

The Book of 1st Samuel Chapters 1-15

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
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INSTRUCTIONS

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation. To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion. Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book gives the account of the lives of Samuel and Saul with a great deal of the life of David. First Samuel begins with the birth of Samuel and his early training in the temple. It shows how he guided Israel as a prophet, priest and judge.

When the people of Israel demanded a king, he, by God's instruction, anointed Saul as the first king over Israel. However when Saul was disobedient to God, he was rejected as king. Secretly Samuel anointed David as king to take Saul's place as king. Even though there is a lot of the disobedience of the people of God, there is also a stronger emphasis on their goodness and obedience to God.

It was during this time that the nation changed from a nation of judges as leaders to having a king over them like the nations around them. Samuel, as prophet, priest, and judge yielded a great deal of influence during his entire lifetime.

I SAMUEL - Chapter 01
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who were the priests of the Lord at Shiloh? _____. Verse _____
2. Who was Hannah and what was her problem? _____. Verse _____
3. Who observed Hannah praying and asked the Lord to give her what she was asking for? _____. Verse _____
4. Why didn't Hannah go with her husband to offer sacrifice to the Lord after Samuel was born? _____. Verse _____
5. What vow did Hannah make to the Lord if he would allow her to have a son? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, provoked Hannah because she had no children.
7. _____ Eli the priest thought Hannah was drunk.
8. _____ Elkanah agreed that Hannah could do whatever she had vowed with the boy.
9. _____ Eli was not a priest any more, only his sons were.
10. _____ Hannah brought Samuel to Eli when he was six years old.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Elkanah a priest also?
12. _____ Did Elkanah love Hannah more than his other wife?
13. _____ Would her son be able to get a haircut if he was given to Hannah?
14. _____ Did Hannah pour out her wine and not drink any more?
15. _____ Did Hannah keep her vow about giving her son to the Lord?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 02

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What were the sons of Eli doing that upset the Lord? _____ . Verse _____
2. What would Samuel's mother do for him each year? _____ . Verse _____
3. What was the Lord's will concerning Eli's sons? _____ . Verse _____
4. What blessing did Eli ask from the Lord for Hannah? _____ . Verse _____
5. How long would the men of the house of Eli live? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Elkanah was in favor of giving Samuel to serve the Lord.
7. _____ The sons of Eli did not like boiled meat.
8. _____ Hannah gave birth to 5 children altogether.
9. _____ Both the sons of Eli would die within a year of each other.
10. _____ Those left in the family line of Eli would come begging for bread.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Samuel serve before the Lord as a young boy?
12. _____ Did Samuel wear an ephod made out of cotton?
13. _____ Were the sons of Eli doing bad things without their father's knowledge?
14. _____ Will God honor those who honor him?
15. _____ Was God going to raise up another priest to take Eli's place?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 03

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How many times did the Lord call to Samuel? _____. Verse _____
2. When the Lord called to Samuel what did he do? _____. Verse _____
3. What did Eli tell Samuel to say when the Lord called again? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. In the morning what did Samuel do? _____. Verse _____
5. How was Samuel treated by all the people of Israel? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Samuel slept close to the ark of God
7. _____ Even though he served the Lord, Samuel as a youth did not know the Lord.
8. _____ God was going to forgive Eli and his sons after they offered sacrifices.
9. _____ Eli was not interested in what the Lord said to Samuel.
10. _____ Samuel learned about the Lord by reading his Word.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Samuel know that it was the Lord who was calling to him?
12. _____ Did Eli know that it was the Lord who was calling to Samuel?
13. _____ Did Samuel tell Eli EVERYTHING that the Lord had said?
14. _____ Was Samuel recognized as the new priest?
15. _____ With the ark of God at Shiloh did God appear there?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 04

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How many of the Israelite soldiers were killed in the first battle with the Philistines? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did the Israelites do after that first defeat? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What was the attitude in the Philistine camp when the ark arrived? _____
_____, Verse _____
4. How many Israelite soldiers died in the second battle? _____ . Verse _____
5. How did Eli hear the news about the battle? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The elders of Israel thought that the ark of God would save them.
7. _____ The Lord Almighty was enthroned ABOVE the cherubim on the ark.
8. _____ The Hebrews were in subjection to the Philistines at this time.
9. _____ Eli by this time was ninety eight years old and blind.
10. _____ The name "Ichabod" means "The glory has departed from Israel"

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the ark of the Lord's covenant kept at Shiloh at this time?
12. _____ Were the Philistines afraid because the ark was there?
13. _____ Were there a lot of Israelites who fled the battle and lived?
14. _____ Did Eli die of a broken heart?
15. _____ Was there a survivor left in the family of Eli?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 05

