

**Old Testament
“Word for Word”
(With Copious Notes)**



First Book of Samuel

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Sepher Shemu'el 1

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THE BOOK OF SHEMU'EL (8050 Samuel) was one book until 1517, when the "Hebrew Bible" was published. This change into two separate books was influenced by the "church" of Rome, and is another wrongful modification of Scripture. I was going to recombine them, but decided that it would cause unnecessary confusion for those trying to reference this text from other versions of the Bible that are now in print.

Shemu'el held the "office" of Prophet. He was the last of the Shophetiym (Judges) in Yisrael. He bridges the gap between "judges" and "kings" in Yisrael. This book shows Yisrael foolishly desiring a "king", to be like the other nations around them who did not worship Yahweh. Bad decision on their part. Shemu'el means "asked of El", from sha'al 7592, to ask as a favor, or to lend or borrow, plus 410, El, as a title "God", referring to Yahweh. See verses 1:20, 27, and 28 for reference to the reason for this name for the boy Shemu'el.

Chapter 1

1. Now there was a certain man of Ramathayim Tsophiym 7436, of Mount Ephrayim 669, and his name was Elqanah 511, the son of Yerocham 3395, the son of Eliyhu 453, the son of Tochu 8459, the son of Tsuph 6689, an Ephrathiy 6733.

2. And he had two wives; the name of the one was Channah 2584, and the name of the other Peninnah 6444: and Peninnah had children, but Channah had no children.

3. And this man went up from his city yearly to bow down 7812 and to sacrifice to Yahweh of hosts in Shiloh 7887. And the two sons of Eliy 5941, Chophniy 2652 and Piynechas 6372, the priests of Yahweh, *were* there.

4. It was the day that Elqanah offered a sacrifice 2076, and he gave Peninnah his wife, and all her sons and daughters portions 4490:

5. But to Channah he gave an [aph 639] portion; because he loved Channah: but Yahweh had shut up 5462 her womb 7358.

6. And her rival wife 6869 also provoked her 3707 to anger 3708, to make her complain, because Yahweh had shut up her womb.

7. He did so year by year, and as often as she went up to the House of Yahweh, so she provoked her, so she wept 1058 and did not eat.

8. Then Elqanah her husband said to her, "Channah, for what reason do you weep? And for what reason do you not eat? And for what reason is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

9. So Channah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh 7887, and after they had drunk. Now Eliy 5941 the priest sat upon a seat of honor by a doorpost in the Temple of Yahweh.

10. And she was bitter 4751 of soul 5315, and prayed to Yahweh, and wept greatly.

11. And she vowed 5087 a vow 5088, and said, “O Yahweh of hosts 6635, if You will indeed look on the affliction 6040 of Your maidservant, and remember 2142 me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give to Your maidservant a man 376 child 2233, then I will dedicate 5414 him to Yahweh all the days of his life, and no razor shall come up upon his head.”

12. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before Yahweh, that Eliy watched her mouth.

13. Now Channah she spoke from her heart; only her lips quivered 5128, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eliy thought 2803 her drunk 7910.

14. And Eliy said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself 7937? Take off 5493 your wine 3196 from upon you.”

15. And Channah answered and said, “No my lord 113, I am a woman with a hard 7186 spirit 7307: I have drunk 8354 neither wine nor strong drink 7941, but have poured out 8210 my soul 5315 before Yahweh.

16. Do not make 5414 your maidservant like 6440 a daughter of Beliyaal 1100: because from the abundance of my complaint 7879 and vexation 3708 I have spoken of now.”

17. Eliy answered and said, “Go in peace: and the Elohiym of Yisrael give you your petition 7596 that you asked 7592 of Him.”

18. She said, “Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.” So the woman went her way, and ate, and her face was no more *sad*.

19. And they rose up early in the morning and bowed down 7812 before Yahweh, and returned, and came to their house in Ramah 7414; and Elqanah knew 3045 Channah his wife; and Yahweh remembered her.

20. It came to pass at the turn 8622 of the year 3117 after Channah had conceived 2029, that she bore a son, and called his name Shemu’el 8050, because I asked 7592 him of Yahweh.

21. The man Elqanah and all his household went up to slaughter 2076 to Yahweh the yearly sacrifice 2077, and his vow 5088.

22. But Channah did not go up, because she said to her husband, “Until the boy 5288 is weaned 1580, *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before Yahweh, and there abide forever.”

23. And Elqanah her husband said to her, “Do what in your eyes seems good: Abide until you have weaned him; only let Yahweh establish His Word.” So the woman abode, and gave suck 3243 to her son until she weaned him.

24. When she had weaned him, she went up with him, with bulls 6499, and one ephah 374 of flour, and a skin-bottle 5035 of wine 3196, and brought him to the House of Yahweh in Shiloh 7887: and the boy *was* young.

25. And they slaughtered 7819 a bull, and brought the boy to Eliy.

26. And she said, “O my lord, as your being lives, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by you here, praying to Yahweh.

27. For this boy I prayed; and Yahweh has given me my petition which I asked of Him:

28. So I have loaned 7592 him to Yahweh, all of his years he shall be lent to Yahweh.” And he bowed down to Yahweh there.

Chapter 2

(Channah's Prayer)

1. And Channah prayed, and said, "My heart rejoices in Yahweh, my horn 7161 is raised 7311 in Yahweh: My mouth is enlarged 7337 against 5921 my hated enemies; because I rejoice in Your salvation 3444.

2. *There is none 369 as Holy as Yahweh: because there is none except 1115 You; nor any rock 6697 like our Elohiym.*

3. Speak 1696 no more with much haughtiness 1364; or let arrogance 6277 come forth from your mouth: Because Yahweh is an El 410 of knowledge 1844 and by Him deeds 5949 are measured 8505.

4. Bows of the mighty *are* broken, *and* those that are feeble 3782 are girded with strength.

5. The sated 7649 have hired themselves out 7936 for bread; the hungry 7457 cease to be 2308. Even 5704 the barren 6135 has born seven; and she with many children has grown feeble 535.

6. Yahweh kills, and gives life: He brings down 3381 to Sheol 7585, and brings up 5927.

7. Yahweh impoverishes 3423 and makes rich 6238: He lays low 8213, and exalts 7311.

8. He raises up the poor 1800 from the dust, *and* lifts up the needy 34 from the dunghill 830, to set *them* among the nobles 5081, giving them a seat 3678 of honor 3519: because the pillars 4690 of the land *are* Yahweh's, and He has set the world 8398 upon them.

9. He protects 8104 the feet 7272 of His pious ones 2623, and the wicked shall be silent 1826 in darkness 2822; because by strength 3581 shall no man prevail 1396.

10. Those that contend with 7378 Yahweh shall be shattered 2865; from the sky shall He thunder 7481 against them: Yahweh shall judge 1777 the ends 657 of the land: He shall give strength 5797 to His king, and exalt the horn 7161 of His anointer 4899."

(End of Prayer)

11. And Elqanah went to Ramah to his house. And the boy did minister 8334 to Yahweh in the presence of Eliy the priest.

(Eliy's Worthless Sons)

12. The sons of Eliy *were* sons of Beliyaal 1100; *they did* not know Yahweh.

13. The custom 4941 of the priests with the people *was* when any man slaughtered a sacrifice, the priest's young retainer 5288 came, while the flesh was boiling 1310, with a fork 4207 of three 7969 tines 8127 in his hand.

14. He thrust 5221 into the pot 3595, or the kettle 1731, or the cauldron 7037, or the jar 6517; all that the fork brought up the priest took for himself. So they did to all of Yisrael that came there to Shiloh.

15. Also before they made smoke 6999 of the fat 2459, the priest's young retainer came, and said to the man that sacrificed, "Give flesh to roast 6740 for the priest, for he will have no boiled flesh from you, but raw 2416."

16. And if the man said to him, “Surely make smoke first 3117 of the fat, and take what you desire 183;” he would reply, “No but you will give *it* now: if not, I will take *it* by force 2394!”

17. The sin 2403 of the young men was very great before Yahweh: because men spurned 5006 the grain offering of Yahweh.

18. But Shemu’el ministered 8334 before Yahweh, as a boy girded with a linen 906 ephod 646.

19. His mother made him a little 6996 robe 4598, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to slaughter the yearly sacrifice.

20. Eliy blessed Elqanah and his wife, and said, “Yahweh give you offspring from this woman in place of 8478 the requested thing 7596 which is lent 7592 to Yahweh.” And they went to their own place.

21. And Yahweh visited 6485 Channah, so she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Shemuel grew up before Yahweh.

22. Now Eliy was very old, and heard all that his sons did to all Yisrael; and how they lay 7901 with the women that served 6633 at the entrance of The Tent of Meeting.

23. He said to them, “For what reason do you these things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people.

24. Nay, my sons; because no good report do I hear: you make to transgress 5674 the people of Yahweh.

25. If a man sins against 2398 a man a judge 430 shall intercede 6419 for him: but if a man sins against Yahweh, who can intercede 6419 for him?” They did not listen to the voice of their father, because it pleased 2654 Yahweh to kill them.

26. And the boy Shemu’el grew 1980 in greatness 1432 and was pleasing 2896 both with Yahweh and also with men.

27. And there came a man of Elohiym to Eliy, and said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘**Did I plainly reveal Myself** 1540/1540 **to the house of your ancestors when they were in Mitsrayim in the house of Paroh** 6547?’

28. **And did I choose them from all the tribes of Yisrael as My priests, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense to wear an ephod before Me? And did I give to the house of your ancestors all offerings made by fire 801 of the children of Yisrael?**

29. **For what reason do you kick at 1163 My sacrifice and My grain offering, which I commanded in My habitation 4583; and honor 3513 your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat 1254 from the best 7225 of all the grain offerings of Yisrael My people?’**

30. Wherefore Yahweh Elohey 430 Yisrael declares 5002, ‘**I said indeed your house, and the house of your ancestors, should walk before Me forever:**’ but now Yahweh declares, ‘**Be it far 2486 from Me; because those that honor Me I will honor, and those that despise 959 Me are in low esteem 7043.**

31. **Behold, a time comes, that I shall cut off 1438 your arm 2220, and the arm of your ancestor's house, that there shall not be an elder 2205 in your house.**

32. **You shall see your desire 5027 in distress 6862 in My habitation in all which does good to 3190 Yisrael: and there shall not be an elder in your house for all 3605 time 3117.**

33. Your man *whom* I shall not cut off from My altar, shall bring to an end 3615 in your eyes 5869, and cause grief 109 to your soul 5315: and all the increase 4768 of your house shall die as men.

