were there  
Samuel said he had walked before them from childhood until that day  
Samuel said that God was the witness of his integrity  
Samuel asked if he had taken animals or oppressed anyone  
Samuel asked if he had taken bribes from anyone  
Samuel said if he had he would repay  
They answered he had not defrauded or oppressed any of them  
They said he had not taken anything from anyone  
Samuel said the Lord witnessed what they said that day  
The people answered, "He is witness"**

**b. Samuel reminded the people how they had forsaken the Lord - 12:6-11**

**1) The people had been brought out of the land of Egypt - 12:6-8**

**Samuel said that the Lord had raised up Moses and Aaron  
Samuel said they brought Israel up out of Egypt  
Samuel told the people to stand still and hear the righteous acts of the Lord  
Samuel said the Lord showed these righteous acts to them and their fathers  
Their fathers had cried out to the Lord in Egypt  
The Lord brought them out of Egypt  
The Lord gave them this place to live**

**2) The people had been delivered from their enemies by the Lord - 12:9-11**

**The people had forgotten the Lord  
The Lord allowed them to be conquered by Sisera  
The people cried out to the Lord and confessed their sins  
The people asked the Lord to deliver them from their enemies  
The Lord also sent other judges to deliver them so they lived safely**

## **2. Samuel reviewed the appointment of Saul - 12:12-15**

**Nahash king of the Ammonites had come against Israel  
Israel said that they needed a king to reign over them  
Samuel had said that God was their king but they still wanted a king  
Here is the king whom you have chosen and whom you desired  
The Lord has set a king over you and you have to make choices  
Samuel told what would happen if they served the Lord  
Samuel told them they and their king would be blessed by following the Lord  
Samuel told them what would happen if they rebelled against the Lord  
The hand of the Lord would be against them**

## **3. Samuel showed the people the power of God - 12:16-19**

**Samuel told the people to stand and watch what God would do  
Samuel asked them if this was the day for the wheat harvest to begin  
Samuel said that He would call for God to send thunder and rain  
Samuel said that then they would recognize that their wickedness was great  
Samuel said they would see what asking for a king had done before the Lord  
Samuel then called to the Lord and asked Him to send thunder and rain  
The Lord answered and sent thunder and rain that day  
Then all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel  
The people asked Samuel to pray that they would not die  
The people said they added to their sins by asking for a king**

## **4. Samuel promised to pray for the people - 12:20-25**

**Samuel asked them not to fear in spite of their wickedness  
Samuel encouraged the people to serve the Lord with their whole heart  
Samuel said not to turn aside and go after empty things  
Samuel said that those things were nothing  
Samuel said the Lord would not forsake His people for His sake  
Samuel said it had pleased the Lord to make Israel His people  
Samuel said that he would not sin against the Lord  
He would pray for them and teach them the good and the right way  
Samuel told them to fear the Lord and serve Him with all their heart  
Samuel said to think about the great things the Lord had done for them  
Samuel warned what would happen if they did wickedly  
God would sweep them away, both they and their king**

## **E. Saul was rejected by God - 13:1-23**

### **1. Israel saw Saul defeat the Philistines - 13:1-4**

**Saul began his reign over the nation of Israel  
Saul then reigned for two years over Israel  
Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel  
Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mountains of Bethel  
One thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin  
The rest of the men of Israel were sent back to their homes  
Jonathan attacked the garrison of the Philistines at Geba  
The Philistines heard about that attack  
Saul sent messengers throughout Israel and they blew trumpets  
Saul told them "Let the Hebrews hear!" about the victory of Jonathan  
All Israel learned about that victory over the Philistines  
Israel had also become an abomination to the Philistines  
Then the people were called together to Saul at Gilgal**

### **2. Israel was filled with fear - 13:5-7**

**The Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel  
The Philistines had 3,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen  
The Philistines were like the sand by the sea in multitude  
The Philistines camped at Michmash east of Beth Aven  
The people of Israel were distressed as they saw they were in danger  
The people of Israel hid in caves and in thickets of trees  
The people of Israel hid in the rocks, in holes and in pits  
Some of the Hebrews crossed the Jordan River to Gad or Gilead  
Saul was still in Gilgal and the people who followed him trembled**

### **3. Israel saw Saul offer a sacrifice - 13:8-10**

**Saul waited seven days for Samuel to come to Gilgal  
Samuel had not arrived at Gilgal and the people were scattered  
Saul told those remaining to bring burnt offerings and peace offerings  
Saul then took it upon himself to offer the burnt offering  
Samuel arrived as he finished offering the burnt offering  
Saul went to meet Samuel as he came (to hide his offering)  
Saul did this so that he could greet Samuel**

#### **4. Israel heard Saul rejected as king - 13:11-16**

**Samuel asked Saul the question, "What have you done?"**  
**Saul said that the people had scattered from him**  
**Saul said that Samuel had not come (blame)**  
**Saul said the Philistines were gathered at Michmash**  
**Saul said he thought the Philistines would soon come to Gilgal**  
**Saul said that he had not made supplication to the Lord**  
**Saul said that he felt forced to offer a burnt offering**  
**Samuel told Saul, "You have done foolishly."**  
**You have not kept the commandment of the Lord as He commanded**  
**Obedience meant the Lord would have established his kingdom forever**  
**Samuel said that now the kingdom of Saul would not continue**  
**Samuel said, "The Lord has sought for a man after His own heart"**  
**Saul had not obeyed what the Lord had commanded him**  
**Samuel then left and went to Gibeah**  
**Saul had only six hundred men still with him**  
**Saul, Jonathan and the 600 men remained in Gibeah**

#### **5. Israel was defeated by the Philistines - 13:17-23**

##### **a. The people of Israel experienced great loss - 13:17-18**

**Then raiders camp out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies**  
**One company turned to the road that led to Ophrah and the land of Shual**  
**The second company turned to the road that led to Beth Horon**  
**The third company turned to the road that overlooks the Valley of Zeboim**

##### **b. The people of Israel had no way to defend themselves - 13:19-23**

**All blacksmiths were removed from the entire land of Israel**  
**The Philistines were afraid blacksmiths would make weapons**  
**The Israelites had to go to the Philistines to sharpen their farm tools**  
**A mattock was what is today called a pick or a pickax**  
**The Philistines charged a high price (2/3 of a shekel) to sharpen a tool**  
**Most of the Israelites were not allowed to have any weapons of war**  
**The people were not allowed to have either a sword or a spear**  
**The only ones allowed to have weapons were Saul and Jonathan**  
**Some of the Philistines moved to the pass at Michmash**

**F. Saul saw Jonathan defeat the Philistines - 14:1-52**

**1. Jonathan had his trust in the Lord - 14:1-7**

**a. Jonathan was a man of courage - 14:1-3**

**Jonathan spoke one day to the young man who carried his armor  
Jonathan said, "Come let us go over to the Philistines' garrison"  
Jonathan did not tell his father what he was planning to do  
Saul was sitting near Gibeah under a pomegranate tree  
Saul had about 600 men with him at this time  
Ahijah was the Lord's priest at this time  
The people did not know Jonathan had gone**

**b. Jonathan knew the location of the Philistines - 14:4-5**

**There were passes by which Jonathan had to pass  
The passes were protected by sharp rocks  
These rocks were named Bozez (slippery) and Seneh (thorny)  
One rock faced northward and the other rock faced southward**

**c. Jonathan knew the Lord would give victory through few - 14:6-7**

**Jonathan spoke to the young man who carried his armor  
Jonathan said, "Let us go over to the garrison of the uncircumcised"  
Jonathan said that the Lord could do the work for them  
Jonathan said the Lord can save by many or by few  
The armor bearer told Jonathan to do what was in his heart  
The armor bearer said he would go with Jonathan**

**2. Jonathan defeated a garrison of the Philistines - 14:8-18**

**a. Jonathan knew the Lord would show whether to fight - 14:8-10**

**Jonathan said let us cross over and show ourselves to these men  
Jonathan said if the men said wait that they would stand still  
Jonathan then said what it meant if they said "Come up to us"  
Jonathan said that meant the Lord had delivered them into their hand  
Jonathan said that would be a sign from the Lord to them**

**b. Jonathan trusted the Lord to guide him - 14:11-15**

**Jonathan and his armor bearer showed themselves to the Philistines  
The Philistines said the Hebrews were coming out of the holes  
The Philistines said that was where the Hebrews had hidden  
The Philistines then called to Jonathan and his armor bearer  
The Philistines said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something"  
Jonathan told his armor bearer to follow him  
Jonathan said the Lord had delivered them into the hand of Israel  
Jonathan and his armor bearer climbed up on their hands and knees  
They fell before Jonathan and then his armor bearer killed them  
About twenty men fell before them on a half acre of land  
There was a trembling in the camp, the field and among all the people  
The garrison quaked and the raiders also trembled  
The earth quaked, so that there was a very great trembling**

**c. Jonathan had the Lord working through him - 14:16-18**

**The watchmen of Israel saw the multitude getting smaller  
The watchmen saw they were striking each other  
Saul had them call the roll to see who was missing  
Saul learned that Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there  
Saul told Ahijah, "Bring the ark (or possibly ephod) of God here"  
The priest had taken this with him to the battle field**

**3. Jonathan saw God give a great victory - 14:19-23**

**Saul was talking to the priest  
During this time the noise was increasing in the camp of the Philistines  
Saul then told the priest, "Withdraw your hand"  
Saul and all the people with him then went to the battle  
They saw everyone fighting against his neighbor  
They saw that there was very great confusion among the Philistines  
The Hebrews who were with the Philistines turned against them  
These Hebrews also joined with the Israelites with Saul and Jonathan  
The men hiding in the mountains of Ephraim heard the Philistines fled  
Those in hiding come out and fought against the Philistines  
The Lord saved Israel that day  
The battle then shifted to Beth Aven**



#### **4. Jonathan did not hear the oath of his father - 14:24-32**

##### **a. The people feared Saul - 14:24-26**

**The men of Israel were distressed (oppressed) that day  
Saul had placed the men of Israel under an oath  
Saul said any who ate food before evening were cursed  
Saul said he wanted vengeance on his enemies before anyone ate  
Saul caused the people to be afraid to eat any food  
The people came into the forest and there was honey on the ground  
The people came into the woods and saw the honey dripping  
The people were afraid to eat because of the oath**

##### **b. The people became weak - 14:27-30**

**Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath  
Jonathan took the rod in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb  
Jonathan then put the honey to his mouth  
Jonathan had his eyes brighten because of eating the honey  
One of the people then told Jonathan about the oath of his father  
Jonathan then learned that anyone who ate food that day was cursed  
Jonathan said that his father had troubled the land by his oath  
Jonathan said his eyes had brightened because he ate a little honey  
Jonathan said it would have been much better to eat some food  
Jonathan said there would have won a much greater victory**