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What happened to the god Dagon the morning after the ark of God was placed beside it in it's temple? _____. Verse _____
2. What happened the next day? _____. Verse _____
3. What happened at Gath when they moved the ark there? _____. Verse _____
4. What happened at Ekron when the ark went there? _____. Verse _____
5. Where did the people of Ekron say to send the ark? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The ark of the covenant of God had a power of it's own.
7. _____ The fact that the idol Dagon fell before the ark showed his power of the Lord.
8. _____ The priests of Dagon no longer stepped on the threshold.
9. _____ Everywhere they took the ark it caused a great calm over that city.
10. _____ Those who did not die were afflicted with boils and tumors.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the ark considered a trophy of war?
12. _____ Did the affliction caused by the ark extend to the surrounding community?
13. _____ Were only the adults afflicted by the ark?
14. _____ Did ALL the rulers of the Philistines make decisions about the ark?
15. _____ Did the outcry of the Philistines go up to heaven?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 06

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who did the rulers of the Philistines send for to get advice about the ark? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did these men advise the rulers to do? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What did the offerings represent? _____ . Verse _____
4. Where did the two cows take the ark? _____ . Verse _____
5. What did the seventy men who died do to cause their death? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The ark of the covenant of the Lord had been in the custody of the Philistines for a year and a half.
7. _____ Rats had been destroying the country.
8. _____ If the cows took the ark toward Beth Shemesh that meant that the Lord had afflicted them.
9. _____ The rock next to which the cows stopped became special to Israel.
10. _____ Even Beth Shemesh was afflicted by the ark.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the Philistines accept the guilt for taking the ark?
12. _____ Did the gold tumors and the gold rats have nothing to do with each other?
13. _____ Did the priests and diviners know what had happened in Egypt?
14. _____ Were the people of Beth Shemesh afraid when they saw the ark?
15. _____ Is it dangerous to LOOK into the ark of the covenant?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 07

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How long did the ark of the Lord remain at Kiriath Jearim? _____. Verse _____
2. What were the conditions under which the nation could be delivered out of the hands of the Philistines? _____. Verse _____
3. When the Israelites assembled at Mizpah, what did the Philistines do? _____. Verse _____
4. What happened when Samuel was offering a sacrifice? _____. Verse _____
5. Where did Samuel travel on his circuit? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The Israelites had been worshipping the Baals and Ashtoreth.
7. _____ There was a special reason why the Israelites poured out water before the Lord.
8. _____ The Lord intervened in the battle with the Philistines.
9. _____ Even the surrounding territory was delivered from the Philistine power.
10. _____ Samuel's home was in Mizpah.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the ark taken to a private home to be guarded?
12. _____ Did ALL of Israel repent before the Lord?
13. _____ Did a stone take on a special significance to Israel?
14. _____ Did Israel now make war against the Amorites?
15. _____ Was Samuel one of the judges of Israel?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 08

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who did Samuel appoint as judges over Israel? _____. Verse _____
2. What did the leaders of Israel ask Samuel to do? _____. Verse _____
3. What did the Lord tell Samuel to warn the people about? _____. Verse _____
4. What would happen to their young women? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What did Samuel tell everyone to do after he told them about a king? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Samuel's sons were faithful in their duties.
7. _____ The Israelites wanted a king like the other nations had.
8. _____ The Lord told Samuel he was not being rejected but the Lord as king.
9. _____ They would become slaves under their own king.
10. _____ the king would take ALL their grain and cattle.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Samuel pleased that they wanted a king over them?
12. _____ Would the king take the best of their land and give it to him attendants?
13. _____ Would the king take the best that they had for his own use?
14. _____ Did the people listen to Samuel?
15. _____ Did Samuel take all of this before the Lord?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 09

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What were Saul and his servant doing as they went out? _____. Verse _____
2. Why was Saul hesitant to go inquire of the Seer? _____. Verse _____
3. Who told them where to find the Seer? _____. Verse _____
4. How did Samuel know that Saul was the man to be anointed king? _____. Verse _____
5. Where were Saul and his servant seated when they ate with Samuel? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ It was the servant who suggested that they seek Samuel the Seer.
7. _____ A prophet of God in that day was called a Seer.
8. _____ Saul recognized Samuel right away.
9. _____ Saul and his servant never found the donkeys.
10. _____ Samuel told Saul that he had a message from God to give to him.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the Israelites offer sacrifice on a high place?
12. _____ Was it the custom to PAY a Seer for advice?
13. _____ Was Benjamin one of the major tribes in Israel?
14. _____ Did Samuel have a house in that town?
15. _____ Did Samuel lay aside special food for Saul?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did Samuel let Saul know that God has chosen him to be king over Israel? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did Samuel say would happen at the Philistine outpost of Gibeah of God? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What information did Saul withhold from his uncle? _____ . Verse _____
4. How did Samuel let the people of Israel know whom God had selected to be their king? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. When they looked for Saul where was he hiding? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Samuel the prophet knew what was going to happen.
7. _____ The Spirit of God came upon Saul and later left him.
8. _____ The new king was selected by lot,
9. _____ Saul looked like a king.
10. _____ Some troublemakers opposed Saul from the beginning.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Kish worried about his son, Saul?
12. _____ Did Samuel tell Saul what he should do as king?
13. _____ Was Samuel the only prophet of God in the land?
14. _____ Were there regulations written down for the king?
15. _____ Did God select valiant men to be with Saul?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 11