34. This shall be a sign 226 to you, that shall come upon your two sons, on Chophniy and Piynechas: in one day they shall both die.

35. And I shall raise up a faithful 539 priest, who does according to what is in My heart and My mind: and I shall build him a faithful house and he shall walk before My anointed 4899 for all time.

36. And it shall come to pass that all that are left 3498 in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece 95 of silver and a loaf 3603 of bread, and shall say, ‘Attach me 5596, please, to one of the priest's offices 3550, that I may eat a piece 6595 of bread!’”

Chapter 4 Notes

Verses 1-10 – Luke 1:46-55;

Verse 6 – Wisdom of Solomon .16:13; Tobit 13:2;

Verse 26 – Sirach 46:13; Luke 2:52;

Verse 28 – a) Ex. 28:11, b) Lev. 7:35,36;

Verse 32 – 1 Kings 2:26,27. This verse is considered corrupt, and unclear.

Verse 34 – 1 Sam. 4:11

Chapter 3

1. The boy Shemu’el ministered to Yahweh before Eliy. The Word of Yahweh was rare 3368 in those days; visions 2377 were not widespread 6555.

2. And it was at that time, when Eliy lay down *to sleep* in his place, that his eyes had begun to grow dim 3544 so he could not see;

3. The lamp 5216 of Elohiym had not yet 2962 gone out and Shemu’el was laid down in the Temple 1964 of Yahweh, where the Ark 727 of Elohiym was.

4. Called out Yahweh to Shemu’el: and he replied, “Behold me! 2009.”

5. And he ran to Eliy, and said, “Behold me! For you called me.” And he replied, “I did not call you, return and lie down.” And he went and lay down.

6. And Yahweh called yet again, “**Shemu’el.**” And Shemu’el rose up and went to Eliy, and said, “Behold me! for you called me.” And he replied, “I called not, my son, return and lie down.”

7. Shemu’el did not yet know Yahweh, nor was the Word of Yahweh yet revealed 1540 to him.

8. And Yahweh called Shemu’el again the third time. And he arose and went to Eliy, and said, “Behold me! for you called me.” And Eliy understood 995 that Yahweh had called the boy.

9. Therefore Eliy said to Shemu'el, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Yahweh, for Your servant hears.'" So Shemu'el went, and lay down in his place.

10. And Yahweh came, and stood there 3320, and called as at other times, "**Shemu'el, Shemu'el.**" Then Shemu'el replied, "Speak; for Your servant hears."

11. And Yahweh said to Shemu'el, "**Behold, I will do a thing in Yisrael, at which both the ears of all who hear shall tingle** 6750.

12. **In that day I will fulfill 6965 against Eliy all which I have spoken against his house: from the beginning 2490 to the ending 3615.**

13. **I declared 5046 to him that I will condemn 8199 his house for ever for the iniquity of which he knows; because his sons made contemptible 7043 [Elohiym (*Septuagint*)], and he did not rebuke 3543 them.**

14. **Therefore I swore 7650 to the house of Eliy that the iniquity of Eliy's house shall not be covered 3722 by sacrifice 2077 or grain offering 4503 for ever."**

15. And Shemu'el lay down until the morning, and opened the doors of the House of Yahweh. And Shemu'el feared to tell Eliy the vision 4759.

16. Then called Eliy for Shemu'el, and said, "Shemu'el, my son." And he answered, "Behold me!"

17. And he said, "What was the thing that was said to you? Please do not hide it from me. Elohiym do so to you, and more also, if you hide any thing from me of all the things He spoke to you."

18. And Shemu'el reported every thing to him, and hid nothing from him. And he replied, "It is Yahweh: He will do what is good in His sight."

19. And Shemu'el grew up, and Yahweh was with him, and none from all his words fell to the ground.

20. And all Yisrael from Dan to Beer-Sheba knew that Shemu'el was truly a prophet of Yahweh.

21. And Yahweh appeared again in Shiloh: because Yahweh revealed Himself to Shemu'el in Shiloh with The Word of Yahweh.

Chapter 4

(The Pelishtiym Capture the Ark of Yahweh)

1. And the word of Shemu'el came to all Yisrael. Yisrael went forth to meet 7125 the Pelishtiym 6430 in battle, and encamped beside Eben haEzer 72: and the Pelishtiym encamped in Apheq 663.

2. And the Pelishtiym arrayed themselves 6186 to meet Yisrael: and when they permitted 5203 battle, Yisrael was smitten before the Pelishtiym: and they slew of the battle-line 4634 in the field about four thousand men.

3. When the people came into the camp, the elders of Yisrael said, "For what reason has Yahweh smitten us today before the Pelishtiym? Let us fetch 3947 the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh

from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us, it may save us from the hand of our hated enemies.”

4. So the people sent to Shiloh, that they bring from there the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh of hosts, which dwells *between* the kerubiyim 3742: and the two sons of Eliy, with the Ark of the Covenant of Elohiym, Chophniy and Piynechas.

5. When the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh came into the camp, all Yisrael shouted with a great shout, so the land echoed 1949 with it.

6. When the Pelishtiym heard the noise of the shouting, they said, “For what reason is the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Ibriy 5680?” And they knew that the Ark of Yahweh had come into the camp.

7. The Pelishtiym were afraid, for they said, “Elohiym has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us!” for there had not been the like of this before this time.

8.”Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of this mighty 117 Elohiym? This Elohiym smote Mitsrayim with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9. Be strong 2388, and become 1961 mortals 582 O you Pelishtiym! Lest 6435 you serve 5647 the Ibriy, as they have served you: become mortals, and fight!”

10. And the Pelishtiym fought, and Yisrael was smitten and they fled every man to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter: for there fell of Yisrael thirty-thousand foot soldiers 7273.

11. And the Ark of Elohiym was taken; and the two sons of Eliy were slain, Chophniy and Piynechas.

(Eliy's Death)

12. A man of Binyamin ran from the battle-line, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with dirt upon his head.

13. When he came, lo, Eliy sat upon a seat of honor by the wayside waiting 6822: for his heart trembled for the Ark of Elohiym. And when the man came into the city and reported, all the city cried out.

14. When Eliy heard the noise of the outcry 6818, he said, “For what reason is the noise of this tumult 1995?” And the man came with haste, and reported to Eliy.

15. Now Eliy was ninety-eight years of age; and his eyes were dim 6965, and he could not see.

16. And the man said to Eliy, “I came from the battle-line, and I fled on foot 5127 today from the battle line.” And he said, “What becomes of the matter, my son?”

17. And the bearer of tidings 1319 answered and said, “Yisrael has fled before the Pelishtiym, and there has been a great slaughter of the people, and your two sons also, Chophniy and Piynechas, are dead, and the Ark of Elohiym is taken.”

18. And it was, when he made mention of the Ark of Elohiym, that he fell from upon the seat of honor backward 322 by the side of the gate, and his neck broke 7667, and he died: because he was an old man, and heavy 3315. And he had led Yisrael forty years.

19. The daughter-in-law, the wife of Piynechas was pregnant 2030, about to give birth: and when she heard the news 8052 that the Ark of Elohiym was taken, and that her father-in-law and

husband were dead, she bowed herself 3766 and delivered, because her pains 6735 came upon her.

20. At the time of her death those who stood by her 5324 said to her, “Fear not, for you have born a son.” But she did not answer, nor put it 7896 to mind 3820.

21. And she named the boy Iy-chabod 350, saying, “The glory is removed 1540 from Yisrael,” because the Ark of Elohiym was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22. And she said, “The glory is removed from Yisrael, because the Ark of Elohiym is taken.”

Chapter 4 Notes

Yahweh had told of the coming deaths of Chophniy and Piynechas, because of their defiling of the priesthood, and direct violations of Yahweh's instructions for the Sacrifices in His Temple. Yisrael treated the Ark of the Covenant like an idol, thinking its very presence would defeat the Pelishtiym. It was only a SYMBOL of Yahweh's power, not Yahweh Himself. In Num. 21:8,9, Mosheh made a bronze serpent to cure people of snakebites, at Yahweh's command. Later Yisrael worshipped it as an idol, and Hezekiah had to destroy it (2 Kings 18:4) Yisrael had bad leadership through Chophniy and Piynechas, and Eliy refused to discipline them, so Yahweh was forced to teach Yisrael a harsh lesson through defeat in battle. The lesson - Rely on Yahweh, not some holy object.

References

Verse 4 – Ex. 25:22;

Verse 21 – 350 Iy-chabod means “there is no glory”.

Chapter 5 (Yahweh Judges the Pelishtiym)

1. The Pelishtiym took the Ark of Elohiym, and brought it from Eben haEzer to Ashdodah 795.

2. When the Pelishtiym took the Ark of Elohiym, they brought it into the House of Dagon 1712, and set it by Dagon.

3. And rose early the Ashdodiym 795 the next morning, and behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face upon the ground before the Ark of Yahweh. And they took Dagon and returned him to his place.

4. Rising early the next morning, behold, Dagon was fallen on his face upon the ground before the Ark of Yahweh, and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on to the threshold 4670; only *the trunk* of Dagon was left upon him.

5. Therefore none of the priests of Dagon, or any that comes to Dagon's House tread 1869 upon the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6. But heavy 3513 was the hand of Yahweh towards the Ashdodiym, He devastated them 8074. With tumors 6076 He smote 5221 Ashdod and its territories 1366.

7. When the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, “The Ark of Elohey 430 Yisrael shall not abide with us: because His hand is harsh 7185 upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8. They sent and gathered all the lords of the Pelishtiyim to them, and said, “What shall we do with the Ark of Elohey Yisrael?” And they replied, “Let the Ark of Elohey Yisrael go around to Gath.” And they carried the Ark of Elohey Yisrael (to Gath).

9. And it was, that after they had gone around, the hand of Yahweh was against the city with a very great panic *4103*, and the men of the city, both small *6996* and great *1419*, by breaking out *8368* on them tumors *6076* He smote them.

10. Then they sent the Ark of Elohiym to Eqron *6138*. And it was, as the Ark of Elohiym came to Eqron, the Eqroniym *6139* cried out, saying, “They have brought around the Ark of Elohey Yisrael to us, to slay us and our people!”

11. They sent and gathered all the lords of the Pelishtiyim, and said, “Send away the Ark of Elohey Yisrael, and return it to its own place, that it does not slay us and our people!” because there was the panic *4103* of death *4194* in all the city; the hand of Elohiym was very heavy there.

