



Bible Study

The Book of 1st Samuel

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Q1: Select the right answer

1) In that era, the tabernacle of meeting was set up in:

- a) Shiloh
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Ramathaim
- d) Ramah

2) Elkanah gave a double portion to his wife Hannah because:

- a) She was the firstborn
- b) She was childless
- c) She was loved by him
- d) Eli the priest had instructed him to do so

3) Hannah was so sad that:

- a) She asked her husband not to go to the feast
- b) She refused to enter the feast
- c) She refused to eat
- d) She counted Elkanah as ten sons

4) Hannah promised the Lord that if she bore a son, she:

- a) Shall give him to Peninnah
- b) Will not let a razor come upon his head
- c) Shall name him Elkanah
- d) Will make a pilgrimage with him to Jerusalem

5) Eli the priest thought that Hannah was:

- a) A woman of sorrowful spirit
- b) Crazy
- c) Drunk
- d) Elated

6) What is meant by, “the sons of Eli the priest were, ‘the children of Belial?’” They were:

- a) Wicked
- b) Righteous
- c) Priests
- d) From the tribe of Levi

7) Eli’s sons were determined to commit sins because:

- a) They did not care about the dignity of their father, the Chief Priest.
- b) The Lord was determined to punish them no matter what they did
- c) They did not care about the dignity of the sanctuaries of the Lord
- d) They loved to eat meat in abundance

8) The actions of the High Priest Eli’s children caused:

- a) The destruction of the temple
- b) Shortage of offered sacrifices
- c) Not offering fat for the burnt offering
- d) The people to abhor the offering of the Lord

9) Hannah brought her son to serve in the temple after:

- a) She gave birth to him
- b) She weaned him
- c) She prepared herself for travel
- d) He reached a young age

10) After Samuel devoted himself to serving the Lord:

- a) He did not see his mother until she died
- b) He did not see his mother, but was seeing his father
- c) He was seeing his parents once a year
- d) He did not see his parents until Eli the priest died

11) A man of God warned Eli and declared to him that:

- a) The Lord punishes those who honour him
- b) The priesthood function will be removed from his descendants
- c) The Ark of the Covenant will be taken by the enemies
- d) His wages will be reduced to a piece of silver

12) The Lord called Samuel at night. Samuel answered, "Here I am." Then:

- a) Went to Eli
- b) Extinguished the lamp of the Lord
- c) Went back to sleep
- d) Went out of the temple of the Lord into the void

13) The Lord announced to the young Samuel that:

- a) David will be established as king over Israel
- b) The house of Eli the priest will be destroyed forever
- c) He will accept the repentance of Eli and his children
- d) He will bring much good to the people of Israel

14) All the people knew that Samuel:

- a) Spoke with the Lord
- b) Will replace Eli the Priest
- c) Was entrusted as a prophet of the Lord
- d) Will be punished for the evils of Eli's house

15) Eli The high priest fell and died when he heard that:

- a) The people were defeated in the war
- b) His two sons died in the war
- c) The Philistines had taken the Ark of the Covenant
- d) Samuel was taken captive

16) In the days of Samuel, the people of Israel were defeated by the Philistines:

- a) Once
- b) Twice
- c) Three times
- d) Never defeated

17) The Philistines took the ark of the covenant of the Lord and put it in:

- a) The house of their king Dagon
- b) The temple of the idol Dagon
- c) The home of one of their leaders named Dagon
- d) The fish market

18) The Ark of the Covenant was returned to the people of Israel after:

- a) One month
- b) Three months
- c) Five months
- d) Seven months

19) The Ark of the Covenant was moved to the Kirjath Jearim, near Jerusalem, where it remained:

- a) Seven years
- b) Until David became king over Israel
- c) Twenty years
- d) Until Solomon built the temple

20) In memory of the victory of the people over the Philistines in the days of Samuel:

- a) Samuel offered a burnt offering to the Lord
- b) Set up a stone in the battlefield
- c) Decided to build an altar to the Lord
- d) Decided that all the people should pray in thanksgiving to the Lord.