##### **c. The people won a victory - 14:31-32**

**Israel had driven the Philistines from Michmash to Aijalon  
The people were very tired by the time they got that far  
The people rushed upon the animals and killed them  
The people began eating the animals with the blood**

#### **5. Jonathan saw his father build an altar - 14:33-35**

**Saul was told that they were sinning against the Lord by eating the blood  
Saul told the people not to sin against the Lord by eating the blood  
Saul then told the people to kill the animals properly  
Saul then built his first altar that he built to the Lord**

**6. Jonathan was protected from his father - 14:36-46**

**a. Saul sought the counsel of the Lord - 14:36-37**

**Saul decided to go and plunder the Philistines during the night  
The people said, "Do whatever seems good to you"  
The priest said, "Let us draw near to God"  
Saul asked counsel of the Lord but did not get an answer that day**

**b. Saul sought to find out who had disobeyed - 14:38-42**

**Saul told the leaders to gather and determine who had sinned  
Saul said whoever sinned would die even if it was Jonathan  
Saul had all of the leaders on one side and he and Jonathan on the other  
The people told Saul to do what seemed good to him  
Saul prayed and asked the Lord to give a perfect lot  
Saul and Jonathan were taken by the casting of lots  
Saul then asked the people to cast lots between he and Jonathan  
This time Jonathan was taken by the casting of lots**

**c. Saul was not allowed to kill Jonathan - 14:43-46**

**Saul then asked Jonathan what he had done  
Jonathan said that he had tasted a little honey  
Jonathan said that meant he was the one to die  
Saul told Jonathan he would surely die  
The people said that Jonathan had accomplished a great salvation  
The people said that Saul would not do anything to Jonathan  
The people rescued Jonathan so that he did not die  
Saul then returned from pursuing the Philistines**

**7. Jonathan saw his father experience constant fighting - 14:47-52**

**Saul fought against the enemies of Israel on every side  
Saul gathered an army and defeated the Amalekites and plundered them  
Saul had a total of three sons and two daughters  
Ahinoam was the wife of Saul and Abner commanded his army  
Kish was the father of Saul and Ner was the father of Abner  
Saul had fierce war with the Philistines his entire rule  
~~Saul took every strong man and every valiant man to be in his army~~**

**G. Saul did not completely obey the command of God - 15:1-35**

**1. The Lord told Saul to completely destroy Amalek - 15:1-7**

**a. Saul was commanded to completely destroy the Amalekites - 15:1-5**

**Samuel went and spoke to Saul  
Samuel reminded Saul that the Lord had sent him to anoint Saul as king  
Samuel told Saul to listen to what the Lord had to say to him  
The Lord was going to punish what Amalek had done to Israel  
The Lord said Amalek had laid wait for Israel when they came out of Egypt  
They had attacked the stragglers and the weak - Ex. 17:8-14; Deut. 25:17-19  
The Lord told Saul to attack Amalek and completely destroy them  
The Lord told Saul not to leave any of the people of Amalek  
This included all the men, women, children and animals  
Saul gathered the people of Israel to go and fight against Amalek  
This included 200,000 from Israel and 10,000 from Judah  
Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley**

**b. Saul was disobedient to the commandment of the Lord - 15:6-7**

**Saul told the Kenites to leave the area of the Amalekites  
Saul said he did not want to destroy them when he destroyed the Amalekites  
Saul said that the Kenites had shown kindness to Israel  
The Kenites departed from among the Amalekites  
Saul attacked the Amalekites from Havilah all the way to Shur**

**2. The Lord saw the disobedience of Saul - 15:8-13**

**a. Saul saved the king of the Amalekites - 15:8**

**Saul captured Agag the king when he destroyed the Amalekites  
Saul destroyed the people of Amalek with the sword**

**b. Saul saved the good animals of the Amalekites - 15:9**

**Saul spared Agag, the best of the animals and all that was good  
Saul was unwilling to completely destroy them  
Saul completely destroyed anything that was despised and worthless**

**c. Saul tried to blame the people for his failure - 15:10-13**

**The Lord spoke to Samuel and told him about Saul  
The Lord said that He regretted setting up Saul as the king  
The Lord said Saul had turned back from following Him  
The Lord said that Saul had not performed His commandments  
Samuel heard and cried out to the Lord all night  
Samuel rose early in the morning to go and meet Saul  
Saul had gone to Carmel and set up a monument for himself  
Then Saul had gone around and finally down to Gilgal  
Samuel then went and met Saul who said:  
“Blessed are you of the Lord! I have obeyed the commandment of the Lord.”**

**3. The Lord heard Saul blame the people for his disobedience - 15:14-21**

**a. Saul had his sin pointed out to him - 15:14-15**

**Samuel immediately answered Saul with the follow question:  
“What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears,  
and this lowing of the oxen which I hear?”  
Saul blamed the people and said, “The people spared the best of the sheep  
and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God”  
Saul said that the people had destroyed the rest**

**b. Saul learned what God says about rebellion - 15:16-19**

**Samuel then said to Saul:  
“Be quiet! And I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night.”  
Samuel said when Saul was small in his own eyes the Lord anointed him  
The Lord made Saul head of the tribes and king over Israel  
The Lord had now told him to completely destroy Amalek  
The Lord told him to fight until they were consumed  
Samuel asked why he did not obey the voice of the Lord?  
Why did he swoop down on the spoil and disobey the Lord?**

**c. Saul continued to claim obedience - 15:20-21**

**Saul said he had carried out the mission one which the Lord sent him  
Saul said he had brought back Agag and destroyed the Amalekites  
Saul said the people took the plunder to sacrifice to the Lord your God**

**4. The Lord told Saul the consequences of his rebellion - 15:22-33**

**a. Saul heard how God viewed rebellion - 15:22-23**

**The Lord does not want sacrifices when there is no obedience  
Obedience is better than sacrifice and to heed than the fat of rams  
Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft; Stubbornness is like sin and idolatry  
Saul had rejected the word of the Lord and he was rejected as king**

**b. Saul showed false repentance - 15:24-26**

**Saul said he had sinned and transgressed the commandments of the Lord  
Saul said that he feared the people and obeyed their voice  
Saul asked Samuel to pardon his sin  
Saul and Samuel to go with him and worship the Lord  
Samuel said that he would not go with Saul  
Saul had rejected the word of the Lord and the Lord rejected him as king**

**c. Saul tore the robe of Samuel - 15:27-29**

**Saul seized the robe of Samuel as Samuel turned and the robe tore  
Samuel said the Lord had torn the kingdom of Israel from Saul that day  
“The Lord has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”  
God is the Strength of Israel who will not lie nor relent**

**d. Saul still wanted honor - 15:30-31**

**Saul said that he had sinned but asked Samuel to honor him before Israel  
Saul asked Samuel to return and worship the Lord with him  
Samuel turned back with Saul and Saul worshipped the Lord**

**e. Saul saw Samuel complete the judgment of Agag - 15:32-33**

**Agag thought that that he might be allowed to live  
Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal**

**5. The Lord repented that He had made Saul king - 15:34-35**

**Samuel went home and never saw Saul again before he died  
Samuel mourned for Saul and the Lord regretted making Saul the king**

### **III. The life and rise of David and the decline of Saul - 16:1-31:13**

#### **A. David was anointed as king - 16:1-23**

##### **1. The Lord sent Samuel to anoint David as king - 16:1-5**

**The Lord asked Samuel how long he would mourn for Saul  
The Lord said He had rejected Saul from reigning over Israel  
The Lord told Samuel to fill his horn with oil and go to the house of Jesse  
The Lord said He had provided Himself with a king from his sons  
Samuel was afraid if Saul heard what he did that Saul would kill him  
Samuel was told to take a heifer to offer a sacrifice to the Lord  
Samuel was told to invite Jesse to the sacrifice  
Samuel was told the Lord would show him what to do  
Samuel was told to anoint the one that the Lord named to him  
Samuel did as the Lord said and went to Bethlehem  
The elders of the town trembled and asked if Samuel came peaceably  
Samuel said he had come peaceably to offer a sacrifice to the Lord  
Samuel told the elders to sanctify themselves and come with him  
Samuel also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them**

##### **2. The Lord looks on the heart - 16:6-7**

**Samuel looked at the appearance of Eliab  
Samuel thought that surely he was the One the Lord wanted him to anoint  
The Lord said not to look on his appearance or physical stature  
The Lord said that He had refused him for the Lord does not see as man sees,  
“Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”  
Godly character is the critical issue for godly leadership - Jer. 17:9  
Most qualifications for godly leadership are character - I Tim. 3:1-13, Titus 1:6-9**

##### **3. The Lord told Samuel to anoint David - 16:8-13**

###### **a. Samuel was told that God had not chosen the seven older sons - 16:8-10**

**Abinadab passed before Samuel and the Lord had not chosen him  
Shammah passed before Samuel and the Lord had not chosen him  
Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel  
Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”**

**b. Samuel told Jesse to send for David - 16:11**

**Samuel asked Jesse if all of his sons were there  
Jesse said that the youngest was not there but was herding the sheep  
Samuel said they would not sit down until the youngest son came**

**c. Samuel anointed David to be the king - 16:12-13**

**Jesse sent and brought David to the place of the feast  
David was red with bright eyes and a handsome appearance  
The Lord told Samuel, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"  
Samuel took the oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers  
The Spirit of the Lord came on David from that day forward  
Samuel returned to Ramah**

**4. The Lord took His Spirit away from Saul - 16:14-18**

**The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul  
An evil spirit from the Lord caused Saul great distress  
Saul's servants told him that it was an evil spirit from God troubling him  
Saul's servants told him to seek a skillful player of the harp  
Let him play the harp to cheer you when the evil spirit comes upon you  
Saul told his servants to find a man who could play well and bring him  
A servant said that he had seen a son of Jesse who was a skillful player  
He said the son was a mighty man of valor and a man of war  
He said the son was prudent in speech and handsome  
He said the Lord was with that son**

**5. The Lord brought David into the court of Saul - 16:19-23**

**Saul sent word to Jesse telling him to send David who was with the sheep  
Jesse loaded a donkey with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat  
Jesse sent his son David with the donkey to Saul  
David came to Saul and stood before him  
Saul loved him greatly and he became his armorbearer  
Saul sent a message to Jesse, "Please let David stand before me."  
Saul said that David had found favor in his sight  
David played the harp whenever the evil spirit came upon Saul  
This refreshed Saul, he became well and the evil spirit departed**