12. And the men that did not die were smitten with tumors: and the cry for help of the city rose up to the sky.

Chapter 5 Notes

The word translated "emerods" in the KJV is *6076* ophel, plural opheliym, and it does NOT mean hemorrhoids, but tumors. Strong's, Word study Dictionary, and B.D.B. Gesenius Lexicon all concur.

Chapter 6 (The Return of the Ark)

1. The Ark of Yahweh was in the country *7704* of the Pelishtiyim seven months.

2. The Pelishtiyim called for the priests and the diviners *7080*, saying, “What shall we do with the Ark of Yahweh? Make known to us with what shall we send it to its place.”

3. They answered, “If we send away the Ark of Elohey Yisrael, do not send it empty *7387*; but surely return Him a guilt offering *817*: then you shall be healed *7495*, and you shall know why His hand would not depart *5493* from you!”

4. Then they said, “What is the guilt offering which we shall return to Him?” They answered, “Five golden tumors *2914*, and five golden mice *5909*, as the number of the lords of the Pelishtiyim: because one plague *4046* was on them, all your lords.

5. You shall make images *6754* of your tumors, and images of the mice that ruin *7843* the land; and you shall give *5414* to Elohey Yisrael honor *3519*: perhaps *194* He will lighten *7043* His hand from upon you, and from upon your gods and from your land.

6. Why make heavy *3513* your hearts, as the Mitsrayim *4714* and Par’oh *6547* made heavy their hearts? When He dealt ruthlessly *5953* with them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7. Now make a new cart *5699*, and take two cows *6510* giving suck *5763*, upon which there has come up no yoke *5923*, and bind the cows to the cart, and return their calves home from following them:

8. And take the Ark of Yahweh, and put it upon the cart; and put the articles 3627 of gold, which you return Him as a guilt offering in a chest by the side of it, and send it away, so that it goes.

9. And watch, if it goes the way to His territory to Beyth-Shemesh, it was He who did this great harm 7451: if not, we shall know that His hand did not smite us: it was a chance event 4745 that happened to us!”

10. The men did so; and took two cows giving suck, and bound them to the cart, and shut up 3607 their calves at home:

11. And they put the Ark of Yahweh upon the cart, and the chest with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors .

12. The cows took the straight 3474 way upon the way to Beyth-Shemesh, going along the highway 4546, lowing 1600 as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Pelishtiym went after them to the border of Beyth-Shemesh.

13. Beyth-Shemesh was reaping 7114 their wheat harvest in the valley: and lifted up their eyes, and saw the Ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14. The cart came into the field of Yahshua 3091, a Beyth-haShim’shiy 1030, and stood there, where was a great stone: and they split the wood of the cart, and offered up the cows for a burnt offering to Yahweh.

15. The Lewiyyim took down the Ark of Yahweh, and the chest that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beyth-Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to Yahweh.

16. And when the five lords of the Pelishtiym saw, they returned to Eqron the same day.

17. And these are the golden tumors which the Pelishtiym returned as a guilt offering to Yahweh: for Ashdod one, for Azzah 5804 one. for Ashqelon 831 one, for Gath one, for Eqron one;

18. And the golden mice as the number of all the cities of the Pelishtiym of the five lords, of fortified cities and unwalled villages, to the great stone upon which they set down the Ark of Yahweh, to this day in the field of Yahshua, the Beyth-haShem’shiy.

19. Smitten were the men 376 of Beyth-Shemesh because they looked into 7200 the Ark of Yahweh. Smitten of the people were fifty-thousand and seventy men: and the people mourned 56 because smote Yahweh the people with a slaughter 4347 greatly 1419.

20. The men of Beyth-Shemesh said, “Who is able 3201 to stand before Yahweh the Elohiym the Holy? And to whom shall He go up from upon us?”

21. They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Qiryath Yeariym 7157 saying, “The Pelishtiym have returned the Ark of Yahweh, come down and take it up to you.”

Chapter 6 Notes

The Philistines were punished severely just for possessing the Ark. They were told by their "wise ones" that they not only should return the Ark, but pay a guilt offering for offending Yahweh. The word used is *asham* 817, and has the meaning of an offering to compensate for guilt incurred, or “guilt offering”. They fashioned carved images of gold of the tumors 2914 and mice 5909. Now 2914 is a word change from the word for tumor in chapter 5, 6076 *opheliym*. 2914 comes from the root *t'chor*, meaning “tumors from dysentery, straining at stool”. Where

did these tumors occur? Easy guess, and that is why many translate BOTH 2914 t'chorey, t'choreychem, t'choreyhem, and 6076 ophel, tumors, mounds, hills, piles, as “hemorrhoids”, with some validity, I must say, even though both are literal “tumors”. The physical location of such as defined by the root for 2914, t'chor, is the key to this translation. This work will stick with the literal “tumors” for accuracy, but the background root does not totally rule out “hemorrhoids” in the case of 2914. 6076 is still definitely tumors though.

Yahweh totally embarrassed the Philistines, humbling them greatly. Wherever the Ark went, people broke out with “tumors”, and mice ravaged their food stuff. In verse 6, Egypt and Pharaoh are brought up, and in Deut. 28:27 the opheliym 6076 are listed in the plagues upon Egypt. Scripture all ties together, and proper translation combined with historical studies clears up a lot of issues. Verse 19 shows that the Ark was not to be tampered with, even by Israelites. Opening the Ark was a truly stupid thing to do.

Chapter 7

1. The men of Qiryath-Yeariym came and took up the Ark of Yahweh, and brought it to the house of Abiynadab 41 on the hill 1389, and consecrated 6942 Eleazar 499 his son to be keeper 8104 of the Ark of Yahweh.

2. And it came to pass, from the day the Ark abode in Qiryath-Yeariym, that the days were numerous; it was twenty years: and all the House of Yisrael went mourning 5091 after Yahweh.

(Shemuel Leads Yisrael)

3. Shemu'el spoke to all the House of Yisrael, saying, “If you return to Yahweh with all your hearts, put away 5493 the elohiym of the *racial aliens* 5236 from your midst 8432 and the Ashtaroth 6252, and direct 3559 your heart to Yahweh, and serve Him only: and He will deliver you from the hand of the Pelishtiym.”

4. The children of Yisrael put away Baaliym 1168 and Ashtaroth 6252, and served Yahweh only.

5. Said Shemu'el, “Gather all Yisrael to Mitspah 4709, and I will pray 6419 for you to Yahweh.”

6. And they gathered at Mitspah, and drew water, and poured it out before Yahweh, and fasted 6684 on that day, and said there, “We have sinned against Yahweh.” And Shemu'el judged 8199 the children of Yisrael in Mitspah.

7. When the Pelishtiym heard that the children of Yisrael were gathered in Mitspah, the lords of the Pelishtiym rose up against Yisrael. When the children of Yisrael heard, they were afraid from the presence of the Pelishtiym.

8. The children of Yisrael said to Shemu'el, “Do not be silent, cry out to Yahweh Eloheynu 430 for us, that He will save us from the hand of the Pelishtiym.”

9. Shemu'el took a suckling 2461 lamb 2924, and sent up a burnt offering wholly 3632 to Yahweh: and Shemu'el cried out to Yahweh for Yisrael; and Yahweh answered him.

10. As Shemu'el was sending up the burnt offering, the Pelishtiym approached to war against Yisrael: but Yahweh thundered 7481 with a great sound on that day upon the Pelishtiym, and confused 2000 them; and they were smitten 5062 before Yisrael.

11. The men of Yisrael went forth from Mitspah, and pursued the Pelishtiym, and smote them, unto a position below 8478 Beyth-Kar 1033.

12. Shemu'el took a stone, and set it between Mitspah and Shen 8129, and called the name Eben-haEzer 72, saying, "For up to now 5704/2009 Yahweh has helped 5826 us."

13. The Pelishtiyim were humbled 3665, and came no more again into the territory of Yisrael: and the hand of Yahweh was against the Pelishtiyim all the days of Shemu'el.

14. The cities which the Plelishtiyim had taken from Yisrael were restored to Yisrael, from Eqron to Gath; and the territory of it Yisrael delivered from the hands of the Pelishtiyim. And there was peace between Yisrael and the Emoriy 567.

15. And Shemu'el judged Yisrael all the days of his life

16. He went from year to year in a circuit 5437 to Beyth-El 1008 and Gilgal, and Mitspah, and judged Yisrael in all those places.

17. He returned to Ramah, because there was his house, and there he judged Yisrael; and there he built an altar to Yahweh.

References

Verse 1 – 2 Sam. 6:24; 1 Chron. 13:5-7;

Verse 9 – Sir. 46:16-18.

Chapter 8

(Yisrael Asks for a King)

1. It came to pass, when Shemu'el grew old 2204, that he made his sons judges over Yisrael.

2. The name of his firstborn was Yoel 3100; and the name of his second, Abiyah 29: judges in Beer-Sheba.

3. But his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside 5186 after dishonest gain 1215, and took bribes 7810, and perverted 5186 justice 4941.

4. All the elders of Yisrael gathered together, and came to Shemu'el in Ramah,

5. And said to him, "Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways: now make us a king to govern 8199 us like all the nations."

6. The thing was displeasing in the eyes of Shemu'el, when they said, "Give us a king to govern us," and Shemu'el prayed to Yahweh.

7. Yahweh said to Shemu'el, "**Listen to the voice of the people in all they say to you: because they have not rejected 3988 you, but have rejected Me, from reigning as King 4427 over them.**

8. **As all the works 4639 which they have done from the day I brought them up from Mitsrayim unto this day, they have forsaken 5800 Me, and served other elohiym, so do they also to you.**

9. **Now therefore listen to their voice: however yet warn them solemnly 5749/5749, and declare 5046 to them the laws 4941 of the king that shall reign over them."**

10. Shemu'el told all the Words of Yahweh to the people that asked 7592 from him a king.
11. He said, "These will be the laws of the king that will reign over you: He will take your sons to appoint 7760 for his chariots 4818 and his horsemen 6571; and some shall run before his chariots.
12. He will appoint them as commanders 8269 over thousands, and commanders over fifties, and to plow 2790 his plowing 2758, and to reap 7114 his harvest 7105, and to make his weapons 3627 of war, and equipment 3627 for his chariots 7393.
13. He will take your daughters to be perfumers 7548, and cooks 2879, and bakers 644.
14. He will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, the best, to give to his servants.
15. He will take the tenth 6237 of your seed 2233, and your vineyards, to give to his eunuchs 5631 and servants.
16. He will take your male slaves 5650 and your female slaves 8198 and your best young men 970, and your asses 2543, to do his work.
17. He will take a tenth of your flocks 6629, and you shall be his slaves 5650.
18. You shall cry out in that day from the presence of your king which you have chosen; and Yahweh will not answer 6030 you in that day."
19. But the people refused 3985 to hear the voice of Shemuel; and they said, "Nay! for we will have a king over us;
20. That we may become as all the nations; and our king may govern us, and go forth before us, and fight our battles."
21. Shemu'el heard all the words of the people, and repeated 1696 them in the ears 241 of Yahweh.
22. Yahweh said to Shemu'el, "**Listen to their voice, and appoint a king.**: And Shemu'el said to the men of Yisrael, "Go, every man to his city."

