

1st and 2nd Samuel

A Study Guide

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UNIT XXIII

1. What was Hannah's vow? (1Sam. 1:9-11)

2. What does 1Sam. 2:11-17 say about Eli's sons?_____

3. Where was young Samuel raised? (1Sam. 2:18-21)_____

4. What was God's message to young Samuel? (1Sam. 4:11-14)

5. What happened when the Israelites brought the ark of the covenant into battle against the Philistines? (4:3-11)

6. What happened to Eli when he learned the news from the battle? (1Sam. 4:12-18)

7. What happened to the Philistines when they kept the ark of the covenant? (1Sam. 5)

8. What did the Philistines do with the ark? (1Sam. 6:10-16)

9. Why did God strike down the men of Bethshemesh? (6:19-21)

10. What happened when Israel repented of serving other Gods before fighting the Philistines? (1Sam. 7:3-11)

UNIT XXIV

Read 1Sam. 8-12

1. What kind of judges were Samuel's sons? (1Sam. 8:1-3)

2. What did the elders demand of Samuel? (1Sam. 8:4-5)

3. What did God say about the people's request? (8:6-9)

4. What was the reaction of the people to Samuel's explanation of how a king would oppress the people? (1Sam. 8:10-22)

5. What did God tell Samuel about Saul? (1Sam. 9:15-17)

6. Why did Samuel pour oil on Saul's head? (1Sam. 10:1)

7. Who was chosen by lot to be king? (1Sam. 10:20-21)
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8. Where was Saul when they sought him? (1Sam. 10:21-23)
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9. Describe the events of 1Sam. 11:1-3.
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10. What happened after Saul's victory over the Ammonites?
(1Sam. 11:12-15)
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11. Why should the Israelites not have asked for a king?
(1Sam. 12:12)
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12. What did Samuel do to cause the people to fear?
(1Sam. 12:14-19)
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UNIT XXV

Read 1Sam. 13-16

- 1.. What did Saul do to make Samuel angry? (1Sam. 13:7-13)

2. What was Saul's punishment? (1Sam. 13:13-14)

3. Who did Samuel say God had chosen to take Saul's place?
(1Sam. 13:14)

4. What was Jonathan's logic in attacking a garrison with
only one companion? (1Sam. 14:6)

5. What happened after Jonathan and his armourbearer slew
twenty men? (1Sam. 14:15-16)

6. What foolish oath did Saul make and what was the result
of it? (1Sam. 14:24-30 36-46)

7. What sin did the people commit? (1Sam. 14:31-34)

8. What did God command Saul concerning Amalek? (1Sam. 15:1-4)
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9. What did Saul do wrong? (1Sam. 15:7-9)
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10. What did God say about Saul? (1Sam. 15:10-11)
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11. What reason did Saul give for sparing the sheep and oxen? (1Sam. 15:13-15)
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12. What was Samuel's answer to Saul? (1Sam. 15:16-17 22-28)
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13. How did God answer Samuel when he thought he recognized the Lord's annointed? (1Sam. 16:1-7)
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14. Who did Samuel annoint? (1Sam. 16:11-13)
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15. For what reason was David brought to Saul? (1Sam. 16:14-23)
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UNIT XXVI

Read 1Sam. 17-19

1. What was Goliath's challenge to Saul? (1Sam. 17:4-10)

2. How did Israel react to Goliath's challenge? (17:11, 23-24)

3. What did Saul offer to the man who killed Goliath? (1Sam. 17:25)

4. What was David's reaction to Goliath's challenge? (1Sam. 17:26)

5. How did David answer Saul? (1Sam. 17:32-37)

6. Why did David think he could kill Goliath? (17:45-47)

7. What did the Philistines do when they saw Goliath dead?
(1Sam. 17:49-51)
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8. What does 1 Sam. 18:1-4 say about David and Jonathan?
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9. What did Saul do for David? (1Sam. 18:5)
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10. What angered Saul in the song the women sang? (18:6-8)
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11. How did Saul try to kill David? (1Sam. 18:11)
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12. What did David do to cause Saul to give him his daughter
for a wife? (1Sam. 18:20-27)
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13. What oath did Jonathan convince his father to swear?
(1Sam. 18:1-7)
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14. How did David escape Saul? (19:8-17)
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15. To where did David flee? (1Sam. 19:18)
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Unit 27

