

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 28 – 30

Sunday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 27

Chapter 28 (Sunday, December 24)

- Describe the situation articulated in **1 Samuel 28: 1 – 2**. What did King Achish expect of David, and how did David respond?
- In **1 Samuel 28: 3 – 7**, what did Saul attempt to do when the Philistines came to attack Israel, and what was the result? In response, what did Saul command his servants to do? (*Deuteronomy 18: 10 – 13*)
- From **1 Samuel 28: 8 – 10**, describe the conversation between Saul and the medium. What did Saul ask her to do, and how did she respond? What assurance did Saul give to her?
- As recorded in **1 Samuel 28: 11 – 15**, who did Saul request to see? How did the medium describe her vision of Samuel, and how did Saul respond? What did Saul ask of Samuel?
- From **1 Samuel 28: 16 – 20**, describe Samuel's answer that he provided to Saul. What references did Samuel make to past events, and what prophecy did he give to Saul regarding his future? How did Saul react?
- In **1 Samuel 28: 21 – 25**, describe the conversation between Saul and the medium. What assistance did the woman provide for Saul after he had seen the vision of Samuel?

Chapter 29 (Sunday, December 24 - Wednesday, December 27)

- From **1 Samuel 29: 1 – 3**, how did the leaders of the Philistines react when they saw David and his troops marching with King Achish's army? How did Achish defend David?

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- In **1 Samuel 29: 4 – 5**, what concern did the leaders of the Philistines express regarding David's potential participation in the coming battle against Israel? (*1 Samuel 18: 6 – 7*)
- According to **1 Samuel 29: 6 – 8**, what action did Achish take in response to the concerns of the Philistine leaders? How did David respond to the possibility of being dismissed from the coming battle, and what did this indicate about his relationship with God? (*1 Samuel 26: 18*)
- From **1 Samuel 29: 9 – 11**, what did Achish say about David, and what was his final decision regarding David's participation in the battle?

Chapter 30 (Wednesday, December 27)

- From **1 Samuel 30: 1 – 6**, what did David and his men discover when they returned to Ziklag, and how did they respond? Why did the people want to stone David, and from whom did David find strength? (*1 Samuel 15: 3*)
- In **1 Samuel 30: 7 – 10**, what answer did David receive when he inquired to God whether or not he should pursue the Amalekites? How did David respond?
- According to **1 Samuel 30: 11 – 15**, what information did David ask the Egyptian servant to provide, and how did the servant respond?
- Describe David's actions as recorded in **1 Samuel 30: 16 – 20**. What was the outcome of the battle against the Amalekites? (*Genesis 14: 14 – 16*)
- From **1 Samuel 30: 21 – 25**, how did some of David's men react toward those that had stayed behind? How did David respond, and what did this indicate about his character?
- According to **1 Samuel 30: 26 – 31**, how did David distribute the material captured from the Amalekites?