

SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE IN THE NEW KINGDOM

THE REIGN OF SAUL (2)

Quarter Seven, Lesson Two

Focus Text: 1 Samuel 21 – 31

Other Texts: 1 Chronicles 10

CONTENT

1. How did the fleeing David secure food and a weapon, according to chapter 21?
2. What steps did he take to protect himself after he was recognized in Gath?
3. Of what did Saul accuse Ahimelech and the priests from the city of Nob?
4. Why did David flee Keilah after he had saved the city from the Philistines?
5. Why did Saul turn back from his pursuit of David in the wilderness of Maon?
6. According to chapter 24, what evidence did David use to show Saul that he was not seeking Saul's life? How did Saul react?
7. How did Nabal respond to David's appeal for help? What was David's initial response, and why did he change his intention?
8. What prompted Saul to admit again, in chapter 26, that he had been wrong to pursue David?
9. What prompted Saul to consult the medium or diviner at En-dor? What did he learn?
10. Why did David go in pursuit of a group of Amalekites (according to chapter 30), and how did he find them?

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11. What wise uses did David make of the spoils from the Amalekites?

12. How did Saul meet his end?

CONNECTIONS

1. In both chapter 23 and chapter 30, David asked Abiathar to bring the ephod. Why? What made the ephod useful for him in these situations? (See Leviticus 8. 1 – 9 and Numbers 27. 18 – 21.)
2. In Matthew 12. 1 – 7, Jesus mentions the incident (from 2 Samuel 21) when David ate the priests' holy bread. What prompted him to mention it?
3. According to the account in 1 Chronicles 10, why did the Lord remove Saul and make David king?
4. What promises and warnings did Samuel give the people of Israel when Saul began to rule (according to 1 Samuel 12. 13 – 15 and 20 – 25)?

PLACES

Beside each city listed below, make a note about how it was involved in today's lesson. Then locate as many of the cities as you can on the blank map provided in this booklet.

Engedi

Gath

Jezreel

Nob

Ziklag

Ziph