**B. David was used by God to defeat Goliath - 17:1-58**

**1. Goliath was defying the army of Israel - 17:1-11**

**a. Israel was arranged in battle against the Philistines - 17:1-3**

**The Philistines gathered their armies together to battle against Israel  
The Philistines encamped between Sochoh and Azekah in Judah  
Saul and the men of Israel then encamped in the Valley of Elah  
Israel drew up in battle array against the Philistines  
The Philistines stood on a mountain on one Side  
Israel stood on a mountain on the other side  
The two armies had a valley between them**

**b. Israel was filled with fear by the words of Goliath - 17:4-11**

**1) Goliath was a man of great size - 17:4-7**

**A champion came out from the camp of the Philistines named Goliath  
Goliath was 9 feet, 9 inches tall  
Goliath had a bronze helmet and was clothed with a coat of armor  
The armor that he wore weighted about 125 pounds  
Goliath had bronze armor on his legs  
Goliath had a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders  
Goliath had a spear whose shaft was like a weaver's beam  
Goliath's spear head weighed about 16 pounds**

**2) Goliath was a man of great fighting ability - 17:8-9**

**Goliath called to Israel, "Why have you come out to line up for battle?"  
Goliath said he was a Philistine and they were the servants of Saul  
Goliath told Israel to choose a man to come and fight him  
Goliath said if the man killed him, the Philistines would serve Israel  
Goliath said if he killed that man, Israel would serve the Philistines**

**3) Goliath was a man of great words - 17:10-11**

**Goliath said he defied Israel to give him a man so they could fight that day  
Saul and all Israel heard his words and were greatly afraid**



## **2. Goliath did not know that God was bringing David to fight - 17:12-19**

### **a. David was from the family of Jesse - 17:12-14**

**David was the son of a man who was from Bethlehem in Judah  
Jesse was his father and had eight sons  
Jesse was old and advanced in years  
Jesse saw his three oldest sons follow Saul to the battlefield  
The names of the three were, Eliab, Abinadab and Shammah  
David was the youngest of the eight sons  
The three oldest sons followed Saul to the battlefield**

### **b. David was willing to do whatever God had for him - 17:15-19**

**David occasionally went from Saul to feed his father's sheep  
David was not with Saul at this battlefield - I Sam. 17:28  
Goliath presented himself to the army of Israel for forty days  
Goliath did this every morning and every evening  
Goliath was 9 feet and 9 inches tall - I Sam. 17:4  
Jesse told David to take some food to his brothers with Saul  
Jesse gave David some dried grain and ten loaves of bread  
Jesse also sent ten cheeses for their captain of a thousand  
Saul and all the army of Israel were in the Valley of Elah  
Saul and the army were on the battlefield against the Philistines**

## **3. Goliath defied Israel again - 17:20-32**

### **a. David was sent to the battlefield - 17:20-22**

**David got up early in the morning to go to the place of battle  
David left the sheep with a keeper to care for the sheep  
David took the food and went as Jesse had commanded him  
David came to the camp as the army was going out for battle  
David heard them shouting at the battle site  
This was shouting because of fear of Goliath - I Sam. 17:23  
Israel and the Philistines both had their armies lined up  
David left the supplies in the hand of the supply keeper  
David then ran to where the army was lined up  
David came and greeted his brothers**

**b. David was introduced to Goliath - 17:23-25**

**David was talking with his brothers**  
**David saw Goliath come out from the armies of the Philistines**  
**Goliath had defied Israel and told them to send a man against him - I Sam. 17:8**  
**David heard him speak the words he had spoken for forty days**  
**David saw that all of the men of Israel fled when they saw Goliath**  
**David saw that the men were dreadfully afraid as they fled**  
**David was asked if he had seen this man who had come up against Israel**  
**David heard that he had come to defy the army of Israel**  
**David heard the man who killed Goliath would be given great riches by Saul**  
**David heard that man would also be given the daughter of Saul in marriage**  
**David heard that the family of that man would be exempt from taxes**

**c. David said that Goliath was defying God - 17:26-27**

**David then spoke to the men who had said these things**  
**David asked what would be done for the man who killed this Philistine**  
**David asked what would be done for the man who took away this reproach**  
**David said this Philistine was defying the armies of the living God**  
**David said that the battle belonged to the Lord - I Sam. 17: 46-47**  
**David was told the king would do these things for the man who killed Goliath**

**d. David was mocked by his brothers - 17:28-30**

**Eliab had his anger aroused against David when David spoke**  
**Eliab asked why David had come to the place of battle**  
**Eliab asked why David had left his few sheep in the wilderness**  
**Eliab said that he knew the pride and insolence of the heart of David**  
**Eliab said that David had only come down to see the battle**  
**David asked what he had done to upset his brother**  
**David saw his brother was angry due to David being anointed to be king**  
**David asked other people the same questions and got the same answer**

**e. David was taken to Saul - 17:31**

**The words of David had been heard by others**  
**The words of David were reported to Saul**  
**Saul heard those words and sent for the man who spoke them**  
**David said that he would go and fight this Philistine - I Sam. 17:32-33**

**4. Goliath did not know David was preparing to fight him - 17:32-37**

**a. David told Saul that he would go and fight Goliath - 17:32-33**

**David told Saul not to let anyone be afraid because of the Philistine  
David said that he would go and fight this Philistine  
Saul told David that he was not able to go fight against the Philistine  
Saul said that David was just a young man  
Saul said that the Philistine was a man of war from his youth**

**b. David said that God had delivered him in the past - 17:34-35**

**David said that he had kept the flock of his father  
David said both a lion and a bear had come to take a lamb  
David said that he had killed both the lion and the bear  
David said that he had gone after the lion and the bear  
David said he had delivered the lamb from his mouth  
David said he caught the lion or bear and struck and killed it**

**c. David said that God would deliver him in the present - 17:36-37**

**David said that this uncircumcised Philistine would be like one of them  
David said the Philistine had defied the armies of the living God  
David said the Lord delivered him from the lion and the bear  
David said the Lord would deliver him from the hand of the Philistine  
David had the Spirit of the Lord and depended on the Lord - I Sam. 16:13  
Saul told David, "Go and the Lord be with you!"  
Saul knew that the Lord was not with him - I Sam. 16:14**

**5. Goliath heard that God was in control - 17:38-46**

**a. David was told to put on the armor of Saul - 17:38-39**

**Saul put his armor on David including his bronze helmet  
Saul also put his coat of armor on David  
David fastened his sword to the armor and tried to walk  
David had not tried to walk in armor before  
David told Saul that he could not walk in that armor  
David said that he had not learned how to use armor  
David then took off the armor of Saul**

**b. David took his weapon for the battle - 17:40**

**David took his shepherd's staff and five smooth stones from the brook**  
The giant had four sons so David prepared for all five - II Sam. 21:16-22  
**David put the stones in his shepherd's bag**  
**David took his sling in his hand (this was his weapon as a shepherd)**  
**David came closer to the Philistine giant (Goliath)**

**c. David was mocked by Goliath - 17:41-44**

**Goliath came and drew near to David**  
**Goliath had the man who carried his shield walk in front of him**  
**Goliath looked at David and disdained (despised) him**  
**Goliath said that David was just a youth**  
**Goliath said that David was reddish and good-looking**  
**Goliath asked David if David thought he was a dog**  
**Goliath asked why David had just come with a stick (staff)**  
**Goliath cursed David by his gods (idols)**  
**Goliath invited David to come to him**  
**Goliath said that he would give the flesh of David to the birds**  
**Goliath said he would give the flesh of David to the wild animals**

**d. David answered the words of Goliath - 17:45-47**

**David said that Goliath came with a sword, a spear and a javelin**  
Goliath was depending on his own efforts - I Sam. 17:10  
**David said that he came in the name of the Lord of hosts**  
David had his trust in the armies of the Lord - Deut. 20:4  
**David said that He was the God of the armies of Israel**  
**David said that Goliath had defied the living God**  
**David said the Lord would deliver Goliath into his hand**  
**David said that he would take off the head of Goliath**  
**David said he would give the carcasses of the Philistines to the birds**  
**David said he would give the carcasses to the wild animals**  
**David said that all the world would know there was a God in Israel**  
**David said the Lord does not save with sword and spear**  
**David said the battle is the Lord's**  
Victory belongs to the Lord - Prov. 21:31  
**David said the Lord would give the Philistines in the hand of Israel**

**6. Goliath was killed by David - 17:48-58**

**a. David won the victory over Goliath - 17:48-50**

**Goliath got up and came toward David  
David then ran to meet Goliath  
David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone  
David slung the stone and hit Goliath in the forehead  
The stone sank into his forehead and Goliath fell on his face  
David defeated Goliath with a sling and a stone  
David killed Goliath with the stone  
David did not have a sword in his hand**

**b. David cut off the head of Goliath 17:51**

**David ran and stood over Goliath  
David took the sword of Goliath and killed him  
David then cut off his head with the sword  
The Philistines saw Goliath was dead and fled**

**7. Goliath could no longer give courage to the Philistines - 17:52-58**

**a. David gave courage to the army of Israel - 17:52-54**

**The men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted  
The men pursued the Philistines to the gate of Ekron  
The wounded Philistines fell all along the road  
The men returned from chasing the Philistines  
The men plundered the tents of the Philistines  
David took the head of Goliath to Jerusalem  
David put the armor of Goliath in his tent**

**b. David had to tell Saul the name of his family - 17:55-58**

**Saul did not remember the name of David  
Saul asked Abner to find out whose son this was  
David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine  
Aner brought him to Saul and he brought the head  
Saul learned David was the son of Jesse, the Bethlehemite**

**C. David was loved by Jonathan - 18:1-20:42**

**1. The Lord led Jonathan to make a covenant with David - 18:1-4**

**The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David  
Jonathan loved David as he loved his own soul  
Saul kept David there that day  
Saul did not allow David to return to his father's house any more  
Jonathan and David made a covenant  
Jonathan loved David as his own soul  
Jonathan took off his robe and gave it to David  
Jonathan also gave David his armor  
(this included his sword, his bow and his belt)**

**2. The Lord protected David from Saul - 18:5-16**

**a. Saul heard the women praise David for his success - 18:5-9**

**David went out wherever Saul sent him and behaved wisely  
Saul set David over his men of war  
David was accepted both by the people and also by the servants of Saul  
David was returning from the slaughter of Goliath  
The women came out of all of the cities of Israel singing and dancing  
The women met Saul with tambourines, with joy and musical instruments  
The women sang as they danced and said:  
"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands"  
Saul was very angry when he heard what the women said  
Saul said the women had given David credit for ten thousands  
Saul said the women had only given him credit for thousands  
Saul immediately became fearful David would become the king  
Saul eyed David from that day forward**