21) The prophet Samuel was residing in the city of:

- a) Bethel
- b) Gilgal
- c) Mizpah
- d) Ramah

22) The prophet Samuel was:

- a) Celibate, never married
- b) Married but had no children
- c) Married and had righteous children
- d) Married and had wicked children

23) The prophet Samuel warned the people that when they have a king, that he will:

- a) Go out before them to war
- b) Take bribes and pervert the judiciary
- c) Intervene in all their disputes
- d) Subdue them and enslave them

24) Saul went to Samuel to:

- a) Make him a king
- b) Reassure his father when his journey became long
- c) Indicate to him the future of Israel
- d) Guide him to the place of the stray donkeys

25) Saul met Samuel while Samuel was:

- a) Going up to Jerusalem
- b) Going to meet the seer (one of the prophets)
- c) On his way up to the high place to offer a sacrifice to the Lord
- d) Going out draw water

26) When Saul met the prophet Samuel:

- a) Saul was seeing him for the first time
- b) They had met before
- c) The donkeys were still lost
- d) He knew that they were from the same tribe

27) The Lord chose Saul to be the first king of Israel because he:

- a) Was from the smallest tribes of Israel
- b) There was no one like him among all the people
- c) Shall be able to reign over the people
- d) Was chosen by Samuel

28) After the banquet, Samuel stayed up with Saul on the top of the house, where:

- a) They prayed together
- b) They talked together
- c) He anointed him with oil
- d) They had dinner together

29) Before Saul left, Samuel told him that:

- a) Three things would happen to him
- b) He will meet three men
- c) Three young goats will be gifted to him
- d) Three prophets will tell him the future

30) What is meant by, "Is Saul also among the prophets?":

- a) Joy at the presence of Saul among the prophets
- b) Wondering at the presence of Saul among the prophets
- c) Sadness for the presence of Saul among the prophets
- d) Anger at the presence of Saul among the prophets

31) When announcing the choice of Saul as king, they found him:

- a) Hiding among the equipment
- b) Sleeping at the bottom of the ship
- c) Praying in the Tabernacle of meeting
- d) Prophesying what will come upon the people

32) The first act of Saul as king was:

- a) Defeating the Moabites
- b) Saving the people of Gilead
- c) Taking a yoke of oxen and cutting them in pieces
- d) Frightening the people to the point of terror

33) In Samuel's farewell speech:

- a) He assured the people that he was satisfied with the choice of a king
- b) He reviewed with the people their history
- c) It was a time of rain and thunder
- d) He refused to pray for a rebellious people

34) At the beginning of Saul's reign:

- A) He was based in Michmas
- b) He was based in Gibeah of Benjamin
- c) He deafened his ear from the commandments of the Lord
- d) He chose 3000 men as soldiers with him

35) In the first confrontation between Saul and the Philistines:

- a) Fear reigned over the soldiers of Israel
- b) Weapons were available, but the people were afraid
- c) Most of the men of Israel were established with Saul
- d) The fighting began before Samuel arrived

36) Samuel was angry with Saul because:

- a) He offered the sacrifice before his arrival
- b) He started the war before his arrival
- c) There were only 600 men left with him
- d) He did not agree with his choice as king

37) Despite the bad relations between Israel and the Philistines, the men of Israel were:

- a) Buying their weapons from the Philistines
- b) Intermarrying with the Philistines
- d) Trading with the Philistines
- c) Cohabiting with the Philistines

38) Jonathan crossed over to fight the Philistines:

- a) Without the knowledge of his father
- b) With the consent of his father
- c) Without David's knowledge
- d) With the consent of David

39) Jonathan crossed over to fight the Philistines after:

- a) Confirming that his men had enough weapons
- b) Asking for a sign from the Lord
- c) Confirming that his father's forces arrived
- d) Asking for support from the people