Chapter 8 Notes

Yisrael has now rejected Yahweh as King, and wanted an earthly ruler. They are warned of the flaws that come with a man as king, but demand one anyway. They will get their wish, with all the flaws they were warned about with various future rulers. Shaul will have many flaws, David will have some, Solomon will also, and on and on. Be careful what you ask for - you just might get it.

References

Verse 5 -Deut. 17:14;

Verse 14 - 1 Kings 21 (all).

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Chapter 9

1. There was a man of Binyamin, whose name was Qiysh 7027, the son of Abiyel 22, the son of Tseror 6872, the son of Bechorath 1064, the son of Aphiyach 647, a Yemiyniy 3228, a mighty man 1368 of power 2428.

2. And he had a son, whose name was Shaul 7586, a young man, and goodly 2896: and none from the children of Yisrael *was* a better man than he: from his shoulders 7926 and upward 4605 taller 1364 than all the people.

3. The asses 860 of Qiysh, Shaul's father, were lost 6. And Qiysh said to Shaul his son, "Take now one of the servants with you, and rise up, go seek the asses."

4. He passed through the hill country of Ephrayim, and passed through the land of Shalishah 8031, but found them not: they passed through the land of Shaaliym 8171, and *found* nothing: and he passed through the land of the Yemiyniy 1145, but found nothing.

5. When they came to the land of Tsuph 6689 Shaul said to his servant that was with him, "Come, let us return; lest my father cease 2308 *worrying* for the asses, and become anxious 1672 for us."

6. And he said to him, "Behold, now, in this city is a man of Elohiym, an honored 3513 man; all that he speaks surely comes: now let us go there; perhaps he can tell us the way upon which we should go."

7. Shaul said to his servant, "But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? Because the bread is gone from our vessels, and *we have* no present 8670 to bring to the man of Elohiym. What do we have?"

8. The servant answered Shaul again, "Behold, I find 4672 in hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: I will give it to the man of Elohiym to tell us our way."

9. Before times in Yisrael, when a man went to inquire 1875 of Elohiym, he said, "Come, let us go to the Seer 7200.": because these days a Prophet 5030 was before times called a Seer.

10. Shaul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went into the city, where the man of Elohiym *was*.

11. As they went up 5927 the ascent 4608 to the city, they found girls 5291 going forth to draw 7579 water, and said to them, "Is the Seer here?"

12. And they answered, and said, "He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came this day to the city; because *there is* a sacrifice of the people today in the high place 1116:

13. As you enter the city, you shall soon 3651 find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat: because the people will not eat until he arrives, because he blesses the sacrifice; and afterwards those called eat. Now, go up; because at this time you shall find him."

14. They went up to the city: and when they entered into the city, behold, Shemu'el came forth to meet them, to go up to the high place.

15. Now Yahweh disclosed to Shemu'el in his ear a day before Shaul arrived, saying,

16. "Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Binyamin, and you shall anoint 4886 him ruler 5057 over My people Yisrael, that he may save My people from

the hand of the Pelishtiyim: because I have looked at My people, because their cry 6818 has come to Me.”

17. And when Shemu’el saw Shaul, Yahweh said to him, “**Behold the man whom I spoke to you of! This same shall rule over 6113 My people.”**

18. Shaul approached Shemu’el in the gate, and said, “Tell me, please, where is the Seer's house?”

19. Shemu’el answered Shaul, and said, “I am the Seer: go up before me to the high place; for you shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in your mind 3824.

20. As for your asses lost three days ago, set not your mind 3820 on them; because they are found. And for whom is all the desire 2532 of Yisrael? If not for you and all your ancestral house?”

21. Shaul answered and said, “*Am* I not a Ben-y’miyniy, of the smallest 6996 of the tribes of Yisrael? And my clan the least 6810 of all the clans of the tribe of Binyamin? For what reason do you speak such words to me?”

22. And Shemu’el took Shaul and his servant, and brought them into the hall 3957, and gave them the chief 7218 place among the called 7121, which were about thirty men.

23. Shemu’el said to the cook 2876, “Bring the portion 4490 which I gave you, of which I said to you, “Lay it up 7760 in your care 5973.”

24. The cook lifted up the thigh 7785, and which was upon it, and set 7760 it before Shaul. And *Shemu’el* said, “Behold that which is left 7604! Set it before you, *and* eat, for this appointed time 4150 it has been kept for you since I said, ‘I have called the people.’ So Shaul ate with Shemu’el that day.

25. When they came forth from the high place into the city, *Shemu’el* spoke with Shaul upon the roof 1406.

26. And they rose early, and it came to pass about the rising of the dawn 7837 that Shemu’el called Shaul to the roof, saying, “Rise up, that I may send you away.” And Shaul rose up, and they went forth both of them, he and Shemu’el outside 2351.

27. They went forth to the end of the city, and Shemu’el said to Shaul, “Tell the servant to pass on before us,” and he passed on, “But you stand still for a time, that you may hear the Word of Yahweh.”

Reference

Verse 21 – Judges 20:47

CHAPTER 10

1. Then Shemu’el took a vial 6378 of oil 8081 and poured it 3332 upon his head, and kissed 5401 him, and said, “*Is it* not that you are anointed of Yahweh as ruler over His Inheritance 5159?”

2. When you depart from beside me today, you shall find two men by Rachel's 7354 tomb 6900 in the border of Binyamin at Tseltsach 6766; and they shall say to you, ‘The asses which you seek are found: and, lo, your father has ceased being concerned in the matter of the asses, and is anxious for you, saying, ‘What shall I do about my son?’”

3. Then you shall go on forward from there, and you shall come to the Terebinth 436 of Tabor 8396, and there meet three men going up to Elohiym at Beyth-El 1008, one carrying three kids 1423, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jar 5035 of wine:
4. They will ask 7592 of you peace 7965, and give you two of the bread which you shall receive from their hands.
5. After that, you shall go to the Hill 1389 of Elohiym where is the prefect 5333 of the Pelishtiyim: and it shall come to pass, when you have come there to the city, you shall meet a band 2256 of prophets coming down from the high place with lutes 5035, tambourines 8596, flutes 2485, and harps 3658 before them; and they shall prophesy 5012:
6. And the Spirit of Yahweh will rush upon you 6743, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into 2015 another man.
7. Let it be, when these signs 226 have come upon you, you act 6213 as to which 834 you find 4672 at hand 3027; because Elohiym is with you.
8. You shall go down before me to Gilgal 1537; and behold, I will come down to you, to send up burnt offerings, to slaughter 2076 sacrifices 2077 of well being 8002: seven days you shall wait 3176, until I come to you, and make known to you what you shall do.”

(Shaul's Prophecies)

9. It was, when he had turned 6437 his back 7926 to go from beside Shemu'el, Elohiym changed 2015 him to another heart 3820: and all those signs came that day.
10. When they came there to the Hill, behold, a band of prophets met 7125 him; and the Spirit of Elohiym rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.
11. And it came to pass, when all that knew him from before that time saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, the people said one man to another, “What *is* this that happened to the son of Qiysh? *Is* Shaul also among the prophets?”
12. And one man from there answered and said, “And who are their fathers?” Upon which it became a proverbial saying 4912, ‘*Is* Shaul also among the prophets?’
13. When he made an end of prophesying, he entered the high place.
14. Shaul's uncle 1730 said to him and his servant, “Where did you go?” And he replied, “To seek the asses: and because we saw nothing, we came to Shemu'el.”
15. Said the uncle of Shaul, “Tell me, please, what Shemu'el said to you.”
16. Shaul answered to his uncle, “He plainly told us the asses were found.” But of the matter of the kingdom, of which Shemu'el spoke, he told him nothing.

(Shaul Becomes King)

17. Shemu'el called together the people unto Yahweh at Mitspah;
18. And said to the children of Yisrael, “Thus says Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, ‘**I brought up Yisrael from Mitsrayim, and from the hand of all kingdoms that oppressed you:**’
19. And you have this day rejected Eloheychem 430, who Himself saved you from all your calamity 7451 and distresses 6869; and you have said to Him, ‘But set up a king over us,’ now

therefore present yourselves 3320 before Yahweh by your tribes 7626 and by your thousands 505.”

20. When Shemu’el brought near all the tribes of Yisrael, taken by lot 3920 was the tribe of Binyamin.

21. Bringing near the tribe of Binyamin by their clans 4940, taken by lot was the clan of the Matriy 4309; and taken by lot was Shaul son of Qiysh, but when sought for he was not found.

22. They inquired 7592 further 5750 of Yahweh, “Has the man yet come here?” And Yahweh answered, “**Behold, he has hid himself 2244 among the baggage 3627.**”

23. They ran and fetched him there: and when he stood among the people, he was taller than all the people from his shoulders and upward.

24. Shemu’el said to all the people, “See he whom Yahweh has chosen, that none is like him all the people?” And all the people shouted, and said, “Long live 2421 the king!”

25. Then Shemu’el spoke to the people of the ordinances 4941 of the kingly office 4410, and wrote it in a book, and set it down before Yahweh. And Shemu’el sent away all the people, every man to his house.

26. Shaul also went to his house in Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men 2428, whose hearts Elohiym had touched.

27. Children of Beliyaal 1100 said, “How shall this man save us?” And they despised 959 him, and brought him no presents 4503. But he remained silent 2790.

Chapter 10 Notes

Shemu’el follows Yahweh's directions, and set Shaul up to be king over Yisrael. They go through the process of anointing with oil, and then follows the great gathering at Mitspah. There the lot is cast, and no one in Yisrael ever disputed the lot process. Binyamin as a tribe is chosen, then the clan of the Matriy, and finally Shaul himself was singled out as the chosen king. In the last verse however, there are doubters who held the process in contempt. Their doubts will be shattered in the next chapter, as Shaul becomes a big hero.

Reference

Verse 12 - 1 Sam. 19:23,24.