**b. Saul tried to kill David twice - 18:10-11**

**The next day the distressing spirit from God came on Saul  
This spirit caused Saul to speak foolish things in the house  
David played music as he had at other times  
This time Saul threw his spear at David twice  
Saul said that he would pin David to the wall**

**c. Saul became more and more fearful of David - 18:12-16**

**1) Saul was afraid because the Lord was not with him - 18:12**

**Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him  
Saul was afraid because the Lord had departed from him**

**2) Saul was afraid to have David in his presence - 18:13**

**Saul removed David from his presence  
Saul made David a captain over a thousand  
David went out and came in before the people**

**3) Saul was afraid as he saw David act wisely - 18:14-16**

**David behaved wisely in all of his ways because the Lord was with him  
Saul saw that David behaved himself very wisely  
This caused Saul to be afraid of him  
Israel and Judah loved David because he went out and came in before them**

**3. The Lord gave Michal a love for David - 18:17-30**

**a. David was promised the daughter of Saul for a bride - 18:17-21**

**Saul said he would give his older daughter Merab to David as wife  
Saul asked David to be valiant for him and fight the Lord's battles  
Saul thought that he did not need to kill David himself  
Saul thought that he would let the Philistines kill David  
Saul was ready to kill David because of his own envy - I Sam. 18:7-9  
David asked who he was to be asked to be the son-in-law to the king  
David did not consider himself or his family as important in Israel  
David waited for the time for Merab to become his wife  
Saul broke his promise and gave Merab to Adriel as a wife instead  
Michal, the younger daughter of Saul, loved David  
His servants told Saul and the news pleased him  
Saul thought that Michal could be a snare to David  
Saul still thought the Philistines would eventually kill David  
That caused Saul to make another promise to David  
Saul told David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law today"**

**b. David received Michal as his wife - 18:22-30**

**1) Saul planned his trap to destroy David - 18:22-25**

**Saul planned how to use his daughter to trick David**  
**Saul told his servants to talk to David secretly**  
**Saul told them to tell David that the king was delighted with David**  
**Saul told the servants to say that they loved David**  
**Saul told them to ask him to become the son-in-law of the king**  
**The servants followed the instructions of Saul and told David**  
**David asked them if they thought it was a light thing to be Saul's son-in-law**  
**David said that he was a poor and despised man**  
**The servants then went and told the king what David had said**  
**The servants told David the king did not want a dowry (money for a bride)**  
**The servants said the king only wanted proof David killed 100 Philistines**  
**The servants said that would take vengeance on the king's enemies**  
**Saul thought that David would be killed by the Philistines**

**2) Saul saw God ruin his trap for David - 18:26-27**

**The servants told these words to David**  
**David was then pleased to become the son-in-law of the king**  
**The days had not ended that the king had given him - I Sam. 18:21**  
**David then arose and went and took his men with him**  
**David and his men killed 200 Philistines when they went to fight**  
**David brought their foreskins and gave them to the king**  
**David actually give Saul double what he had asked**  
**David did this to become the son-in-law of the king**  
**Saul then gave Michal to David as a wife**

**3) Saul became even more fearful of David - 18:28-30**

**Saul knew that the Lord was with David and that Michal loved him**  
**Saul became even more afraid of David**  
**Saul became an open enemy of David because of his fear**  
**The princes of the Philistines came against Israel to fight**  
**David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul**  
**David saw his name become highly respected by others**  
**David behaved wisely and the Lord was with him - I Sam. 16:14**



**4. The Lord protected David three more times - 19:1-24**

**a. Saul asked Jonathan to kill David - 19:1-7**

**Saul told Jonathan and all his servants that they should kill David  
Jonathan greatly delighted in David even though he was the son of Saul  
Jonathan told David, "My father Saul seeks to kill you.  
Jonathan told David to be on his guard until the morning  
Jonathan told David to stay in a secret place and hide  
Jonathan said he would go out and stand beside his father in the field  
Jonathan said that he would speak to his father about David  
Jonathan said that he would observe his father and tell David**

**2) Jonathan reminded Saul of the good David had done - 19:4-7**

**Jonathan spoke well of David to his father  
Jonathan told Saul not to sin against his servant, David  
Jonathan said that David was not sinning against his father  
Jonathan said that the works of David had been very good toward Saul  
Jonathan said that David had taken his life in his hands and killed Goliath  
Jonathan said that the Lord brought a great deliverance to all Israel  
Jonathan said that Saul had seen what happened and rejoiced  
Jonathan asked Saul why he would sin against innocent blood  
Jonathan asked why he would kill David without a cause  
Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan  
Saul promised that David would not be killed  
Jonathan called David and told him what Saul had said  
Jonathan then brought David to Saul  
David was again in the presence of Saul as in the past**

**b. Saul tried to kill David himself - 19:8-10**

**The Philistines made war with Israel again  
David struck the Philistines and struck them with a mighty blow  
David saw the Philistines flee from him  
The distressing spirit later came on Saul as he sat in his house  
Saul had a spear in his hand as David was playing music  
Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear  
David escaped and the spear went into the wall  
David fled and escaped that night**

**c. Saul sent men to catch David in his sleep - 19:11-24**

**1) The Lord caused Saul's messengers to be deceived - 19:11-17**

**Saul sent messengers to David's house to kill him in the morning  
Michal told David to flee that night or Saul would kill him  
Michal let David down through a window and he escaped  
Michal took an image and laid it in the bed  
Michal put goat's hair for a head and covered it with clothes  
Saul sent messengers to take David and she said he was sick  
Saul sent the messengers to bring David to him on his bed  
Saul said that he would then personally kill him  
The messengers saw that it was a cover of goats' hair for his head  
Saul questioned Michal why she had deceived him  
Saul said she sent his enemy away so that he escaped  
Michal replied, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"**

**2) The Lord led David to flee to Samuel - 19:18-21**

**David fled and escaped to Samuel at Ramah  
David told Samuel all that Saul had done to him  
David and Samuel then went and stayed at Naioth in Ramah  
Saul was told, "Take note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!"  
Saul sent messengers to take David and they saw the prophets prophesying  
Samuel was standing as the leader over the prophets  
The Spirit of God came on the messengers and they prophesied  
Saul sent other messengers and they also prophesied  
Saul sent a third group of messengers and they also prophesied**

**3) The Lord caused Saul to prophesy - 19:22-24**

**Saul finally went to Ramah himself  
Saul asked at the well where to find Samuel and David  
Saul was told that they were at Naioth (the school of the prophets) in Ramah  
Saul had the Spirit of the Lord come on him as he went to Naioth  
Saul prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah  
Saul stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel  
Saul lay down naked all that day and all that night at Naioth  
The people were saying "Is Saul also among the prophets?"**

**5. The Lord saw Jonathan and David renew their covenant - 20:1-42**

**a. Jonathan promised to question Saul - 20:1-10**

**1) David asked what he was doing wrong - 20:1-2**

**David fled from Natioth and went to talk to Jonathan  
David asked Jonathan how he had sinned and done wrong  
David asked Jonathan why Saul was trying to kill him  
Jonathan said he was sure that his father was not trying to kill David  
Jonathan said his father told him all that he planned to do  
Jonathan said that his father did not hide this thing from him**

**2) David told Jonathan what he was feeling - 20:3-4**

**David again asked Jonathan for a promise  
David said that Saul knew that Jonathan was a friend of David  
David said that was why Saul did not let Jonathan know his plan  
David said it was true that he was just one step from death  
Jonathan said that he would do whatever David wanted him to do**

**3) David suggested a way that Jonathan could help - 20:5-7**

**David said that the next day was the day of the New Moon  
David said that the king always expected him on that day  
David said he would go hide in the field until the evening of the third day  
David told Jonathan what to say if Saul missed him  
David told Jonathan David had asked to go to Bethlehem  
David told Jonathan to say his family had a yearly feast  
David said that if Saul said "It is well" that he was safe  
David said if Saul was angry that he had determined to do evil to him**

**4) David heard Jonathan promise that he would help - 20:8-10**

**David reminded Jonathan that they had made a covenant before the Lord  
David said if he had done wrong that Jonathan should kill him  
Jonathan said he would certainly tell David if Saul planned to do evil  
David asked Jonathan who would tell what happened  
David asked how he would find out if Saul was angry**

**b. Jonathan and David renewed their covenant - 20:11-23**

**1) Jonathan said he would protect David - 20:11-13**

**Jonathan told David to come out into the field with him  
Both of them went together out to the field  
Jonathan said to David, "The Lord God of Israel is witness!"  
Jonathan said he would sound out his father the second or third day  
Jonathan said he would send a message if the message was good  
Jonathan said if his father planned evil he would come and tell David  
Jonathan said that he would then send David away in safety  
Jonathan desired that the Lord would be with David**

**2) Jonathan was concerned for his entire family - 20:14-15**

**Jonathan asked David to show kindness to him as long as he lived  
Jonathan asked that he would not cut off that kindness to his house forever  
Jonathan said that the Lord would cut off all the enemies of David**

**3) Jonathan had a great love for David and his family - 20:16-17**

**Jonathan also made a covenant with the house of David  
Jonathan said the Lord would judge David's enemies including Saul  
Jonathan and David both made this vow because of their love  
We are also to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - Matt 22:39**

**4) Jonathan put his love for David into action - 20:18-23**

**a) Jonathan told how he would let David know if he was safe - 20:18-21**

**Jonathan told David the next day was the New Moon  
Jonathan said David would be missed because his chair would be empty  
Jonathan told David what to do after he went to his father's house  
Jonathan told him to return to the rock Ezel where he had hidden  
Jonathan said he would shoot three arrows to one side  
Jonathan said that he would then send a boy to get the arrows  
Jonathan said what it meant if he told the boy the arrow were on this side  
Jonathan said that David could get the arrows and come to him  
Jonathan said that statement meant it was safe for David**

**b) Jonathan told how he would let David know if there was danger - 20:22-23**

**Jonathan said what it meant if he told the boy, “The arrows are beyond you”  
Jonathan said that message meant that David needed to leave  
Jonathan said that the Lord was sending him away  
Jonathan then reminded David of their covenant again  
Jonathan said the Lord would be between them forever**