40) Saul and his men intervened in the fighting when:

- a) The priest stated to him the will of the Lord
- b) He learned that his son was involved in the fighting
- c) The noise of the fighting increased
- d) The crowd with him was dispersed

41) Saul wanted to kill Jonathan because he:

- a) Fought without his permission
- b) Ate without his permission
- c) Married without his permission
- d) Ran away from the fight

42) We understand from Saul's actions that before he went to a battle, he:

- a) Sought the advice of the Lord
- b) Vowed fasting until victory
- c) Offered burnt offerings
- d) Prepared enough weapons for himself and the people

43) Saul's soldiers were constantly:

- a) Decreasing
- b) Increasing
- c) Practicing
- d) Paying attention

44) During the reign of Saul, he fought and conquered all the tribes:

- a) Who surround Israel
- b) Except for the Amalekites
- c) Except for Edom
- d) Except for Moab

45) The commander of Saul's army was:

- a) Kish, Saul's father
- b) Abner, Saul's cousin
- c) Abner, Saul's uncle
- d) Abiel, Saul's uncle

46) Saul succeeded in attacking the Amalekites, but he made a mistake in:

- a) Sparing the king of the Amalekites
- b) Sparing the spoils of cows and sheep
- c) Ignoring a direct order from God
- d) All of the above

47) Samuel got angry with Saul because:

- a) He brought the Amalekites' cattle to sacrifice to the Lord
- b) He tore Samuel's robe
- c) He transgressed the commandment of the Lord
- d) He was defeated by the Amalekites

48) Samuel refused from the beginning to choose a king for Israel, and later on:

- a) He rejoiced at Saul's failure
- b) He grieved over Saul's disobedience
- c) He considered removing Saul from power
- d) He did not meet Saul , even once, after he anointed him as king

49) Samuel secretly went to Bethlehem, because he was fearful of:

- a) Saul
- b) The Philistines
- c) Jesse the Bethlehemite
- d) Jonathan

50) Samuel anointed David as king:

- a) In the midst of all his family members
- b) With the knowledge of his father but without the knowledge of his brothers
- c) With the knowledge of his brothers but without his father's consent
- d) In the midst of his brothers

51) David the son of Jesse was:

- a) A skilful player on the harp
- b) Handsome, with blond hair
- c) A man of war
- d) All of the above

52) Whenever David played music in front of Saul, he would calm down:

- a) To see David
- b) Because the distressing spirit would depart from him
- c) Because he knew that David would succeed him as king
- d) Because David became his armour bearer

53) David was present on the battlefield because he:

- a) Was an Armor bearer for King Saul
- b) Went to check on his brothers
- c) Heard about what Goliath had done
- d) Went to check on King Saul

54) Eliab, David's older brother, got angry because:

- a) He feared for his little brother from Goliath
- b) Little David thinks he is big
- c) He saw David talking with strange men
- d) He feared that David would compete with him in the fight

55) Saul was envious of David because:

- a) He succeeded in killing Goliath while he was afraid
- b) He married his daughter
- c) He was very popular with the people
- d) He became a friend of his son, Jonathan

56) Saul tried to kill David himself, and when he failed, he:

- a) Plotted with his daughter Michal to kill him
- b) Plotted with his daughter, Merab, to kill him
- c) Enticed him to fight the Philistines
- d) Put poison in his food

57) David agreed with Jonathan on:

- a) Knowing Saul's intentions
- b) Getting rid of Saul
- c) Dining with Saul
- d) Applying for a pardon from Saul

58) Saul's anger flared up against his son Jonathan, because he:

- a) Came to eat without David
- b) Came to eat with David
- c) Let David go to Bethlehem
- d) Was a friend of David

59) Jonathan asked David to:

- a) Take over the throne in Saul's place
- b) Do well to his children when he becomes king
- c) Flee from the face of his father Saul's wrath
- d) Abolish all his enemies from the land

60) Jonathan warned David about the king's wrath by:

