

# SAMUEL

David in Philistia part 1  
1 Samuel 27-28

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# Chapters 27-31

- Chapter 27 - David flees to Philistia
- Chapter 28 - Saul consults Samuel through a seance
- Chapter 29-30 - David avoids participating in a Philistine attack on Israel; Defeats Amalekites
- Chapter 31 - Saul dies in battle

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# Ch. 27 - David flees to Philistia

- David is desperate
  - Saul's pursuits continue; Samuel is dead
  - David must seek help from Saul's antagonists
- David again goes to Achish for help
  - Last time David acted insane to avoid danger
- Achish gives David Ziklag
  - First promised to Joshua (Josh 15:31) but not conquered
  - "Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day." (v.6)

# David's Campaigns & Deceptions

- David destroys every man and woman among the
  - Geshurites
  - Girzites
  - Amalekites
- David tells Achish he has defeated Negeb of
  - Judah
  - the Jerahmeelites
  - the Kenites

# Achish & the Philistines

- Golden “tumors” and confusion during the ark narratives (ch. 4-7)
- David outwitting Achish, feigning madness
  - Achish claimed he had enough crazy people in his city already
- In ch. 27, Achish is easily duped by David again
  - 28:1-2 Achish says David will be his bodyguard for life

# Saul's shortcomings

- The Philistines are still present
  - Saul was chosen to rid the nation of the Philistine threat
- David has defeated the Philistines
  - The defeat of Goliath (ch.17)
  - At Keilah (ch.23)
- Saul has burned his bridges with God
  - Makes up his mind before asking (14:36-37)
  - Killed the priests of Nob (22:6-23)



**JEZREEL VALLEY: Israel's breadbasket**

Israel & Philistia have gathered for battle here.

Saul sees the Philistine army and is afraid. (28:5)

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# Saul's paradox

- Saul seeks God
  - God won't answer (Amos 8:11-12)
- Saul needs Samuel
  - Samuel is dead
- Saul needs a medium/spiritist/necromancer/witch
  - Saul has banished them from the kingdom
  - The Law demanded that (Lev 19:31; 20:27, Deut 18:10-11)

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# Saul and the Medium of Endor

Chapter 28:7-14



*Saul and the Witch of Endor* – Benjamin West

# Saul's last consult with Samuel

- Saul is prostrate on the ground
  - “I have summoned you to tell me what to do.”
- Samuel's message (God's message) hasn't changed
  - Saul failed to wipe out Amalek
  - Saul and his sons and Israel will fall to the Philistines
- Saul sins, one last time, only to confirm the fate he has already heard before

# Desperate Circumstances

## David fleeing Saul

Fled to the protection of Achish in Philistia

Lied to gain favor of both Achish & Judah

## Saul facing Philistines

Desperately tried to inquire of God

Consults Samuel through necromancy

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