**c. Jonathan was nearly killed by Saul - 20:24-34**

**1) Jonathan knew that David would be missed - 20:24-26**

**David then went and hid in the field  
When the New Moon came, Saul sat down to eat the feast  
Saul sat against the wall where he usually sat across from Jonathan  
Abner sat by the side of Saul since he was the military commander  
The place where David normally sat was empty  
Saul did not say anything that first day  
Saul thought that David probably was unclean that day**

**2) Jonathan told Saul why David was not present - 20:27-29**

**Saul saw the next day that the place for David was still empty  
Saul asked Jonathan why David was not there  
Saul said that David had been missing for two days  
Jonathan replied that David had asked permission to go to Bethlehem  
Jonathan said that the family of David had a yearly sacrifice  
Jonathan said that his brother had commanded him to be there  
Jonathan said that David had asked if he found favor in his eyes  
Jonathan said David asked to get away to see his brothers  
Jonathan said that was why David was not at the king’s table**

**3) Jonathan saw the anger of his father toward David - 20:30-31**

**Saul turned his anger against Jonathan  
Saul called him the son of a perverse, rebellious woman  
Saul told Jonathan he brought shame on himself and his mother  
Saul said Jonathan could not become king as long as David lived  
Saul said to bring David to him because David must surely die**

**4) Jonathan asked his father what David had done wrong - 20:32-34**

**Jonathan asked Saul what David had done that he should be killed  
Saul then threw his spear at Jonathan to kill him  
Jonathan knew that it had been determined by Saul to kill David  
Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger  
Jonathan ate no food that second day of the month  
Jonathan was grieved for David  
Jonathan saw that his father had treated David shamefully**

**d. Jonathan warned David to flee from Saul - 20:35-42**

**1) Jonathan went to the field where David was hiding - 20:35**

**Jonathan went out to the field at the time appointed with David  
Jonathan had a little boy with him when he went out to the field**

**2) Jonathan gave the promised message - 20:36-40**

**Jonathan told the lad to go and find the arrows that he would shoot  
As the boy ran, Jonathan show the arrow beyond him  
Jonathan waited until the boy got close to the arrow  
Jonathan called to the boy and said, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"  
Jonathan called again to the boy, "Make haste, hurry, do not delay!"  
The boy gathered the arrows and brought them back to Jonathan  
The boy did not know it was a message from Jonathan to David  
Jonathan gave his weapon to the boy and sent him to the city**

**3) -Jonathan and David promise to keep their covenant - 20:41-42**

**As soon as the boy was gone, David got up from a place to the south  
David came, fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times  
David and Jonathan kissed one another and wept together  
David wept even more than Jonathan as they cried together  
Jonathan told David to go in peace as he went  
Jonathan said they had both sworn in the name of the Lord  
Jonathan asked that the Lord would be between them  
Jonathan asked that the Lord would be with their descendants forever  
David arose and departed while Jonathan went into the city**

**D. David fled from Saul to save his life - 21:1-22:23**

**1. The Lord provided food and a sword for David - 21:1-9**

**a. David and his men had no food - 21:1-2**

**David came to Nob, to Ahimelech, the priest  
Ahimelech was afraid when he met David  
Ahimelech asked David why he was alone and did not have his army  
David told Ahimelech that the king ordered him on some business  
David said the king told him not to let anyone know about the business  
David said he had directed his young men to a certain place**

**b. David and his men asked the priest for food - 21:3**

**David asked the priest if he had any food  
David asked for five loaves or whatever the priest had to give**

**c. David learned that the only bread available was the showbread - 21:4-6**

**The priest told David that there was no common bread on hand  
The priest said the only bread on hand was the holy bread  
The priest asked if the young men had at least kept themselves from women  
David said the young men had not seen any women for three days  
David said the young men were ceremonially undefiled  
David said that the bodies of the young men were holy  
The priest then gave David the holy bread  
The priest had no bread on hand but the showbread  
This was the showbread on the Table of Showbread the previous week  
The old bread was taken away when he put hot bread on the Table**

**d. David and his men were observed by Doeg - 21:7**

**One of the servants of Saul was there that day  
His name was Doeg, an Edomite, and Saul's chief herdsman**

**e. David was provided with a sword - 21:8-9**

**David asked if there was a sword available since he did not bring his sword  
David was given the sword of Goliath whom David had killed earlier**

## 2. The Lord saw David act as a mad man - 21:10-15

### a. David fled to the king of Gath - 21:10

**David arose and fled that day from Saul**  
**David went to Achish the king of Gath**  
David had a greater fear of Saul than he had of Achish  
Goliath had been from the city of Gath - I Sam. 17:4  
Goliath had four sons in Gath - II Sam. 21:22

### b. David heard the words of the people of Gath - 21:11-12

**The servants of Achish told him about the popularity of David**  
**The servants asked if David was the king of Israel**  
**The servants told what the women had sung as they danced:**  
**Saul has slain his thousands,**  
**And David his ten thousand?**  
This song had caused Saul to become very angry - I Sam. 18:7-8  
This song had caused Saul to become fearful of David - I Sam. 18:9  
**David took those words to heart**  
Our hearts are the inner man that controls our actions - Prov. 4:23  
**David became very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath**  
David wrote Psalm 56 to describe how this fear had controlled him

### c. David was protected by acting insane - 21:13-15

**David changed his behavior before the servants of the king**  
**David pretended madness as he was in their hands**  
**David scratched on the doors of the gate**  
**David let his saliva fall down on his beard**  
This made the king think he was a madman (insane)  
**Achish then spoke to his servants**  
**Achish told his servants that David was insane**  
David later wrote Psalm 34 about this deliverance from Achish  
**Achish asked the servants why they had brought David to him**  
**Achish said that he did not have a need for madman**  
The Lord was protecting David from Achish - Prov. 3:5-6  
**Achish asked if they had brought David be a madman in his presence**  
**Achish said he did not want David in his house**



**3. The Lord gathered a team of men to David - 22:1-5**

**David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam  
David's brothers and all his father's house heard it  
David's family all went down to him  
Everyone who was in distress gathered to him  
Everyone who was in debt gathered to him  
Everyone who was discontented gathered to him  
David became the captain over these 400 men  
David went from there to Mizpah of Moab  
David talked to the king of Moab  
David arranged for his parents to stay in Moab  
David brought his parents before the king of Moab  
His parents lived in Moab all the time David was in the stronghold  
The prophet Gad told David not to stay in the stronghold  
The prophet Gad told David to go to the land of Judah  
David went to the forest of Hereth**

**4. The Lord saw Saul kill the priests - 22:6-23**

**a. Saul asked his servants for help - 22:6-8**

**Saul heard that David and the men with him had been discovered  
Saul was staying in Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah  
Saul had a spear in his hand as all his servants gathered around him  
Saul called his servants Benjamites so they were from Benjamin  
Saul asked if David would give them fields and vineyards  
Saul asked them if David would make them captains  
Saul said his servants had all conspired against him  
Saul said they did not tell him his son made a covenant with David  
Saul said that none of his servants felt sorry for him**

**b. Saul heard the priests had helped David - 22:9-11**

**Doeg said he saw David going to Nob to the priests  
Doeg said the priest inquired of the Lord for him  
Doeg said the priest gave David food and the sword of Goliath  
Saul called all of the priests at Nob to come to him  
Saul saw that all of the priests came to him**

**c. Saul ordered the death of the priests - 22:12-16**

**Saul called to Ahimelech the high priest and the son of Ahitub  
Saul accused Ahimelech of conspiring against him with David  
Saul said Ahimelech had also given David bread and a sword  
Saul said he knew that David was planning to kill him  
Ahimelech said that David was the most faithful of the king's servants  
Ahimelech said that David was the son-in-law of the king  
Ahimelech said he did not inquire of God for him  
Ahimelech said the king was blaming him for something he had not done  
Ahimelech said he knew nothing about any plan to kill the king  
Saul said that Ahimelech would surely die  
Saul said that all the household of Ahimelech would also die**

**d. Saul had Doeg kill the priests - 22:17-19**

**Saul turned to his guards and ordered them to kill the priests of the Lord  
Saul said that the priests were conspiring with David against him  
Saul said the priests knew when he fled but did not tell Saul  
The servants of the refused to lift their hands to strike the priests of the Lord  
Saul then turned to Doeg and told him,  
"You turn and kill the priests!"  
Doeg turned and struck the priests  
Doeg killed eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod  
The fulfilled the curse on the house of Eli - I Sam. 2:31  
Doeg also killed all of the people that lived in the city of Nob  
This included all of the men, women, children and nursing infants  
This also included the oxen, donkeys and sheep**

**e. Saul did not succeed in killing Abiathar - 22:20-23**

**A son of Ahimelech, named Abiathar, escaped and fled to David  
Abiathar told David Saul had killed the Lord's priests  
David said that he knew Doeg would surely tell Saul  
David blamed himself for causing the deaths of Abiathar's family  
David invited Abiathar to stay with him and not fear  
David said that Saul was seeking both of their lives  
David said that Abiathar would be safe with him  
Solomon later removed Abiathar from the priesthood - I Kings 2:27**

**E. David saved Keilah from the Philistines - 23:1-29**

**1. The Lord used David to protect Keilah - 23:1-6**

**a. David sought the will of the Lord - 23:1-4**

**David was told the Philistines were fighting against Keilah  
David was told that the Philistines were robbing the threshing floors  
David asked the Lord if he should go and attack the Philistines  
David was told to attack the Philistines and save Keilah  
David's men told him that they were afraid even in Judah  
David was told that fear would increase if they went to Keilah  
That fear would increase if they fought against the armies of the Philistines  
David then asked the Lord a second time if he should go  
The Lord told David He would deliver the Philistines into his hand**

**b. David won a great victory over the Philistines - 23:5**

**David and his men went to Keilah and fought the Philistines  
David struck the Philistines with a mighty blow  
David took away the livestock of the Philistines  
David saved the people of Keilah**

**c. David had Abiathar join him at Keilah - 23:6**

**Abiathar fled to David while he was at Keilah  
Abiathar had an ephod with him when he came**

**2. The Lord warned David that Keilah would not protect him - 23:7-15**

**a. David was warned the men of Keilah would turn him over to Saul - 23:7-12**

**1) David knew that Saul would learn he was at Keilah - 23:7-8**

**Saul heard that David had gone to Keilah  
Saul said God had delivered David into his hand  
Saul said he was now in a town with gates and bars  
Saul called all of the people together for war  
Saul was going to Keilah to besiege David and his men**