- a) Arrows
- b) Smoke
- c) Carrier pigeons
- d) Trumpets

61) When David arrived at Ahimelech the priest, he:

- a) Was alone
- b) Requested to eat meat
- c) Had a number of young men with him
- d) Was not allowed to eat the showbread

62) When David met with Ahimelech the priest:

- a) He was armed with a sword and a spear
- b) One of Saul's servants saw him
- c) He took an offering to the priest with him
- d) Saul did not know about this meeting

63) David escaped from the plot and went to hide with:

- a) Saul the king
- b) Samuel the prophet
- c) Michal his wife
- d) Jesse his father

64) David hid in the cave of Adullam, but his father and mother stayed with:

- a) Achish the king of Gath
- b) The king of Moab
- c) Forest of Hereth
- d) The Prophet Gad

65) David and his brothers and those with him were:

- a) Living in one place
- b) Moving around without a specific plan
- c) Moving around following the instruction of the Lord
- d) Desiring to seek forgiveness from King Saul

66) David asked one of the priests to stay with him. This priest was:

- a) Doeg the Edomite
- b) Abiathar the son of Ahimelech
- c) Ahimelech the son of Ahitub
- d) Ahitub the son of Abiathar

67) Saul came to the Wilderness of Ziph trying to:

- a) Reconcile with David
- b) Establish a truce with David
- c) Kill David
- d) Forbid David from getting married

68) After long pursuits, David was convinced that in the end he must:

- a) Win
- b) Accumulate great wealth
- c) Kill Saul
- d) Set out from the Land of Israel

69) David did not go with the Philistines to war against Saul because:

- a) David refused to fight his people
- b) The leaders of the Philistines did not accept him
- c) Saul sent him a messenger
- d) A seer said to him the outcome of the war

70) Before the battle between Saul and the Philistines:

- a) Saul consulted with David
- b) Saul needed weapons
- c) Saul needed guidance
- d) Saul was optimistic about the imminent victory

71) As the battle was about to begin between Saul and the Philistines:

- a) The Amalekites took David's wives captive
- b) David struck the city of Ziklag and destroyed it
- c) David was on leave from fighting
- d) David decided to return to his homeland

72) David remained in alliance with Achish the king of Gath for:

- a) 4 months
- b) 10 months
- c) 14 months
- d) 16 months

2) From 1st Sam 7:1-6, find the verses that point to the following:

	Verse	Reference
1. Repentance		
2. Priesthood		
3. Fasting		

3) From 1st Samuel Chapter 8 with the help of Deuteronomy chapter 17, extract the conditions that God has already set that the king must abide by:

	Condition		Condition
1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	
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4) God gave testimony and said, “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart,” (Acts 13:22). Mention and reference 9 situations that prove (affirm) that statement, excluding 1st Samuel Chapter 24 and 26, where David refused to stretch his hand against Saul the Lord’s anointed, even though he attempted to kill him.

	The verse/ situation	Reference
1		1 st Sam 16:
2		1st Sam 16:
3		1st Sam 17:
4		1st Sam 18:
5		1st Sam 21:
6		1st Sam 22:
7		1st Sam 22:
8		1st Sam 25:
9		1st Sam 30:

5) What are the Names of:

	The question	Names
1.	The children of Eli the Priest	
2.	Elkanah's wives	
3.	The grandson of Eli the priest and son of Phinehas	
4.	The king of Gath	
5.	King Saul's father-in-law	
6.	The chief of the army in the days of King Saul	
7.	King Saul's sons	
8.	King Saul's daughters	
9.	Prophet Samuel's sons	
10	Saul's uncle	
11	The tribe of Samuel	
12	The tribe of Saul	
13	The tribe of King David	
14	The tribe of Elkanah the son Jeroham	

6) Miscellaneous questions

1- People used to wait for the prophet, the priest, or the man of God to bless the sacrifice and then come forward to eat. Which verse confirms this?