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What condition did Nahash the Ammonite set for making a treaty with Jabesh? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did the men of Jabesh ask before they would surrender to Nahash? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What happened to Saul when he heard what the men of Jabesh said? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Saul send throughout Israel with messengers? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What happened to Saul at Gilgal after the battle? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Nahash wanted to bring disgrace upon all Israel.
7. _____ The terror of the Lord fell upon all the people.
8. _____ Saul raised an army of more than 300,000 men.
9. _____ The men of Jabesh Gilead promised to surrender to the Ammonites the next day.
10. _____ Saul was ready to put to death the men who opposed him.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Saul working in the field plowing with horses?
12. _____ Did Saul threaten anyone who would not follow him and Samuel?
13. _____ Did the battle with the Ammonites last for only 2 days?
14. _____ Did Saul take the credit for rescuing Jabesh Gilead?
15. _____ Was there a great celebration when Saul was confirmed as king?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 12
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Samuel ask when he began his farewell speech? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who appointed Moses and Aaron to bring the people out of Egypt? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. When the people cried out to the Lord, who did he send to help them, list the names that Samuel mentions. _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Why did Samuel call down thunder and rain to destroy the wheat crop? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What will happen to them if they turn away from the Lord again? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Samuel had never cheated anyone.
7. _____ The Lord God was their king before Saul was appointed king over them.
8. _____ The people realized that they had sinned by asking for a king.
9. _____ Samuel promised that he would pray for them.
10. _____ Even in his old age Samuel promised to teach them the way that is good and right.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Samuel consider himself their leader from his youth until that day?
12. _____ Was Saul called God's anointed?
13. _____ Did Moses lead the people out of Egypt by ordinary means?
14. _____ Was the king expected to follow the Lord their God as well as the people?
15. _____ Could idols do anything to rescue the people from their enemies?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 13

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How many men were in the army that was with Saul at Micmah? _____. Verse _____
2. Who led a thousand men to attack the outpost at Geba? _____. Verse _____
3. What was the effect on the army of Israel when the Philistines gathered to fight them at Micmah? _____. Verse _____
4. After seven days had passed and Samuel did not appear, what did Saul do? _____. Verse _____
5. Why didn't the Israelites have weapons? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The army of Israel were so frightened that they hid in caves.
7. _____ Saul acted foolishly and that is the reason his kingdom would be short lived.
8. _____ After Samuel left Saul he had only seven hundred men left in his army.
9. _____ There was only one blacksmith in all of Israel.
10. _____ Only Saul and Jonathan had swords in the entire army of Israel.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Saul summon an army together by having someone blow the trumpet?
12. _____ When Samuel did not appear when he said he would did the army begin to leave Saul?
13. _____ Did the Philistines send out four detachments to fight the Israelites?
14. _____ Did the Philistines charge the Israelites a fee to have a plowshare sharpened.
15. _____ When the day of battle came were there only two men with swords?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 14
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What two men went out and began the battle with the Philistines? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What was the sign for these men that the Philistines would be defeated that day? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What happened among the Philistines after the first twenty men were killed? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. After the battle started what did the men who were hiding in the caves do? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What was Saul going to do to his son, Jonathan because he had eaten honey that day? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Jonathan went out to battle without his father's permission.
7. _____ Jonathan killed twenty soldiers by himself.
8. _____ The Lord was involved in this battle.
- 9.. _____ The army would not allow Saul to kill his own son for eating honey.
10. _____ Saul had 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ In your opinion was Jonathan a brave man?
12. _____ Was it unlawful for the Israelites to eat meat with the blood in it?
13. _____ Did Saul build an altar and inquire of the Lord about this battle?
14. _____ In that day was it all right to use the casting of lots to know God's will?
15. _____ Was Saul interested in getting strong and brave men into his army?

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I SAMUEL - Chapter 15

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Name everything that was to be put to death by Saul when he was going to attack the Amalekites? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who did Saul warn before he went to battle? _____. Why? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What happened to Agag and all the sheep and cattle that were good? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What reason did Saul give for sparing the best of the sheep and cattle? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Why did the Lord reject Saul from being king over Israel? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Saul 's army numbered two hundred ten thousand men.
7. _____ Saul destroyed only the weak among the sheep and the cattle.
8. _____ God delights in burnt offerings and sacrifices.
9. _____ Saul said he did not obey the Lord because he was afraid of the people.
10. _____ Samuel never went to see King Saul again.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the Lord command that EVERY living thing of the Amalekites be killed?
12. _____ Was the ambush used in the battle with the Amalekites?
13. _____ Were the Kenites to be killed also?
14. _____ Are rebellion and divination alike as sin?
15. _____ Was the Lord sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?