**2) David knew that Saul would try to do evil again - 23:9-12**

**David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him  
David told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod to him  
David told the Lord he heard Saul was coming to destroy Keilah  
David said Saul was doing that to kill David  
David asked the Lord if the men of Keilah would deliver him to Saul  
David asked the Lord if Saul would come to Keilah as he had heard  
David asked the Lord to tell his servant what Saul would do  
The Lord said Saul would come down to Keilah  
David asked if the men of Keilah would deliver hi to Saul  
The Lord said the men of Keilah would deliver him to Saul**

**3) David saw that Saul wanted to destroy him 23:13-15**

**David took his 600 men and departed from Keilah  
David and the men went wherever they could go  
Saul heard that David had escaped from Keilah  
David stayed in the strongholds in the wilderness  
David remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph  
Saul looked for David every day but the Lord protected David  
David saw that Saul had come to seek his life  
David was in a forest in the Wilderness of Ziph**

**3. The Lord used Jonathan to encourage David - 23:16-18**

**a. Jonathan encouraged David in God - 23:16**

**Jonathan went to David in the woods  
Jonathan strengthened David's hand in God**

**b. Jonathan told David that God would make him king - 23:17**

**Jonathan told David that his father would not find David  
Jonathan said that David would be king over Israel**

**c. Jonathan and David made a covenant before the Lord - 23:18**

**Jonathan and David made a covenant before the Lord**

**4. The Lord protected David in the wilderness - 23:19-29**

**a. Saul was promised help by the people of Ziph - 23:19-23**

**Some Ziphites came up to Saul at Gibeah**  
**The Ziphites said David was hiding in their area in the strongholds**  
**The Ziphites said David was on the hill of Hachilah**  
**The Ziphites said this was south of Jeshimon (the wilderness of Judea)**  
**The Ziphites invited Saul to come down according to the desire of his soul**  
**The Ziphites said they would deliver David into the king's hand**  
**Saul said the Ziphites were blessed by the Lord**  
**Saul said the Ziphites had shown compassion to him**  
**Saul asked them to go and make sure and find his hideout**  
**Saul said he had heard that David was very crafty**  
**Saul said to fine the lurking places where David was hiding**  
**Saul told them to come back when they were certain and he would go**  
**Saul said that then he would search for David throughout the clans of Judah**

**b. Saul took his army to search for David - 23:24-26**

**The men of Ziph went to Ziph before Saul went there**  
**David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon at that time**  
**That was in the plain south of the wilderness of Judea**  
**David was told that the men of Saul were seeking him**  
**David then went down to the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon**  
**This rock was later named the Rock of Escape - I Sam. 23:28**  
**Saul was on one side of the mountain and David was on the other side**  
**David and his men hurried to get away from Saul**  
**Saul and his men were circling David and his men to take them**

**c. Saul was called away from chasing David - 23:27-29**

**A messenger came to Saul telling him to hurry and come**  
**The messenger said the Philistines had invaded the land**  
**Saul returned for pursuing David to fight the Philistines**  
**That place was given the name of the Rock of Escape**  
**David went from there and stayed in the strongholds of En Gedi**  
**This area had many caves and was west of the Dead Sea**  
**This was an area of beautiful vineyards - Song of Solomon 1:14**

**F. David showed mercy to Saul at Engedi - 24:1-22**

**1. Saul was spared by David - 24:1-7**

**a. Saul returned from fighting the Philistines - 24:1-2**

**Saul returned from fighting with the Philistines  
Saul was told that David was in the wilderness of En Gedi  
Saul took with him 3000 chosen men from throughout Israel  
Saul went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats**

**b. Saul went into a cave to rest - 24:3**

**Saul came to the sheepfold by the road where there was a cave  
Saul went into the cave to attend to his needs and rest  
(David and his men were hiding around the edges of the cave)**

**c. Saul had his life spared by David while he was in the cave - 24:4-7**

**The men told David that the Lord had delivered his enemy into his hand  
The men told David to do what seemed good to him  
David got up and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe  
David's heart troubled him after he had cut off the corner of Saul's robe  
David said the Lord said that he should not have done this thing to Saul  
David said he had stretched out his hand against the one the Lord anointed  
David stopped his men by these words and did not allow them to touch Saul  
Saul later got up from the cave and went his way**

**2. Saul learned that David had spared him - 24:8-15**

**a. David showed his respect for Saul - 24:8**

**b. David said that he had spared the life of Saul - 24:9-11**

**David asked Saul why he listened to men who said David would harm him  
David told Saul that the Lord delivered him to David that Day  
David said some men even urged him to kill Saul  
David said he would not touch the one the Lord had anointed  
David said he only cut off the corner of his robe and did not kill Saul  
David said there was no evil or rebellion in his hand**

**c. David said that the Lord would plead his cause - 24:12-15**

**David said the Lord would judge between David and Saul  
David said he would leave it to the Lord to avenge him  
A proverb says, "Wickedness proceeds from the wicked."  
A person with an evil heart will bear bad fruit - Matthew 7:16-20  
David said that his hand would not be against Saul  
David asked who the king had come out against and pursued  
David asked if was against a dead dog or a flea  
David said the Lord would be the judge between Saul and David  
David said the Lord would deliver his case and deliver him from Saul**

**3. Saul stopped chasing David for a time - 24:16-22**

**a. Saul lifted up his voice and wept - 24:16**

**Saul then lifted up his voice and wept  
Saul said that David was more righteous than he**

**b. Saul realized that David was righteous - 24:17-19**

**Saul said that David was more righteous than he was  
Saul said David had rewarded David with good  
Saul said that he had shown evil to David  
David had not returned evil for evil but a blessing instead - I Pet. 3:8-9  
Saul said that David had treated him with good that day  
Saul said David had the opportunity to kill him and did not  
Saul said that a man does not let an enemy get away safely  
Saul said the Lord would reward David with good for his action**

**c. Saul asked David not to completely destroy his family - 24:20-22**

**Saul said that he knew David would become king  
Saul said the kingdom would be established in the hand of David  
Saul asked David not to cut off his descendants after him  
Saul asked that David would not destroy his name from his father's house  
David made that promise to Saul  
Saul then returned to his home  
David and his men went up to the stronghold**

**G. David took Abigail as his wife - 25:1-44**

**1. Abigail was the wife of Nabal - 25:1-9**

**a. David and his men heard that Samuel had died - 25:1**

**Samuel died and all Israel gather together to mourn him  
Samuel was buried at his home in Ramah  
David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran**

**b. David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep - 25:2-4**

**Nabal lived in Maon and had his business in Carmel  
Nabal was very rich  
Nabal had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats  
Nabal was shearing his sheep in Carmel  
Nabal had a wife whose name was Abigail  
Abigail was of good understanding and beautiful appearance  
Nabal was harsh and evil in what he did  
Nabal was from the house of Caleb  
David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep**

**c. David sent his servants with a greeting of peace - 5:5-6**

**David sent ten of his young men to Carmel  
David told the young men to greet Nabal in his name  
David knew that Nabal was very rich  
David told the young men to give Nabal a greeting of peace**

**d. David asked Nabal to show concern for his men - 25:7-9**

**David had heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep  
David said that Nabal's shepherds had been with David's men  
David said that they had not hurt the shepherds  
David said that they had protected the flocks of the shepherds  
David told Nabal to ask his young men and they would say the same thing  
David asked Nabal show favor to his young men as a feast day was coming  
David asked Nabal to show kindness to the young men and David  
David's young men went and told Nabal all that David had said**



**2. Abigail heard how Nabal treated the men of David - 25:10-17**

**a. Nabal accused David of rebellion - 25:10**

**Nabal answered the young men of David with roughness**  
His own servants considered him a worthless man - I Sam. 25:17  
God later judged Nabal for his hard heart - I Sam. 25:37-38  
**Nabal said that David or his father meant nothing to him**  
**Nabal said many young men rebelled against their master**

**b. Nabal refused to help the men of David - 25:11-13**

**Nabal asked if he should give his bread, his water and his meat**  
**Nabal said that he had killed the meat for his shearers**  
**Nabal asked why he should give it to men he did not know**  
**The young men of David turned and went back to David**  
**The young men told David what Nabal had said**  
**David told his men to put on their swords which they did**  
**David also put on his sword**  
**David took 400 of the men with him**  
**David left 200 of the men to guard their supplies**

**c. Nabal did not know that his wife had heard what he did 25:14-17**

**One of the young men told Abigail what Nabal had done**  
**The young man said David sent messengers to greet Nabal**  
**The young man said Nabal reviled the messengers of David**  
**The young man said the men with David had been very good to them**  
**The young man said the men of David protected them**  
**The young man said the men of David protected their possessions**  
**The young man said they had been with them in the field**  
**The young man said that they were like a wall both day and night**  
**The young man said this was true all the time they were with the sheep**  
**The young man told Abigail to consider what she should do**  
**The young man realized harm had been determined against Nabal**  
**The young man realized that this would affect the whole household**  
**The young man said Nabal was a very ungodly man (worthless)**  
**Abigail even said the name Nabal means a fool - I Sam. 25:25**  
**The young man said Nabal would not listen to anyone**

**3. Abigail met the needs of the men of David - 25:18-31**

**a. Abigail prepared food for David and his men - 25:18-22**

**1) Abigail quickly prepared food - 25:18**

**Abigail took two hundred loaves of bread and two skins of wine  
Abigail took five sheep that were already prepared  
Abigail took more than bushel (a large basket) of roasted grain  
Abigail took 200 clusters of raisins and 200 cakes of figs**

**2) Abigail hurried to meet David and his men - 25:19-20**

**Abigail told her servants to go ahead and she would follow  
Abigail did not tell her husband what she was doing  
Abigail rode on a donkey to meet David  
Abigail rode down by the hidden part of the mountain  
This may have been so her husband would not see her - I Sam. 25:25  
Abigail met David and his men as they came down the mountain**

**3) Abigail wanted to calm the anger of David - 25:21-22**

**David had said that he had protected Nabal in vain  
David said that nothing that had belonged to him was missing  
David had said that Nabal had returned evil for good  
David asked that God might do what he did to the men of Nabal  
David had said that by morning that none of them would be left**

**b. Abigail proclaimed the foolishness of Nabal - 25:23-25**

**Abigail saw David and quickly dismounted from her donkey  
Abigail fell on her face and bowed to the ground before David  
Abigail asked that the blame would fall on her alone  
Abigail asked to speak to David and for him to listen to her words  
Abigail asked David not to pay attention to this worthless man  
Abigail chose to obey God rather than follow the evil of Nabal - Acts 5:29  
Abigail said his name was Nabal (fool) and he committed evil actions  
Abigail said that she did not see the young men that David had sent  
David was blessed by the advice that Abigail gave him - I Sam. 25:28**