The Verse:

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The reference:

2- There is one verse that includes 6 of the praiseworthy qualities of David the Prophet. Mention the verse and the *reference*.

The Verse:

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.....

The reference:

3- Using the script of the law that came in Leviticus 17: 10-16, what is the mistake that the people committed in the events of 1st Samuel chapter 14? Please reference.

The Verse:

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The reference:

4. David said to Jonathan, "*Indeed tomorrow is the New Moon.*" Was there a meeting or a celebration, or a feast? Review the answer based on the feasts, as mentioned in book of Numbers chapter 28.

The occasion:

The reference:

5- With reference to question No. 3, what was the right decision taken by Saul to rectify this sin?
Please reference.

The Verses:

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The reference:

6. From 1st Samuel chapter 15, what are the mistakes of Saul?

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7- What are the gifts that Jonathan gave to David (all of which were his personal belongings) as evidence of the fervour of his love for David?

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8- Saul was seeking to get rid of David all the days... but God did not give him into his hand... mention the verse with the reference:

The Verse:

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The reference:

7) How many?

	The Question	Number
1.	The Israelites who died before the Philistines when the Ark of the Covenant was taken from them	
2.	Men who girded their swords, preparing for war with David against Nabal	
3.	The days that the people of Jabesh Gilead fasted after burying the bodies of Saul and his sons	
4.	Number of loaves of bread, clusters of raisins, and cakes of figs that Abigail took to David and his men	
5.	The men of Beth Shemesh who were stuck because they had looked into the Ark of the Lord	
6.	The months that the Ark of the Covenant stayed in the land of the Philistines	
7.	The Philistines whom David killed as a dowry for marriage to the king's daughter	
8.	The men whom David sent to ask for a gift from Nabal	
9.	The sum of the heads of sheep and goats that Nabal owned	
10.	The years that the Ark of the Covenant remained in Kirjath Jearim	
11.	Years that Eli the priest lived	
12.	The loaves of bread that David asked of Ahimelech	
13.	The days that David hid in the field	
14.	Priests killed by Saul in Nob	
15.	Sons of Jesse who followed Saul to war	

Q8: EHow many times did Saul try to get rid of David? Write the reference and how God saved David.

Note: If the verse contains multiple attempts to kill, please write the reference only once.

Score: /32

	Reference	How God saved David

Q9: Although, King Saul had a good relationship with the Lord in the beginning of his reign, we know that his life came to a tragic end. .

Mention eight instances that prove that he started well, and if they were personal qualities or kind characteristics or God conferred them on him after he was anointed as king.

(There are at least 13 situations in chapters 9 to 17)

Score: /16

The Reference		The Verse/the situation/the quality
1		
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Q10: We know that Eli the Priest's life came to a sad end although during his life, he said beautiful amiable/gracious words about our Lord.

**List three good situations that prove this.
(There are at least 7 situations).**

score: /6

The Reference		The Verse content/The indication of the good attitude
1		
2		
3		

Q11: The majority of the psalms were written by the Prophet David, and each psalm was sung by David in a particular occasion. A few of them have a specific title that indicates the occasion when the psalm was said.

Following are Psalm numbers from the Holy Bible. Please:

1. Extract the psalm title from the Holy Bible
2. Find the event in Samuel 1 and write the reference.

Score: /12

The Psalm	Psalm title/The event chapter	Summary of the event and its congruence with David's prayer
Psalm 18 "I will love you, O Lord, my strength."		
Psalm 52 "Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man?"		
Psalm 54 "Save me, O God by your name"		
Psalm 56 "Have mercy on me, O God"		
Psalm 63 "O God, You are my God. Early will I seek you"		
Psalm 142 "I cry out to the Lord with my voice"		

Q12: Who said the phrase below? To whom it was said? Write the Reference

Score: /54

	The Verse	Who said it?	To whom it was said?	The Reference
1	As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish.			
2	It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.			
3	The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.			
4	God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you.			
5	Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.			
6	This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.			
7	Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them.			
8	Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.			
9	But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart.			