Chapter 11 (Shaul Rescues Yabesh-Gilead)

1. Nachash 5176 the Ammoniy 5984 came up and encamped against Yabesh-Gilead 3003/1568: and all the men of Yabesh said to Nachash, “Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.”

2. But Nachash the Ammoniy said to them, “With this *condition* I make to you, that I may gouge out 5365 all your right eyes, and lay this reproach 2781 upon all Yisrael.”

3. The elders of Yabesh said to him, “Refrain 7503 for seven days, that we may send messengers to all the territory of Yisrael: if none deliver us, we will come forth to you.”

4. When the messengers came to Gibeah of Shaul, and spoke of the matter in the ears of the people: all the people lifted up their voices and wept.
5. Behold, Shaul came following the herd *1241* from the field; and Shaul said, "For what reason do the people weep?" And they reported to him the matter of the men of Yabesh.
6. The Spirit of Elohiym rushed upon Shaul when he heard the matter, and kindled *2734* his anger greatly.
7. He took a pair *6776* of oxen, and hewed them in pieces *5408*, and sent *them* through all the territory of Yisrael by the hands of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not go forth following Shaul and following Shemuel, so shall be done to his oxen!" And the dread *6343* of Yahweh fell upon the people, and they went forth as one man.
8. When he mustered *6485* them in Bazeq *966*, the children of Yisrael were three-hundred thousand, and the men of Yahudah thirty thousand.
9. They said to the messengers that came, "Thus shall you say to the men of Yabesh-Gilead, 'Tomorrow when the sun *8121* is hot *2577*, you shall have help *8668*.'" And the messengers went and told the men of Yabesh; and they were glad *8055*.
10. The men of Yabesh said *to Nachash*, "Tomorrow we will come forth to you, and you can do with us all that is good in your eyes."
11. It was on the morrow, that Shaul put the people in three companies *7218*; and came into the midst of the *Ammonite* camp during the morning watch *821*, and smote the Ammoniy until the heat of the day: and it was, that those remaining *7604* were scattered *6327*, so two of them were not left together.
12. The people said to Shemu'el, "Who said, 'Shall Shaul reign over us?' Bring those men, to be put to death!"
13. Shaul said, "No man shall be put to death this day: because today Yahweh has brought victory *8668* to Yisrael."
14. Said Shemu'el to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal, and renew *2318* the kingly office *4410* there."
15. All the people went to Gilgal; and there made Shaul king before Yahweh in Gilgal; there they slaughtered sacrifices of well-being before Yahweh; and there Shaul and all the men of Yisrael rejoiced greatly.

Chapter 11 Notes

Now Shaul is a big hero because he defeated the Ammonites. Oh, yeah, he did give credit to Yahweh, but the people still wanted an earthly king. They will eventually witness Shaul's downfall, due to disobedience to Yahweh's orders. But for now, they are happy in their ignorance. Shemu'el really lays it out for them in the next chapter.

Reference

Verse 7 - Judges 19:29.

Chapter 12

(Shemuel Speaks to Yisrael)

1. Said Shemu'el to all Yisrael, "Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you have said to me, and have made a king over you.
2. Now, behold, the king walks before you: I am old and hoary 7867; but behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my youth 5271 unto this day.
3. Here I am! 2009 Witness 6030 against me before Yahweh, and before His anointed 4899: Whose ox have I taken away? Whose ass have I taken away? Whom have I extorted 6231? Whom have I oppressed 7533? From whose hand have I received a ransom 3724 to hide 5956 *justice* from my eyes by it? I will return it to you!"
4. They replied, "You have not extorted us, or oppressed us, nor have you taken away anything from the hand of any man."
5. He said to them, "Yahweh *is* witness against you, and His anointed *is* witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they answered, "*He is* witness."
6. Shemu'el said to the people, "*It was* Yahweh that worked with 6213 Mosheh and Aharon, and that brought up your ancestors from the land of Mitsrayim.
7. Now stand quiet 3320, that I may judge 8199 among you in the presence of Yahweh of all the righteous 6666 acts of Yahweh which He did to you and to your ancestors.
8. When Yaaqob 3290 came to Mitsrayim, and your ancestors cried out to Yahweh, then Yahweh sent Mosheh and Aharon, who brought forth your ancestors from Mitsrayim , and they dwelled in this place.
9. When they forgot Yahweh Eloheychem 430, He sold 4376 them into the hand of Siysera 5516 , commander of the army of Chatsor 2674, and into the hand of the Pelishtiym, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they warred upon them.
10. They cried out to Yahweh, and said, 'We have sinned, for we have forsaken Yahweh, and have served Baaliym and Ashteroth: but now deliver us from the hand of our hated enemies, and we will serve You.'
11. Yahweh sent Yerubbaal 3378, and Bedan 917, and Yiphtach 3316, and Shemu'el, and delivered you from the hand of your hated enemies from every side, and you dwelled in safety 983.
12. When you saw that Nachash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said to me, 'Nay, but a king shall reign over us:' when Eloheychem 430 *was* your King.
13. Now behold the king whom you have chosen, whom you have requested 7592! Behold, Yahweh has set a king over you.
14. If you will revere 3372 Yahweh, and serve Him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against 4784 the Word of Yahweh, both you and also the king that reigns over you will continue following Yahweh Eloheychem:
15. If you will not obey the voice of Yahweh, but rebel against the Word of Yahweh, then the hand of Yahweh will be against you, as against your ancestors.

16. Now therefore stand quiet and see this great thing which Yahweh will do before your eyes.

17. *Is it* not wheat harvest today? I will call to Yahweh, and He shall send thunder 6963 and rain 4306; so that you may come to know and see your wickedness 7451 is great, which you have done in the sight of Yahweh by requesting you a king.”

18. Shemuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh sent thunder and rain that day: and feared 3372 all the people greatly Yahweh and Shemu’el.

19. All the people said to Shemu’el, “Pray 6419 for your servants to Yahweh Eloheycha 430, that we do not die: because we have added more 3254 upon all our sins the evil of requesting a king.”

20. Shemu’el said to the people, “Fear not: you have done all this wickedness: yet do not turn aside from following Yahweh, but serve Yahweh with all you heart;

21. Do not turn aside: because following empty 8414 things, which cannot profit 3276 nor deliver 5337 for they are empty.

22. Because Yahweh will not forsake His people for His Great Name's sake: because it has pleased 2974 Yahweh to make you His people.

23. Moreover for me, far be it 2486 from me to sin against Yahweh from ceasing 2308 to pray for you: but I will teach 3384 you the good 2896 and upright 3477 way:

24. Only revere Yahweh and serve Him in truth 571 with all your heart: because consider how greatly 1431 He has dealt with you.

25. But, if you still do wickedly, both you and your king shall be swept away 5595.”

Chapter 12 Notes

Again Shemu’el warns Yisrael about what will happen if they slip back into idol worship, and forsake Yahweh. They now have an earthly king, instead of The Divine King. All they will have is swords and spears and walled towns for their protection. The downhill slide starts with Shaul, and will continue on from there. They are impressed right now after the storm, but their memory is short, and they will eventually forget all that Yahweh did for Yisrael in the past. >Continued<

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Verse 3 – Sirach 46:19; 3724 kopher, as a bribe;

Verse 6 – Ex. 6:26;

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Verse 9 – a) Judges 4:2; b) Jud. 13:1; c) Jud. 3:12;

Verses 10, 11 – 3 Macc. 2:12;

Verse 10 – Judges 10:10-15;

Verse 11 – a) Jud. 7:1; b) Jud. 4:6; c) Jud. 11:29; d) 1 Sam. 3:20;

Verse 12 – 1 Sam. 8:19.

Chapter 13

(Shaul's Sin at Gilgal)

1. Age of years of Shaul [missing] as ruler, and when he reigned two years over Yisrael,
2. chose Shaul three-thousand from Yisrael; two-thousand were with Shaul in Michmash 4363 and in the hill country of Beyth-El, and a thousand were with Yahnathan 3129 in Gibeah of Benyamin: and the rest of the people he sent each man to his tent.
3. Yahnathan smote the prefect 5333 of the Pelishtiym that *was* in Geba 1387, and the Pelishtiym heard. Shaul had the shophar 7782 blown in all the land, saying, "Let the Ibriy hear!"
4. All Yisrael heard it said *that* Shaul had smitten the prefect of the Pelishtiym, and *that* Yisrael also was malodorous 887 to the Pelishtiym. And the people were called to arms 6817 after Shaul to Gilgal.
5. The Pelishtiym gathered to fight with Yisrael, thirty-thousand chariots, six-thousand horsemen, and people as numerous as the sand which is upon the sea shore: and they came up, and camped 2581 in Michmash, to the east 6926 of Beyth-Awen 1007.
6. When the men of Yisrael saw that they were in a strait 6887 because the people were hard pressed 5065, then the people hid themselves 2244 in caves 4631, bramble thickets 2337, among the crags 5553, underground chambers 6877, and wells 953.
7. Some Ibriy crossed over the Yarden River to the land of Gad and Gilead. Shaul was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling 2729.
8. He waited 3176 seven days, the appointed time 4150 of Shemu'el, but Shemu'el did not come to Gilgal; and the people began to scatter 6327 from by him.
9. Shaul said, "Bring here a burnt offering to me, and offerings of well-being." And he sent up a burnt offering.
10. And it was, as he completed sending up the burnt offering, behold, Shemu'el arrived; and Shaul went forth to meet him, that he might bless 1288 him.
11. Shemu'el said, "What have you done?" And Shaul replied, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from by me, and you had not arrived within the appointed days, and the Pelishtiym gathered at Michmash;
12. I said, 'The Pelishtiym will come forth now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not entreated 2470 before Yahweh: I forced myself 662 to send up a burnt offering.'
13. Shemu'el said to Shaul, "You acted foolishly 5528 in not keeping the commandment 4687 of Yahweh Eloheycha, which He commanded 6680 you: because now Yahweh would have established 3559 your sovereignty 4467 over Yisrael until everlasting.
14. But now your sovereignty shall not endure 6965: Yahweh has sought 1245 a man after His own heart 3824, and Yahweh will appoint 6680 him as ruler 5057 over His people, because you have not kept what Yahweh commanded you."
15. Shemu'el rose up, and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Binyamin. Shaul mustered 6485 the people found with him, about six-hundred men.

16. Shaul, and Yahnathan his son, and the people found with him abode in Gibeah of Binyamin: but the Pelishtiym encamped in Michmash.