**c. Abigail presented a message of encouragement - 25:26-31**

**Abigail told David that the Lord had held him back from bloodshed  
Abigail said that the Lord kept him from avenging himself  
Abigail said those against David would be like Nabal  
Abigail said that she had brought a present for David  
Abigail said this gift would feed the young men of David  
Abigail asked David to forgive her trespass  
Abigail said that the Lord would give David an enduring house  
Abigail said the Lord would do this because David fought for the Lord  
Abigail said that evil had not been found in David throughout his days  
Abigail warned what would happen to any who tried to kill David  
David would be kept in the land of the living by the Lord  
David would see the Lord judge his enemies  
David would see the Lord fulfill His promises to David  
David would see the Lord make him the ruler over Israel  
David would not be troubled by his heart since he did not take revenge  
David did not shed blood without cause  
David was asked to remember Abigail when the Lord blessed him**

**4. Abigail made a choice that protected her family - 25:32-35**

**a. David blessed the Lord for sending Abigail - 25:32**

**David blessed the Lord for sending Abigail to meet him**

**b. David blessed Abigail for her counsel - 25:33-34**

**David said that the Lord would bless her and the advice that she gave  
David said that she had kept him coming to bloodshed  
David said that she had kept him from taking revenge  
David said that the Lord had kept him from hurting Abigail  
David said this was because she had hurried to meet him  
David said otherwise he would have killed all the males**

**c. David received the gift that Abigail brought - 25:35**

**David received the gift that Abigail had brought him for his men  
David told Abigail to go in peace to her house  
David said that he had listened to Abigail and respected her**

**5. Abigail told Nabal and he died - 25:36-38**

**Abigail returned home and saw Nabal was holding a feast  
Abigail saw that he was feasting like he was a king  
Nabal was really partying and was very drunk  
Abigail did not tell Nabal anything until the next morning  
Abigail told him what she had done the next morning  
Nabal had his heart die within him  
Nabal became like a stone (possibly a stroke paralyzed him)  
Nabal remained in that condition for ten days  
Then the Lord struck Nabal and he died**

**6. Abigail became the wife of David - 25:39-44**

**a. David invited Abigail to become his wife - 25:39-41**

**David heard that Nabal had died  
David blessed the Lord who had pleaded his cause against Nabal  
David blessed the Lord for keeping him from doing evil  
Abigail had persuaded David to leave all vengeance to God - Rom. 12:19  
David said the Lord returned the wickedness of evil on his own head  
God will cause the evil to reap as they have sown - Gal. 6:7-8  
David then sent and proposed to Abigail to take her as his wife  
David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel  
David's servants said them to ask Abigail to become his wife  
Abigail stood and then bowed and said, "Here is your maidservant"  
Abigail was very happy to marry a man who served the Lord - I Sam. 25:31  
Abigail said she would be glad to wash the feet of the servants of David**

**b. David experienced changes in his family - 25:42-44**

**Abigail quickly hurried and rode on a donkey to meet David  
Abigail was attended by five of her maidens  
Abigail followed the messengers of David  
Abigail became the wife of David  
David also married Ahinoam of Jezreel  
Both of these women became wives of David  
Saul had given Michal, David's wife, to another man  
The name of that man was Palti, the son of Laish, from Gallim**

**H. David was protected by the Lord - 26:1-27:12**

**1. The Lord gave David a second opportunity to spare Saul - 26:1-12**

**a. Saul heard that the men of Ziph would help him destroy David - 26:1**

**The Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah  
The Ziphites said that David was hiding in the hill of Hachilah  
The hill of Hachilah was before Jeshimon (the desert)**

**b. Saul went to again try to destroy David - 26:2-4**

**Saul then went down to the wilderness of Ziph  
Saul took 3000 chosen men of Israel with him  
Saul went to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph  
Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah by the road  
David saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness  
David sent out spies so he knew that Saul was coming**

**c. Saul could have been killed by David - 26:5-12**

**1) David saw where Saul was sleeping - 26:5**

**David came to the place where Saul was camped  
David saw where Saul lay, near Abner, the commander of the army  
Saul lay in the middle of the camp with the people around him**

**2) David went down to where Saul was sleeping - 26:6-7**

**David asked a question of Ahimelech and Abishai  
David asked which one would go with him to Saul in the camp  
Abishai said that he would go with David to the camp  
David and Abishai went during the night when the people were sleeping  
Saul had his spear stuck in the ground by his head**

**3) David was encouraged to kill Saul while he was sleeping - 26:8**

**Abishai told David the Lord had delivered his enemy into his hand  
Abishai said he would strike the spear through him into the ground  
Abishai said he would not need to strike him a second time**

**4) David protected Saul as he was sleeping - 26:9-12**

**David told Abishai not to destroy Saul  
David said a person cannot stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed  
David said that such a person would not be held guiltless  
David said that only the Lord could destroy him  
David said that he might just reach the day of his natural death  
David said that he might die on the battlefield  
David said he would not stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed  
David told Abishai to take the spear and water jug of Saul and go  
David and Abishai took the spear and water jug by Saul's head  
No one heard them and no one woke up as they left  
The Lord had caused a deep sleep to fall on all the men**

**2. The Lord caused Saul to recognize he was spared - 26:13-20**

**a. David asked Abner why he failed to protect Saul - 26:13-16**

**1) David stood on a hill a great distance from Saul - 26:13**

**David crossed the valley and went up the hill on the other side  
David stood on the top of that hill with a great distance between them**

**2) David called to Abner - 26:14**

**David called out to the people and to Abner  
David said, "Do you not answer, Abner?"  
Abner answered, "Who are you, calling out to the king?"**

**3) David asked Abner why he failed to protect the king - 26:15**

**David asked Abner if he was the one greater than others in Israel  
David asked why he had not guarded his lord the king  
David said that one of the people could have destroyed the king**

**4) David told Abner that he was worthy of death - 26:16**

**David said he deserved to die because he had not protected the king  
David said that Saul was the anointed of the Lord  
David told Abner to see where the king's spear and jug of water was**

**b. David had his voice recognized by Saul - 26:17**

**Saul recognized that the voice was that of David  
Saul asked, "Is that your voice, my son David?"  
David replied that it was his voice**

**c. David asked Saul what he had done wrong - 26:18-20**

**David asked Saul why he was pursuing his servant  
David asked what he had done or what evil was in his hand  
David then asked the king to hear his words  
David said the Lord would accept an offering if He stirred Saul up  
David said if it was people then they would be cursed by the Lord  
David said they had driven him out of the inheritance of the Lord  
David said such people would be telling him to go and serve other gods  
David asked Saul not to let his blood fall to the earth before the Lord  
David said the king of Israel had come out to seek a flea**

**3. The Lord caused Saul to admit his guilt - 26:21-25**

**a. David heard Saul admit that he had been a fool - 26:21**

**Saul admitted that he had sinned  
Saul said he realized his life was precious in the sight of David  
Saul said he had played the fool and erred exceedingly**

**b. David asked Saul to recognize that he honored the Lord - 26:22-24**

**David said that he had the spear of Saul  
David said to send a young man to get the spear  
David said that the Lord will repay every man for his righteousness  
David said that he would not stretch out his hand against Saul  
David said Saul had great value in his eyes  
David said that he wanted to be valued in the eyes of the Lord  
David said he wanted the Lord to deliver him out of tribulation**

**c. David heard Saul say that David would do great things - 26:25**

**Saul said that David would be blessed, do great things and prevail  
Saul then returned to his home as David went his way**

**4. The Lord provided David a home in Ziklag - 27:1-7**

**a. David failed to ask God what to do - 27:1-4**

**David became fearful in his heart  
David decided to escape speedily to the land of the Philistines  
David said that then Saul would no longer seek him in Israel  
David took his 600 men who were with him and went to Achish  
David and his men with their families lived in Gath  
David took his wives Ahinoam and Abigail, the widow of Nabal  
Saul heard David had fled to Gath so he no longer looked for him**

**b. David requested permission to live among the Philistines - 27:5-7**

**David asked Achish if he could live at some town in the country  
David said he did not think he should live in the royal city  
Achish gave him Ziklag that day  
Ziklag belonged to the kings of Judah at the time I Samuel was written  
David lived in the country of the Philistines for 16 months**

**5. The Lord gave David victory in battle - 27:8-12**

**a. David fought against some enemies of Israel - 27:8-9**

**David and his men raided the Geshurites, Girzites and Amalekites  
These nations were inhabitants of the land from ancient times  
These groups occupied the land between Shur and Egypt  
David destroyed all of the men and women of the cities he attacked  
David took the animals and possessions of these cities**

**b. David lied to hide what he had done - 27:10-11**

**David said he had attacked southern Judah, the Jerahmeelites or Kenites  
David did not leave any men or women alive to bring news to Gath  
David did this all the time he lived in the country of the Philistines**

**c. David was believed by Achish - 27:12**

**Achish believed David was making the people of Israel hate him  
Achish believed David would serve him forever**



**I. David was protected from fighting against Israel - 28:1-29:11**

**1. The Philistines planned to attack Saul - 28:1-2**

- a. the Philistines prepared their armies to fight against Israel 28:1

**The Philistines gathered their armies together to fight against Israel  
Achish told David that he and his men would go with them to battle**

- b. The Philistines told David he would be the bodyguard to the king - 28:2

**David told Achish, "Surely you know what your servant can do."  
Achish told David, "I will make you one of my chief guardians forever"**

**2. The Philistines brought fear to Saul - 28:3-25**

- a. Saul no longer got answers from the Lord - 28:3-6

**Samuel died and all Israel sorrowed for him  
Samuel was buried in Ramah, in his own city  
Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land  
The Philistines gathered and came and encamped at Shunem  
Saul gathered all Israel together and they encamped at Gilboa  
Saul saw the army of the Philistines and he was afraid  
The heart of Saul trembled greatly because of the Philistines  
Saul inquired of the Lord but the Lord did not answer him  
The Lord did not speak by dreams, by Urim or by the prophets  
The Urim was the stones kept in the breastplate of the high priest  
The Urim was used to determine God's decision on matters - Num. 27:21**

- b. Saul asked for help from the witch of Endor - 28:7-14

**1) Saul asked his servants to find a medium - 28:7**

**Saul told his servants to find a woman who was a medium  
A medium was one who claimed to talk to the dead - Lev. 20:6  
A person who was a medium was to be stoned to death - Lev. 20:27  
Saul said that he wanted to go and inquire of her  
His servants told him there was a woman who was a medium at En Dor**