Read 1Sam. 20-24

1. What was the covenant David made with Jonathan?
(1Sam. 20:12-15)

2. What did Saul do when Jonathan excused David's absence?
(1Sam. 20:27-33)

3. What bread did the high priest allow David and his men to eat? (1Sam. 21:1-6; Leviticus 24:5-9)

4. What was Jesus teaching when he alluded to this story?
(Matthew 12:1-8; Hosea 6:6)

5. To where did David flee next? (1Sam. 21:10-15)

6. How did David become a captain over 400 men? (1Sam. 22:1-2)

7. What happened to the priests who had helped David?
(1Sam. 22:11-19)

8. Which of the priests came to David? (1Sam. 22:20-23)
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9. What did David and his men do while hiding from Saul? (1Sam. 23:1-5)
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10. After David had saved their city, what did the men of Keilah plan to do with him? (1Sam. 23:12)
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11. Why did Saul have to return from pursuing David? (1Sam. 23:27-28)
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12. How did Saul deliver himself into David's hands? (1Sam. 24:1-4)
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13. Why did David feel bad about cutting off the skirt of Saul's robe? (1Sam. 24:4-7)
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14. Who was buried in Ramah? (1Sam. 25:1)
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15. What did Saul do with David's wife Michal? (1Sam. 25:44)
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Unit 28

Read 1Sam. 26-31

1. What happened when Saul again pursued David? (1Sam. 26:1-12)

2. How did Saul react to David's second chance to kill him? (1Sam. 26:17-25)

3. How long did David live with the Philistines? (1Sam. 27:1-7)

4. How did David convince Achish that he was raiding the Israelites? (1Sam. 27:8-12)

5. What did Achish intend for David and his men to do? (1Sam. 28:1-2)

6. What did Saul do when God would not answer him? (1Sam. 28:3-7)

7. What did Samuel say to Saul? (1Samuel 28:16-19)
8. How did God deliver David from fighting against the Israelites? (1Sam. 29:1-11)
9. How did David divide the spoil from the Amalekites who raided his city? (1Sam. 30:20-25)
10. Which sons of Saul were killed? (1Sam. 31:1-2)
11. How did Saul die? (1Sam. 31:3-6)
12. Who recovered the bodies of Saul and his sons? (1Sam. 31:11-13)

Unit 29

Read 2Sam. 1-4

1. What did David do to the Amalekite who claimed to have killed Saul? (2Sam. 1:1-16)

2. How did David feel about Jonathan's death? (2Sam. 1:17-27)

3. Over what tribe was David made king? (2Sam. 2:1-4)

4. Who reigned over the other tribes of Israel? (2Sam. 2:8-11)

5. Who were the sons of Zeruiah? (2Sam. 2:18)

6. How did Asahel die? (2Sam. 2:19-23)

7. How many men died in the first battle between David and Abner? (2Sam. 2:30-31)

8. Why did Ishbosheth and Abner argue? (2Sam. 3:6-11)

9. How did Abner transfer the kingdom to David? (2Sam. 3:17-21)
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10. Why did Joab kill Abner? (2Sam. 3:22-27)
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11. How did David react to the death of Abner? (2Sam. 3:28-35)
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12. Why did David not punish Joab for killing Abner? (2Sam. 3:29)
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13. How did Ishbosheth die? (2Sam. 4:5-8)
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14. What did David do to the men who killed Ishbosheth? (2Sam. 4:9-12)
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15. Where was David made king? (2Sam. 5:1-5)
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16. To what city did David move? (2Sam. 5:6-10)
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Unit 30

Read 1Chro. 13,15-17
(2 Samuel 6-7)