17. The destroying bands 7843 went forth from the camp of the Pelishtiym in three companies 7218: one company turned into the way to Ophrah 6084, toward the land of Shual 7777:

18. Another company turned on the way to Beyth-Choron 1032: and another company turned on the way of the border looking down upon the valley of Tseboyim 6650 towards the desert.

(Yisrael's Lack of Weapons)

19. There were no artificers 2796 found in all the land of Yisrael, because the Pelishtiym said: "Lest the Ibriy make swords or spears."

20. But all Yisrael went down to the Pelishtiym to sharpen 3913 each man his plowshare 4282, his mattock 855, his axe 7134, and his sickle 4281.

21. There was [hap'tsiyrah 6477 piym 6310] for the sickles, the mattocks, the three-tined 7969 pitchforks 7053, the axes, and to set 5324 the goads 1861.

22. And it was in the day of battle, there was no sword or spear found in the hand of any people which *were* with Shaul: but with Shaul and Yahnathan was there found.

23. The garrison 4673 of the Pelishtiym went forth to the ford 4569 of Michmash.

Chapter 13 Notes

Verse 1 - The age of Shaul is missing in the Hebrew, and the "two years" is uncertain. It is not included in the Septuagint.

Verse 2 – Yahnathan means “Yah gives”.

Verse 3 - The word "garrison" in the KJV is incorrect. "Prefect" (local commander) is proper here. This word is used as garrison in two verses of 2 Sam., and is correct there.

Verse 4 - The Pelishtiym were really angry over their dead prefect, and Yisrael "had a bad smell" to them. 887 literally means to "stink".

Verse 5 - The Pelishtiym were out for revenge, and assembled lots of troops for war against Shaul.

Verse 6 - Yisrael was worried over the amount of troops their enemy gathered, so they hid out for a while.

Verse 7 - Those that followed Shaul were still afraid, due to the huge army of the enemy.

Verse 8 - Shaul became impatient when Shemu’el did not come in seven days, and some of his followers started leaving for home. 1 Sam. 10:8

Verse 9 - Shaul offered a burnt offering, and one for well-being, which only the priest was allowed to do. He sins because of his impatience, and because he was worried over people leaving and going home.

Verse 10 - Shemu’el shows up just as Shaul finishes the sacrifices. He should have waited a little bit longer.

Verse 11 - Shemu'el is shocked and disappointed at Shaul's blatant violation of the Levitical commandments of Yahweh. Shaul gives his erroneous excuses.

Verses 13 & 14 - Shemu'el gives Shaul the bad news that he will not remain king very long, nor will Yahnathan be king after him.

Verse 14 – Acts 13:22.

Verse 15 - Shemu'el leaves for Gibeah, and Shaul does a head-count of his remaining troops. Only six-hundred left from two thousand at the first.

Verse 16 - Yahnathan joins his father, and they go to Gibeah to camp. The Pelishtiym stay camped at Michmash.

Verse 17 - "Destroying band" can be read as "raiders", who go out in three large bands.

Verse 19 - "Artificers" would be blacksmiths that could forge weapons. The Pelishtiym had forbidden this.

Verse 20 - Evidently there were no grinding wheels permitted either, so Yisrael had to have the Pelishtiym sharpen all their farm implements and tools. The word for sickle, 4281, is unclear, and sickle comes from the Septuagint.

Verse 21 - This entire verse is considered corrupt from two words. 6477 is not known, and "mouth" is in an odd form that does not tie to anything here in context, and is also considered corrupt.

Verse 22 - No one had a sword except Shaul and Yahnathan.

Verse 23 - The word maabar 4569 can mean either "ford" or "pass".

Chapter 14

(Yahnathan's Attack)

1. It was, that one day Yahnathan the son of Shaul said to the young man that carried his armor, "Come, let us pass over to the garrison 4673 of the Pelishtiym that is on that side." But he did not tell his father.

2. Shaul was staying on the outskirts 7097 of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree 7416 in Migron 4051: the people with him *were* six-hundred men.

3. Achiyah 281, the son of Achiytub 285, brother of Iychabod 350, the son of Piynechas, the son of Eliy, priest of Yahweh in Shiloh, was bearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Yahnathan had gone.

4. Between the passes 4569 by which Yahnathan sought to pass through to the garrison of the Pelishtiym, was a tooth 8127 of the crag 5553 on the one side, and a tooth of the crag on the other side: the name of the one was Batsets 949, and the name of the other Seneh 5573.

5. The tooth of one pillar 4690 was northward 6828 in front of 4136 Michmash, and the other southward 5045 in front of Gaba 1387.

6. Said Yahnathan 3083 to the young man that bore his armor, "Come, let us pass over to the garrison of these possessors of foreskins 6189: perhaps 194 Yahweh will work for us: because *there is* no hindrance 4622 to Yahweh to save by many or by few!"

7. His armor bearer replied to him, “Do all that is in your heart: turn *5186* you; behold, I *am* with you with all in your heart.”

8. Said Yahnathan, “Behold, we will pass over to these men, and will show ourselves *1540* to them.

9. If they say this to us, ‘Wait until we come near you; then we will stand still *1826* in our place, and will not go up to them.

10. But if they say this ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up: because Yahweh has given them into our hand: and this shall be a sign to us.”

11. And both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Pelishtiyim: and the Pelishtiyim said, “Behold, the Ibriy come forth from the holes *2356* in which they hid themselves.”

12. The men of the garrison answered Yahnathan and his armor bearer, and said, “Come up to us, and we will make you know a thing!” And Yahnathan said to his armor bearer, “Come up after me: for Yahweh has given them into the hand of Yisrael.”

13. And Yahnathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armor bearer followed him: and they fell before Yahnathan; and his armor bearer slew after him.

14. The first slaughter *4347*, which Yahnathan smote, was some twenty men, within a half furrow long *4618* of land, what a yoke of oxen can plow in a day *6776*.

15. There was trembling *2731* in the camp in the field and all the people: the garrison, and the raiders, they also trembled *2729*, and the ground *776* quaked *7264*: so it was a trembling of Elohiym.

(Yisrael Defeats the Pelishtiyim)

16. The watchmen *6822* of Shaul in Gibeah of Binyamin looked; and behold, the multitude *1995* melted away *4127*, and they went on smiting down *1986*.

17. Said Shaul to the people with him, “Muster *6485* now, and see who is gone from us.” And they mustered, and behold, Yahnathan and his armor bearer *were* not *there*.

18. Said Shaul to Achiyah, “Bring here the Ark *727* of Elohiym.” For the Ark of Elohiym at that time was with the children of Yisrael.

19. It was, while Shaul talked to the priest, that the tumult *1995* that was in the camp of the Pelishtiyim went on and went on increasingly: and Shaul said to the priest, “Withdraw *622* your hand.”

20. Shaul and all the people that *were* with him assembled *2199*, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against another man, in a very great discomfiture *4103*.

21. The Ibriy that were with the Pelishtiyim before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from* all around, also *joined* to be with Yisrael that *was* with Shaul and Yahnathan.

22. All the men of Yisrael which had hidden in the hill country of Ephrayim heard that the Pelishtiyim fled, and they also stayed *1692* after them in battle.

23. So Yahweh saved Yisrael that day: and the battle passed over into Beyth-Awen.

(Yonathan and Shaul's Oath)

24. The men of Yisrael were hard pressed 5065 that day: Shaul had put under oath 422 the people, saying, “Cursed 779 *is* the man that eats any food until evening, that I may avenge myself 5358 of my hated enemies.” So none of all the people tasted 2938 *any* food.

25. All of the land came to a honeycomb 3293, and there was honey 1706 upon the surface 6440 of the ground 7704.

26. When the people came to the honeycomb, behold, [a) the honey 1706 dropped 1982,] (*or version b*) [b) the bees 1682 had departed 1982,] but none reached 5381 his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath 7621.

27. Yahnathan had not heard his father's oath on the people: so he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped 2881 it in the honeycomb's 3295 honey, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes lit up 215.

28. Answered a man from the people, and said, “Your father laid an oath on the people, saying, ‘Cursed is the man that eats food this day’: so the people are faint 5888.”

29. Then said Yahnathan, “My father troubles 5916 the land: look now, how my eyes lit up because I tasted a little of this honey.

30. How much more, surely, if the people had eaten today of the booty of their hated enemies which they found? Because would there not now be a greater slaughter among the Pelishtiym?”

31. And they smote the Pelishtiym that day from Michmash to Ayyalonah 357: and the people were very faint.

32. The people darted greedily 5860 upon the spoil, and took away sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slaughtered 7819 them on the ground: and the people ate them with the blood.

33. It was told to Shaul, saying, “Behold, the people sin against Yahweh in eating with the blood.” And he said, “You have acted faithlessly 898: roll 1556 a large stone to me this day.”

34. Said Shaul, “Disperse 6327 among the people, and say to them, “Bring to me every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slaughter here, and eat; sin not against Yahweh in eating with the blood.” All the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slaughtered there.

35. Shaul built an altar to Yahweh, the first altar he built to Yahweh.

36. Said Shaul, “Let us go down after the Pelishtiym by night, and plunder them until the light of morning, and let no man survive 7604.” And they said, “Do all that in your eyes is good.” Said the priest, “Approach 7126 here to Elohiym!”

37. Shaul inquired 7592 of Elohiym, “Shall I go down after the Pelishtiym? Will You give them into the hand of Yisrael?” But He answered him not that day.

38. Said Shaul, “Bring here all the chiefs 6438 of the people: and make known and see what the sin has been this day.

39. Because, as Yahweh lives, Who saves Yisrael, though it is in Yahnathan my son, he shall surely die.” But none among the people answered him.

40. He said to all Yisrael, “Be on one side, and I and Yahnathan my son will be on the other side!” And the people said to Shaul, “Do what is good in your eyes!”

41. Said Shaul to Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, "Give *3051* complete truth *8549*." And Shaul and Yahnathan were taken by lot *3920*: but the people escaped *3318*.

42. Said Shaul, "Let fall *5307* *the lot* between me and Yahnathan my son." And Yahnathan was taken by lot.

43. Said Shaul to Yahnathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Yahnathan told him, and said, "I tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in my hand, *and* lo, I must die."

44. Said Shaul, "Elohiym do so and more also: for you shall surely die Yahnathan."

45. Said the people to Shaul, "Shall Yahnathan die, who has worked this great victory *3444* in Yisrael? Far be it! *2486* As Yahweh lives not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground; because he worked with Elohiym this day." So the people delivered Yahnathan, that he did not die.