	The Verse	Who said it?	To whom it was said?	The Reference
10	You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.			
11	My brethren, you shall not do so with what the Lord has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us.			
12	The glory has departed from Israel! Because the Ark of God has been captured.			
13	If I have now found favour in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country that I may dwell there.			
14	For the Lord will not forsake his people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.			
15	For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.			
16	As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, since the Lord has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand.			
17	I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.			
18	Until the child is weaned; then I will take him that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever.			

Q13: Events that occurred twice:

Mention the verse and The Reference that refers to the following events

_Score: /36

	The event	The Verses	The Reference
	Saul prophesied		
	Samuel's residence		
	David said to Saul: "I will not stretch out my hand against my lord"		
	Saul said to David: <i>"Is that your voice, my son David"?</i>		
	It was mentioned that Saul built an altar		

	The event	The Verses	The Reference
	David and Jonathan (Saul's son) crying		
	Two women with the name Ahinoam		
	Our Lord warned Eli the priest in clear words		
	Saul prayed (in chapter 14 only)		

Q14: The people insisted that they want a King to reign on them. They asked the Prophet Samuel who presented it to the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel: Tell them I agree but see what a king will do with you.

Mention the warnings that God foretold about what the King will do to the people.

Score: /14

The Reference		The Verse
1		
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Q15: What / Who am I?

Score: /20

	The Question	What/Who
1	When I entered the camp, all Israel cheered until the earth shook, and the Philistines were afraid and fought Israel and took me.	
2	The Philistines made me and hitched to me two milk cows to carry the Ark of the Covenant.	
3	I am a son of tears and prayer and dedicated by vow to the Lord. The Lord has been revealed to me at Shiloh. I spent all the days of my life for Israel.	
4	I am a man from Mount Ephraim. I have two wives always in disagreement. One of them is barren, but she is the one closest to my heart.	
5	I inherited the priesthood from my fathers, but because of the wickedness of my children, the Lord killed them in one day.	
6	I was a pious person, so the Lord raised me from the ash heap and set me among princes.	
7	I am one of the kings of the Philistines, David and his household resided with me to protect him from Saul.	
8	The king's servants did not want to kill the priests of the Lord, so I executed the command.	
9	I am the priest of Nob, and I had no choice but to offer David and his men the Holy bread.	
10	I went to search for the donkeys, then the Lord anointed me commander over His inheritance.	
11	It was said that I was the king of the earth. I pretended to be crazy to the king Achish, so I survived.	
12	I was afraid to kill my master, so he killed himself and I died with him.	
13	They consecrated me to guard the Ark of the Lord.	
14	Jonathan ate me and his countenance brightened.	
15	My grave was in my house in Ramah.	

	The Question	What/Who
16	I am from Jezreel and became the third wife of David.	
17	King Saul gave me his daughter Michal, David's wife, to marry.	
18	I am a king who imposed fasting on my people until victory.	
19	I am a king that the Lord saw in the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite.	
20	When David heard of my death, he knew that the Lord had avenged him.	

Q16: Stations where the Ark of the Covenant stopped:

Score: /9

The order	First when in the possession of the Philistines	The order	When it returned from the possession of the Philistines
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
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Q17: Our Coptic Orthodox Church believes in the power and effectiveness of intercession

List the verses that confirm the power and results of Samuel's prayer and write the section number that applies to them from the following situations:

1. The people ask for the intercession and the prayers of Samuel.
2. Samuel prays and intercedes for them.
3. God responding to Samuel's requests and intercession.

Note: if you find 2 answers in the same verse, please write them separately.

score: /30

	The Reference	The part of the verse indicating the answer	The Section Number
1			
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Q18: Note down the battles that King Saul fought. Write the chapter number and what were the results (winning or losing). State the cause if known.

Score: /18

	The Battle	The Chapter Number	The Result and cause if known
1			
2			
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