

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
1 Samuel 28:1-25
Wednesday November 12, 2014

1 Samuel 28:6-19

1 Samuel 21-31 – Saul Exiles David

1 Samuel 28 – Philistines gather to battle Israel. Saul asks God what to do but no response. Saul attempts to determine God’s will through a medium.

1. Verses 1-2 – David's Dilemma

2. Verses 3-7 – Saul Gets No Answer

3. Verses 8-19 – Saul Seeks An Answer

4. Verses 20-25 – Saul Responds To The Answer

1. Verses 1-2 – David's Dilemma:

1 Samuel 28: 1

1 Samuel 27: 5-7

1 Samuel 28: 2

2. Verses 3-7 – Saul Gets No Answer:

1 Samuel 28: 3

“Now Samuel was dead” – 1 Samuel 25: 1

At the same time his servants knew of a medium. 1 Samuel 28: 7

“mediums” – “a mumble, a water-skin from its hollow sound, (as from a jar) bottle, familiar spirit.”

Descended belly of the conjurer – spirit would enter the person and speak from the belly – get the word – ventriloquist.

“spiritists” – “properly a knowing one; a conjurer; a wizard”; Magicians – claim to have a knowledge.

1 Samuel 28: 4

“Shunem” – The Jezreel Valley; this is the valley south of Galilee, the valley of Meggido.

"Gilboa" – South of the Philistines about 5 miles.

1 Samuel 28:5

Saul had led trembling Israel, 1 Samuel 13:7. Now at the end, Saul was trembling.

1 Samuel 28:6

1 Samuel 8:18

1 Samuel 16:14

1 Samuel 15 – Disobedient chapter

"or by Urim" – Exodus 28:30 – stones – breastplate.

Isaiah 59:2

1 Samuel 28:7

"a medium," – Necromancy – "practice of communicating with the dead, especially in order to predict the future."

Exodus 22:18

Leviticus 19:31

Leviticus 20:6

Leviticus 20:27

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

"En-dor" – "Fountain of dwelling"

3. Verses 8-19 – Saul Seeks An Answer:

1 Samuel 28:8-9

This could be called "A Good Rebuke By A Bad Witch!"

1 Samuel 28:10-11

"Bring up Samuel for me." – We often don't appreciate those who have attempted and tried to help us, until they're gone!

1 Samuel 28:12

Historical account of what happened. (Descriptive, not Prescriptive):

- 1. "woman saw Samuel"**
- 2. "cried out with a loud voice"**
- 3. "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul."**

Matthew 17:3 – The Father dispatched Moses and Elijah so they came to Jesus.

Exodus 20:3-6

1 Samuel 28:13

"divine being" – "angels, exceeding, gods, great, judges, mighty"

1 Samuel 28:14

"And Saul knew that it was Samuel,"

1 Samuel 28:15

Luke 16:19-31 – Abraham's bosom

Ephesians 4:8-10 – Jesus set captives free

"And Saul answered," – Note Saul gives 7 personal pronouns: "I"... "me"...

1 Samuel 28:16

The Lord Has Become Your Enemy: "has become your adversary?"

1 Samuel 28:17

God Has Taken The Kingdom: "The LORD has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand" –
1 Samuel 15:28.

God Has Given The Kingdom To David: "given it to your neighbor, to David."

1 Samuel 28:18

1 Samuel 15 – Saul was given one last chance and Saul despised God,
1 Samuel 9:16.

1 Samuel 28:19

Israel Would Loose The Battle To The Philistines: "the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines,"

1 Samuel 12:15

4. Verses 20-25 – Saul Responds To The Answer:

1 Samuel 28:20

What Would You Do If God Told You Tomorrow You Will Die?

1 Samuel 28:21-24

"It was a meal fit for a king, the trouble was it was eaten by a man not fit to be king"

1 Samuel 28:25

John 3:2

Application: Saul's Fall From God's Will Was Due To The Following Errors:

1. Saul Walked In The Light – 1 Samuel 9:26-27; But Saul Ended In The Darkness – 1 Samuel 28:25.
2. Saul Started With Courage – 1 Samuel 11:7; Saul Ended With Fear – 1 Samuel 28:5.
3. Saul Disobeyed God's Word: 1 Samuel 15:23.
4. Saul Started In Wisdom Through The Instruction Of Samuel – 1 Samuel 12; Saul Ended In Folly Through That Of A Witch – 1 Samuel 28:11-25.