46. Then Shaul went up from following the Pelishtiym: and the Pelishtiym went to their own place.

47. Shaul siezed *3920* the kingship *4410* over Yisrael, and warred against all hated enemies on every side, against Moab, the children of Ammon, Edom, the kings of Tsobah *6678*, and the Pelishtiym, and where soever he turned toward *6437*, he acted wickedly *7561*.

48. He did *6213* valiantly *2428* and smote Amaleq, and delivered Yisrael from the hands of those who plundered them,

49. The sons of Shaul were Yahnathan, Yishwiy *3440*, and Malkiy-shua *4444*: and the names of his daughters - the name of the firstborn, Merab *4764*, and the name of the younger Miychal *4324*:

50. The name of Shaul's wife, Achiynoam *293*, the daughter of Achiymaats *290*: and the name of the commander of his army, Abiyner *74*, son of Ner *5369* uncle of Shaul. *[See notes about #74 spelling]*

51. Qiysh the father of Shaul; and Ner the father of Abner *74* was son of Abiyel.

52. There was mighty *2389* war against the Pelishtiym all the days of Shaul: and when Shaul saw any strong man, or any son *1121* of valor *2428*, he gathered *622* him to him.

Chapter 14 Notes

Verse 3 - Achiyah had the ephod of the priests, with the Urim and Thummim on it. These were used in the casting of lots. This ties in with verses **18** and **41**.

Verse 4 - *8127* is "tooth", as something sharp jutting out, in conjunction with *5553* crag.

Verse 5 - An odd spelling for Gibeah.

Verse 6 - *6189* is "possessors of foreskins", which is "uncircumcised" in most translations. This is not most translations, and I put in what it says. *4622* is "restraint", and means that Yahweh can do anything He wishes, as He is all powerful.

Verse 18 - *727* is aron (ark) in Hebrew, but the Septuagint has "ephod" as in verse **3**.

Verse 33 - Gen. 9:4; Lev. 7:26,27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deut. 12:16,23; 15:23;

Verse 41 - Num. 27:21; 1 Sam. 28:6;

Verse 50, 51 - 74 is spelled two ways here, Abner, and Abiynar. Both are correct. Same man.

Chapter 15

(Shaul's Second Sin at Gikal)

1. Said Shemuel to Shaul, “Yahweh sent me to anoint you king over His people Yisrael: now therefore listen to the voice of the Words of Yahweh!

2. Thus says Yahweh of hosts, ‘**I paid attention to 6485 what Amaleq did to Yisrael, how he laid in wait for him in the way, when he came up from Mitsrayim.**

3. **Now go and smite Amaleq, and devote to destruction 2763 all they have, have compassion 2550 upon none, but slay both man and woman, both child 5768 and suckling 3243, both ox and sheep, both camel and ass!’”**

4. Shaul caused to hear the people, and mustered them in Telaiym 2923, two-hundred-thousand foot-soldiers 7273, and ten-thousand men of Yahudah.

5. Came Shaul to a city of Amaleq, and laid wait in the wadi 5158.

6. Said Shaul to the Qeniy 7017, “Go, depart 5493, go forth from among the Amaleqiy, lest I gather 622 you with them: because you showed kindness 2617 to all the children of Yisrael when they came up from Mitsrayim.” So the Qeniy departed from among the Amaleqiy.

7. And Shaul smote Amaleq from Chawiylah 2341 until you come to Shur 7793, that is close to Mitsrayim.

8. He captured Agag 90 king of Amaleq alive, and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword.

9. But Shaul and the people showed compassion upon Agag, and the best 4315 of the sheep, and the oxen, and of the second born 4932, and of the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not devote them to destruction: but all that was worthless 5240 and broken down 4599 they devoted to destruction.

10. The Word of Yahweh came to Shemuel, saying,

11. “**I regret 5162 that I have made Shaul king: because he has turned away from following Me, and has not carried out 6965 My word of command 1697.**” And it kindled the anger 2734 of Shemuel, and he cried out to Yahweh all night.

12. Rising early Shemuel went to meet Shaul in the morning, and it was told to Shemuel, saying, “Shaul went to Karmel, and, behold, he set up 5324 a monument 3027, and has turned about 5437 and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.”

13. Shemuel came to Shaul: and said Shaul, “Blessed are you of Yahweh: I have carried out the command of Yahweh.”

14. Said Shemuel, “Why then is this bleating 6963 of sheep in my ears, and the lowing 6963 of the oxen that I hear?”

15. Said Shaul, "They were brought from the Amaleqiy: because the people had compassion upon the best of the sheep and the oxen, for sacrifice unto Yahweh Eloheycha 430: and the rest we devoted *to destruction*."
16. Said Shemuel to Shaul, "Be Quiet!7503 I will tell you what Yahweh has said to me this night." He said, "Speak."
17. Said Shemuel, "When you were small 6996 in your own eyes, were you not made the head of the tribes of Yisrael, and Yahweh anointed you king over Yisrael?"
18. And Yahweh sent you on the way, and said, '**Go and devote to destruction the sinners 2400 of Amaleq, and fight against them until they are consumed 3615.**'
19. For what reason then did you not obey 8085 the voice of Yahweh, but did dart greedily upon the spoil, and did evil in the sight of Yahweh?"
20. Said Shaul to Shemuel, "Yea, I have obeyed the voice of Yahweh, and have gone in the way Yahweh sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amaleq, and have devoted *to destruction* Amaleq.
21. But the people took away from the spoil, sheep, and oxen, the best of the devoted things 2764 to sacrifice to Yahweh Eloheycha in Gilgal."
22. Said Shemuel, "Has Yahweh delight 2656 in burnt offerings and sacrifices, or obedience to the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed 7181 than the fat 2459 of rams.
23. Because rebellion 4805 *is like* the sin of divination 7081, pushing 6484 as the iniquity of teraphiym 8655. Because you have rejected 3988 the Word of Yahweh, He has rejected you from *being king*."
24. Said Shaul to Shemuel, "I have sinned 2398: because I overstepped 5674 the commandment of Yahweh, and your words: because I feared the people, and listened to their voice.
25. Now, please, take away 5375 my sin, and return with me that I may bow down 7812 to Yahweh!"
26. Said Shemuel to Shaul, "I will not return with you: because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, and Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Yisrael!"
27. As Shemuel turned around to leave, *Shaul* siezed 2388 the corner 3671 of his robe 4598, and it tore 7167.
28. Said Shemuel to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Yisrael from you this day, and has given it to another man, better than you.
29. Also the Eminence 5331 of Yisrael will not lie 8226 nor change His mind 5162: because He *is not an adam* 120, that He should change His mind."
- 30, Said *Shaul*, "I have sinned, but honor me now, please, before the elders of my people, and before Yisrael, and return with me, that I may bow down to Yahweh Eloheycha."
31. So Shemuel returned following Shaul; and Shaul bowed down to Yahweh.
32. Said Shemuel, "Bring here to me Agag king of Amaleq." Agag came to him in bonds 4575, and Agag said, "Surely 403 turn aside 5493 the bitterness 4751 of death 4194!"

33. Said Shemuel, “As your sword has bereaved 7921 women, so your mother 517 shall be bereaved among women.” And Shemuel hewed in pieces 8158 Agag before Yahweh in Gikal.

34. Shemuel went to Ramah, and Shaul went up to his house in Gibeah of Shaul.

35. Shemuel came no more to see Shaul until the day of his death: but Shemuel mourned 56 for Shaul: and Yahweh regretted that He had made Shaul king over Yisrael.

Chapter 15 Notes

Verse 1 – 1 Sam. 10:1;

Verse 2 – Ex. 17:8-14; Deut. 25:17-19;

Verse 22 – Hosea 6:6;

Verses 27, 28 – 1 Sam. 28:17; 1 Kings 11:30,31.

Chapter 16

1. Said Yahweh to Shemuel, “**How long will you mourn 56 for Shaul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Yisrael? Fill your horn 7161 with oil, and go. I will send you to Yishay 3448 the Beyth-haLachmiy 1022: for I have seen 7200 of his sons a king.**”

2. Said Shemuel, “How can I go? If he hears, Shaul will slay me!” Said Yahweh, “**Take a heifer with you, and say, I am come to sacrifice to Yahweh.**”

3. Invite 7121 Yishay to the sacrifice, and I will make known to you what you shall do: and you shall anoint for Me whom I say to you!”

4. Shemuel did what Yahweh spoke, and came to Beyth-Lechem. And the elders of the city came trembling 2729 to meet him 7122 and said, “Come you peacefully?”

5. He said, “Peacefully: I come to sacrifice to Yahweh: consecrate yourselves 6942, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Yishay and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6. It was, when they came, he saw Eliyab 446, and said, “Surely Yahweh's anointed 4899 is before Him.”

7. But Yahweh said to Shemuel, “**Do not pay regard 5027 to his appearance 4758, or the loftiness 1364 of his stature 6967; because I have rejected 3988 him: because not as adam 120 sees [does Yahweh see]; because adam sees the appearance 5869, but Yahweh sees the heart 3824.**”

8. Then called Yishay Abiyadab, and had him pass before Shemuel. And he said, “Yahweh has not chosen this *one*.”

9. Then made Yishay Shammah 8048 to pass by. And he said, “Neither has Yahweh chosen this *one*.”

10. Yishay made his seven sons pass by before Shemuel. And Shemuel said to Yishay, “Yahweh has not chosen these!”

11. Said Shemuel to Yishay, “Are your young men completely here 8552?” He replied, “There yet remains 7604 the youngest 6996, and behold, he shepherds 7462 the sheep.” Said Shemuel to Yishay, “Call and fetch 3947 him: because we will not [nasob 5437] until he comes here.”

12. He called, and brought him. He was ruddy 132, with a beauty 3303 of eyes 5869, and good 2896 appearance 7210. Said Yahweh, “**Arise, anoint 4886 him: because this is he.**”

13. Shemuel took the horn of oil, and anointed 4886 him in the midst of his brothers: and the Spirit of Yahweh rushed 6743 upon Dawid 1732 from that day onward 4605. So Shemuel rose up and went to Ramah.

(Dawid Becomes Shaul's Musician)

14. The Spirit 7307 of Yahweh departed from Shaul, and a spirit of harm 7451 *sent* from Yahweh fell upon him 1204.

15. Said the servants of Shaul unto him, “Behold now, a spirit of harm from Elohiym falls upon you.

16. Let our lord 113 now command your servants before you, to seek a man, a knowledgeable player 5059 of the lyre 3658: and it shall be, when the spirit of harm from Elohiym is upon you, he shall play with his hand, and it shall be well 2895 with you.”