1. What did David want to do that wasn't done in the days of Saul? (1Chro. 13:1-4)

2. How was the ark carried? (1Chro. 13:7)

3. What happened at the threshing floor of Chidon? (1Chro. 13:9-10)

4. How did David react to the death of Uzza? (1Chro. 13:11-14)

5. Why was Uzza killed? (1Chro. 15:2,12-13)

6. How was the ark brought to Jerusalem? (1Chro. 15:14-15)

7. How did Israel celebrate the arrival of the ark? (1Chro. 15:28)

8. What did Michal do when she saw David praising God?
(1Chro. 15:29)
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9. To what ministry was Asaph appointed? (1Chro. 16:5-7)
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10. What did David want to do with the ark? (1Chro. 17:1-2)
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11. What did God say about David's plan? (1Chro. 17:3-6)
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12. What had God already done for David? (1Chro. 17:7-8)
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13. Who would build a house for God? (1Chro. 17:11-12)
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14. For how long would God establish the throne of David's descendants? (1Chro. 17:12-14)
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15. What was David's reaction to God's promise?
(1Chro. 17:16-27)
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Unit 31

Read 2Sa. 9, 11-12
Psalm 51

1. What kind of a king was David? (2Sa. 8:15)

2. Who was Mephibosheth and what did David do for him?
(2Sa. 9:1-10)

3. Who was the woman David saw from his roof, and what did
he do to her? (2Sa. 11:1-5)

4. How did David try to cover up his sin? (2Sa. 11:6-13)

5. What did David's letter to Joab instruct him to do?
(2Sa. 11:14-15)

6. How did Uriah die? (2Sa. 11:16-17)

7. What did David do when Uriah was dead? (2Sa. 11:27)

8. Describe briefly Nathan's story and David's reaction.
(2Sa. 12:1-6)

9. What did Nathan's story mean? (2Sa. 12:7-9)
10. What punishment would come upon David? (2Sa. 12:11-12)
11. What did God do with David's sin? (2Sa. 12:13)
12. When the child became sick, why did David pray that he would be made well when he knew God had said the child would die? (2Sa. 12:22)
13. Who was Bathsheba's second son, and how did God feel about him? (2Sa. 12:24)
14. Describe briefly David's prayer for forgiveness. (Psalm 51)

Unit 32

Read 2Sam. 15-18

1. Who was Absalom? (2Sam. 13:1)

2. How did Absalom steal the hearts of the people?
(2Sam. 15:1-6)

3. How did Absalom proclaim himself king? (2Sam. 15:7-12)

4. Who was Ahithophel? (2Sam. 15:12)

5. When David fled, who did he leave behind?
(2Sam. 15:14-16)

6. Why did David send Hushai back? (2Sam. 15:32-37)

7. How did Hushai win Absalom's confidence? (2Sa. 16:16-19)

8. How did Nathan's prophecy come true? (2Sam. 16:20-23)

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9. Compare the plans that Ahithophel and Hushai suggested to Absalom. (2Sam. 17:1-13)
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10. Who did Absalom believe had the best counsel? (2Sam. 17:14)
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11. What did Ahithophel do when he saw that his advice was not taken? (2Sam. 17:23)
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12. Who was the commander of Absalom's army? (2Sam. 17:25)
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13. Who were three leaders of David's army? (2Sam. 18:1-3)
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14. What was David's command concerning Absalom? (2Sa. 18:5)
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15. How many people died in the battle? (2Sam. 18:7)
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16. How did Absalom die? (2Sam. 18:9-15)
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17. How did David react to the news of Absalom's death? (2Sam. 18:32-33)
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Unit 33

Read 2Sam. 19-21, 24

1. How was the people's victory turned to mourning?
(2Sam. 19:1-4)

2. Who reproved David? (2Sam. 19:5-7)

3. What did David purpose to do with Amasa? (2Sam. 19:13)

4. Over what did the men of Israel and the men of Judah
quarrel? (2Sam. 19:40-43)

5. Who followed Sheba and who followed Sheba? (2Sa. 20:1-2)

6. What happened to Amasa? (2Sam. 20:4-10)

7. What happened to Sheba? (2Sam. 20:15-22)

8. Why was there a famine? (2Sam. 21:1-2; Josh. 9:15)

9. How did David stop the famine? (2Sam. 21:3-9)
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10. Compare 2Sam. 24:1 with 1Chronicles 21:1.
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11. What did David do wrong in numbering Israel? (Exo. 30:11-16)
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12. How many men were at David's command? (2Sam. 24:9)
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13. What were the three choices God gave David? (2Sam. 24:13)
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14. Describe what happened in 2Sam. 24:15-17.
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15. Why did David not accept the threshing floor of Araunah as a gift? (2Sam. 24:18-24)
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