**2) Saul promised the woman she would face no harm - 28:8-10**

**Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes**  
**Saul and the two men with him came to the woman by night**  
**Saul asked the woman to conduct a séance for him**  
**Saul asked her to bring up the one that he named to her**  
**The woman said that Saul had cut off the mediums and spiritists**  
**The woman asked why he was laying a snare for her life**  
**Saul made a promise to the woman by the Lord**  
**Saul said that no punishment would come on her for doing this**  
**The woman then asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"**  
**Saul told the woman, "Bring up Samuel for me."**  
**The woman cried with a loud voice when she saw Samuel**  
**The woman asked Saul why he had deceived her since he was Saul**

**4) Saul asked the woman to describe what she saw - 28:13-14**

**Saul said, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?"**  
**The woman told Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth."**  
**The woman said it was a spirit and Saul assumed it was the spirit of Samuel**  
**Saul asked what the form of the spirit was like**  
**God said what the woman did is an abomination to Him - Duet. 18:11-12**  
**The woman said the spirit looked like an old man covered with a robe**  
**Saul thought it was Samuel and bowed down to him**  
**Saul had previously been bothered by a distressing (evil) spirit - I Sam. 16:15**  
**Followers of God are not to have fellowship with demons - I Cor. 10:20**

**c. Saul learned that he would be killed in battle - 28:15-20**

**1) The spirit asked Saul why Saul had bothered him - 28:15-16**

**The spirit said, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"**  
**Saul said he was deeply distressed because of the Philistines**  
**Saul said that God had departed from him and did not answer any more**  
**Saul said that God did not speak by prophets or by dreams**  
**Saul said that was he called Samuel to tell him what he should do**  
**The spirit said why ask him since the Lord did not answer him anymore**  
**The spirit told Saul that the Lord had now become his enemy**  
**The evil spirit was glad to tell Saul the Lord was now his enemy**

**2) The spirit told Saul he would die - 28:17-19**

**The spirit said, "The Lord has done for Himself as He spoke by me."  
The spirit said, "The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand."  
The spirit said the Lord has, "given it to your neighbor, David."  
The spirit said, "Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord."  
The spirit said Saul did not "execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek."  
The spirit said, "The Lord has done this thing to you this day."  
The spirit said that Israel would be delivered with Saul to the Philistines  
The spirit said, "Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me."  
The spirit said that the Lord will also deliver the army of Israel**

**3) The spirit caused Saul to become more fearful - 28:20**

**Saul immediately fell full length on the ground  
Saul was dreadfully afraid because of these words  
Saul had no strength in him  
Saul had not eaten food all day or all night**

**d. Saul was filled with fear - 28:21-25**

**1) The woman saw that Saul was troubled - 28:21**

**The woman saw that Saul was severely troubled  
The woman said that she had obeyed the voice of Saul  
The woman said she had put her life in her hand and had obeyed Saul**

**2) The woman prepared food for Saul to eat - 28:22-25**

**The woman told Saul to please listen to her  
The woman asked if she could give him a piece of bread to eat  
The woman said Saul would have strength to go his way  
Saul refused and said he would not eat  
The woman and the servants all urged Saul to eat  
Then Saul agreed to eat and got up and sat on the bed  
The woman had a fatted calf in the house and quickly killed it  
The woman took flour and made unleavened bread with it  
The woman brought the food to Saul and his servants  
They then ate the food, got up and went away that night**

### **3. The Philistines would not let David go with them - 29:1-11**

#### **a. The Lord led the Philistines to distrust David - 29:1-5**

**The Philistines gathered together all their armies at Aphek  
The Israelites encamped by a fountain which was in Jezreel  
The Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands  
David and his men passed in review at the rear with Achish  
The princes of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?"  
Achish said, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel."  
Achish said that David had been with him for days and even years  
Achish said he had found no fault with David since he defected to him  
The princes of the Philistines were angry with Achish  
The princes of the Philistines told Achish to make David leave  
The princes were afraid David would turn against them in battle  
The princes said that would be a good way for him to reconcile with Saul  
The princes said the heads of the Philistines would make Saul reconcile  
The princes said this was the one about whom the women of Israel sang:  
"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."**

#### **b. The Lord led the Philistines to tell David he would not fight - 29:6-7**

**Achish called David to him and explained what the princes had said  
Achish said that David had been upright  
Achish said David's going and coming had been good in his sight  
Achish said that he had seen no evil since the day that David came  
Achish said that however the lords did not want David to go to battle  
Achish told David to be back to his city in peace  
Achish said he did not want David to displease the lords of the Philistines**

#### **c. The Lord led the Philistines to send David home - 29:8-11**

**David asked what he had done so that he could not go and fight  
Achish said that David had been like an angel of God in his sight  
Achish said that the princes said David could not go to the battle  
Achish told David and his men to get up early the next morning  
Achish told David as soon as it was light they should return home  
David and his men obeyed and returned to the land of the Philistines  
Meanwhile the Philistines went up to Jezreel to fight Israel**

**J. David defeated those who conquered Ziklag - 30:1-31**

**1. The Amalekites destroyed Ziklag - 30:1-2**

**David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day  
While they were gone the Amalekites had invaded Ziklag  
The Amalekites attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire  
They had taken captive the women and others who were there  
They had not killed anyone but had carried them away**

**2. The Amalekites took everything - 30:3-10**

**a. David and his men were filled with sorrow - 30:3-5**

**David and his men came to the city and saw it was burned with fire  
They saw their wives, sons and daughters had been taken captive  
David and his men cried until they could no longer cry  
David's two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, had been taken captive**

**b. David encouraged himself in the Lord - 30:6**

**David was very distressed as the men talked about stoning him  
David could see that the soul of all of the people was grieved  
David knew that they grieved for their sons and daughters  
David realized he could only strengthen himself in the Lord his God**

**c. David sought the counsel of the Lord - 30:7-10**

**David asked Abiathar, the priest, to bring the ephod to him  
(the ephod was used to find out what God wanted David and the men to do)  
David asked the Lord if he should pursue this enemy and overtake them  
The Lord told David to pursue and he would overtake them  
The Lord told David that he would be able to recover everything  
David took the six hundred men who were with him  
David and the men came to the Brook Besor (a flooding river)  
David took four hundred men with him to pursue the Amalekites  
Two hundred men were so tired they stayed at the Brook Besor  
These men were so tired they could not cross the flooding river  
(flooding water can be very dangerous to try and cross)**

### **3. The Amalekites did not care for their own - 30:11-15**

#### **a. An Egyptian had been left in the field - 30:11-13**

**The men found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David  
The men gave the Egyptian bread and he ate it  
The men also let him drink water  
The men also gave him a piece of fig cake  
The men also gave him two clusters of raisins and he ate them  
After he had eaten his strength came back to him  
He had not had anything to eat or drink for three days and nights  
David asked the man to whom he belonged and where he came from  
He said he was a young man from Egypt and the servant of an Amalekite  
He said three days earlier he got sick and his master just left him behind**

#### **b. An Egyptian agreed to help David - 30:14-15**

**The young man said they raided the southern area of the Cherethites  
The young man said he raided the southern area of Judah  
The young man said they raided the southern area of Caleb  
The young man said they had burned the city of Ziklag with fire  
David asked if the young man could take them to those people  
The young man said yes if David made two promises  
David had to promise not to kill him or deliver him to his master  
The young man said then he would take David to these Amalekites**

### **4. The Amalekites were defeated by David - 30:16-20**

**The young man brought David to where the Amalekites were  
The Amalekites were celebrating by eating, drinking and dancing  
They had taken plunder from both the Philistines and from Judah  
The Amalekites were celebrating the spoil that they had taken  
David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day  
The only ones who escaped with four hundred young men on camels  
David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken away  
David also rescued his two wives  
Nothing from Ziklag was missing of all that the Amalekites had taken  
This included all of their sons and daughters  
This included all of the spoil that they had taken**

**5. The Amalekites had their possessions distributed by David - 30:21-31**

**a. David shared equally with his men - 30:21-25**

**1) David returned to the men that had been left behind - 30:21**

**David returned to the two hundred men who had been too tired to follow him  
These men came out to meet David and the people who were with him  
David greeted these men when he got close to them**

**2) David heard the request of the wicked and worthless men - 30:22**

**The wicked men did not want to share the spoil with those who stayed  
(this is the group who did not cross the Brook Besor)  
The wicked men wanted to give each man his wife and his children  
The wicked men then wanted them to take their families and leave**

**3) David shared equally with all - 30:23-25**

**David said that was not the way to treat what the Lord had given them  
David said the Lord preserved them and delivered the troop into their hand  
David said then no one would listen to them  
David said the fighters and the supply keepers would share equally  
David made that an ordinance for all of Israel beginning that day**

**b. David sent gifts to others - 30:26-31**

**1) David sent spoils to friends in Judah - 30:26**

**David and all with him returned to Ziklag  
David sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah  
David said this was a gift from the spoil of the enemies of the Lord**

**2) David sent spoils to various cities - 30:27-31**

**David sent gifts to all of the cities that were his friends  
(this meant David sent gifts to many different cities)  
David and his men had been shown kindness in all these places  
David and his men had to travel to many places to avoid Saul**

**K. David was not present when Saul was killed - 31:1-13**

**1. Saul was killed on the battlefield - 31:1-6**

**a. Saul and his sons were slain on the battlefield - 31:1-2**

**The Philistines fought against Israel  
The Israelites fled from the Philistines and many died on Mount Gilboa  
The Philistines followed close behind Saul and his sons  
The Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab and Malchishua, Saul's sons**

**b. Saul was wounded on the battlefield - 31:3-4**

**The battle became very fierce against Saul  
The archers hit Saul and he was severely wounded  
Saul told his armorbearer to kill him  
Saul was afraid the Philistines would abuse him**

**c. Saul died on the battlefield - 31:5-6**

**The armorbearer refused because he was filled with fear  
Saul then took his sword and fell on it to kill himself  
The armorbearer saw what Saul did and did the same to himself  
Saul, his three sons, his armorbearer and his men died together that day**

**2. Saul was beheaded by the Philistines - 31:7-10**

**The men on the other side of the valley saw what happened and fled  
The Philistines came and stayed in the cities of Israel  
The Philistines went out to take anything of value from the fallen men  
They found Saul and his sons dead on Mount Gilboa  
They cut off the head of Saul and took his armor  
They sent the message to tell it in the temple of their idols**

**3. Saul was buried by the men of Jabesh-gilead - 31:11-13**

**The Philistines put Saul's armor in the temple of the Ashtoreths  
They fastened Saul's body to the wall of Beth Shan  
The men of Jabesh Gilead heard, took the bodies to Jabesh and burned them  
They buried the bones under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh and fasted**