17. Said Shaul to his servants, “Look for me now a man that plays well, and bring *him* to me!”

18. And one of the servants answered, and said, “Behold, I have seen a son of Yishay the Beyth-haLachmiy, knowledgeable in playing, and a mighty 1368 man of valor 2428, and a man of war 4421, discreet 995 in speech 1697, manly 376 in form 8389, and Yahweh is with him.”

19. So Shaul sent messengers to Yishay, saying, “Send me Dawid your son, who is with the sheep.”

20. Yishay took an ass, and bread, and a wineskin of wine, and a kid, and sent them to Shaul by his son Dawid.

21. So Dawid came to Shaul, and stood before him; and he loved 157 him greatly 3966: and he became his armor bearer.

22. Shaul sent Yishay, saying, “Please let Dawid stand before me; because he has found favor 2580 in my sight!”

23. And it was, when the spirit from Elohiym was upon Shaul, that Dawid took a lyre, and played with his hand: so Shaul found relief 7304, and it was well with him, and the spirit of harm departed from upon him.

Chapter 16 Notes

Verse 7 – Psalm 151:1 (Apocrypha), [in the Septuagint];

Verses 7 – 10 – Psalm 151:5;

Verse 11 – Psalm 151:1;

Verse 13 – Psalm 151:4

Chapter 17

(Dawid and Golyath)

1. The Pelishtiyim gathered their armies for battle, and were gathered at Sochoh 7755, which *was* of Yahudah, and camped between Sochoh and Azeqah 5825, in Ephes-Dammiym 658.
2. Shaul and the men of Yisrael were gathered and camped in the valley of Elah 425, and set in order 6186 the battle to meet the Pelishtiyim.
3. The Pelishtiyim stood on a hill on the one side, and Yisrael stood on a hill on the other side: and a valley was between them.
4. A man of the space between two armies 1143 went forth from the camp of the Pelishtiyim, named Golyath 1555 of Gath, whose height 1363 was nine feet and four inches.
5. A helmet 3553 of bronze was upon his head, and he wore 3847 a breastplate 8302 of scale armor 7193, and the weight 4948 of the breast armor, five-thousand shekels of bronze.
6. And shin guards 4697 of bronze upon his legs, and a javelin 3591 of bronze between his shoulders 3802.
7. The shaft 2671 of his spear 2595 *was* like a weaver's 707 beam 4500; the head 3852 of his spear *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and a man bearing his shield 6793 went before him.
8. He stood and cried to the ranks 4634 of Yisrael, and said to them, "Why are you come forth to set in order your battle? *Am* not I a Pelishtiy, and you servants of Shaul? Choose your man, and let him come down to me.
9. If he is able to fight with me, and kill me, then we will become your slaves 5650: but if I am able 3201 against him, and kill him, then you shall become our slaves, and serve us."
10. Said the Pelishtiy, "I taunt 2778 the ranks of Yisrael this day; give me a man, so we can fight together!"
11. When Shaul and all Yisrael heard the words of the Pelishtiy, they were dismayed 2865, and feared 3372 greatly 3966.
12. Dawid, the son of that man of Ephrathiy from Beyth-Lechem Yahudah, whose name *was* Yishay; he had eight sons: and the man went *with* men as an old man 2204 in the days of Shaul.
13. The three eldest 1419 sons of Yishay went and walked after Shaul to the battle 4421: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliyab the firstborn, and next in rank 4932 to him Abiynadab, and the third Shammah.
14. Dawid *was* the youngest: and the three eldest went following Shaul.
15. But Dawid went and returned from near Shaul to shepherd his father's sheep at Beyth-Lechem.
16. The Pelishtiy approached at early morning and at evening, and took his stand 3320 forty days.
17. Yishay said to Dawid his son, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this parched corn 7039, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of your brothers;

18. and carry these ten sliced cheeses 2757/2461 to the captain of *their* thousand, and observe 6485 your brothers' welfare 7965, and take their token 6161 .”

19. Now Shaul, and they, and all the men of Yisrael were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Pelishtiym.

20. Dawid rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Yishay had commanded him; and he came to the entrenchment 4570 as the army 2428 was going forth to the battle line 4634, and shouted a war cry 7321 for the battle.

21. Yisrael and the Pelishtiym had arranged battle line meeting battle line.

22. Dawid left his baggage 3627 in the hand of the keeper of the baggage train, and ran to the battle line, and came and asked peace 7592/7965 of his brothers.

23. And as he spoke with them, behold, there came up the man of the space between the armies, the Pelishti of Gath, Golyath by name, from the ranks of the Pelishtiym, and spoke the same words: and Dawid heard.

24. All the men of Yisrael, when they saw the man, fled 5127 from his presence, and were much afraid.

25. The men of Yisrael said, “Do you see this man that is come up? Surely to taunt Yisrael he is come up: and it shall be, the man who kills him, the king will enrich 6328 him with great riches 6329, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free 2670 *from taxes* in Yisrael.”

26. Dawid spoke to the men standing by him, saying, “What shall be done to the man that kills this Pelishtiy, and takes away the reproach 2781 from upon Yisrael? Because who *is* this possessor of foreskin 6189 Pelishtiy, that he should taunt the ranks of Elohiym 430 Chayyiym 2416?”

27. And the people answered him in this manner, saying, “So shall it be done to the man that kills him.”

28. Eliyab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliyab's anger was kindled against Dawid, and he said, “For what reason did you come down here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence 2087 and the willfulness 7455 of your heart; because you are come down that you might see the battle.”

29. Said Dawid, “What have I done now? Was it not *but* a word?”

30. And he turned away from beside him toward the front of another, and spoke after the same manner: and the people spoke again after the former manner.

31. The words were heard which Dawid spoke, and were reported before Shaul: and he sent for him.

32. Said Dawid to Shaul, “Let no adam's heart fail over him: your servant will go and fight with this Pelishtiy.”

33. Said Shaul to Dawid, “You are not able to go against this Pelishtiy to fight with him: because you *are* a boy 5288, and he a man of war from his youth 5271.”

34. Said Dawid to Shaul, “Your servant was shepherd of his father's sheep, and if there came a lion or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock:

35. I went forth after it, and smote it, and rescued *it* from its mouth: and when it rose up against me, I siezed 2388 its beard 2206 and smote it, and slew it.

36. Your servant has slain both lion and bear: and this possessor of foreskin Pelishtiy shall be as one of them, seeing he has taunted the ranks of Elohiym Chayyiyim.”

37. Said Dawid, “Yahweh that saved me from the paw 3027 of the lion, and from the paw of the bear, He will save me from the hand 3027 of this Pelishtiy.” Said Shaul to Dawid, “Go, and Yahweh be with you.”

38. Shaul clothed 3847 Dawid with armor 4055, and put a helmet of bronze upon his head: he also clothed him with breast armor 8302.

39. Dawid girded his sword over his armor, and labored in vain 2974 to walk, because he had not tested 5254 *it*. And Dawid said to Shaul, “I cannot walk in these; because I have not tested them!” And Dawid took them off from upon him.

40. He took up his staff 4731 in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag 3627 which he had, in a pouch; and with his sling 7050 in his hand he drew near 5066 to the Pelishtiy.

41. The Pelishtiy came walking and approached 7131 toward Dawid, and the man carried the shield before him.

42. When the Pelishtiy looked 5027 and saw 7200 Dawid, he had contempt 959 for him, because he was a boy, ruddy and of a beautiful appearance.

43. Said the Pelishtiy to Dawid, “*Am* I a dog, that you come towards me with a staff?” And the Pelishtiy cursed 7043 Dawid by his elohiyim 430.

44. Said the Pelishtiy to Dawid, “Come towards me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air, and the beasts of the field.”

45. Said Dawid to the Pelishtiy, “You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to you in The Name of Yahweh of Hosts, Elohey of the ranks of Yisrael, whom you have taunted.

46. This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hand; and I will smite you, and take off 5493 your head from upon you; and I will give the carcasses 6297 of the army of the Pelishtiyim this day to the birds of the air, and to the living creatures of the land; that all the land shall know that there is an Elohiym in Yisrael.

47. And all this assembly shall know that Yahweh does not save with the sword and the spear: because the battle is Yahweh's, and He will give you into our hands.”

48. It was, when the Pelishtiy rose up, and walked, and approached to meet Dawid, that Dawid made haste, and ran toward the army to meet the Pelishtiy.

49. Dawid put his hand into his bag, and took from there a stone, and slung 7049 *it*, and smote the Pelishtiy in his forehead 4696, and the stone sunk 2883 into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the ground. .

50. So Dawid prevailed 2388 over the Pelishtiy with a sling and a stone, and smote the Pelishtiy, and slew him; and no sword in the hand of Dawid.

51. Dawid ran, and stood over the Pelishtiy, and took his sword, and drew it from the sheath, and slew him, and cut off 3772 his head with it. When the Pelishtiy saw their mighty man 1368 was dead, they fled.

52. The men of Yisrael and Yahudah rose up, and shouted a war cry 7321, and pursued the Pelishtiy, until you come to the valley 1516, and to the gate of Ebron. And the mortally wounded 2491 Pelishtiy fell down on the road to Shaarayim 8189, unto Gath 1661, and to Ebron.

53. The children of Yisrael returned from hotly pursuing 1814 after the Pelishtiy, and they looted 8155 their camp.

54. Dawid took the head of the Pelishtiy, and brought it to Yerushalaim; but he put his armor in his tent.

55. When Shaul saw Dawid go forth to meet the Pelishtiy, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this boy?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know!"

56. Said the king, "Inquire whose son the youth 5958 is."

57. Dawid returned from smiting the Pelishtiy, and Abner took him, and brought him before Shaul with the head of the Pelishtiy in his hand.

58. Said Shaul to him, "Whose son are you boy?" And Dawid replied, "I *am* the son of your servant, Yishay the Beyth-haLachmiy."

Chapter 17 Notes

This chapter does not require a verse by verse commentary. It recounts the fight between Dawid and Golyath. There are some unusual sayings in the Hebrew that are clumsy in the English, such as "a man of the space between two armies". This is iysh habenayim in Hebrew, two words, so the translators put in "champion", which is in a "gray area" of acceptability. Another is "possessor of foreskin", which is translated as "uncircumcised", and is more acceptable. I don't shorten up phrases, so it reads in English as literal Hebrew, even if it takes several words to convey the meaning. At the end of the chapter, Yahweh empowers Yisrael to defeat the Pelishtiy after Dawid kills Golyath. Dawid's victory starts the paranoid jealousy up in Shaul, as is shown in chapter 18. Please note the height of Golyath in verse 4. Golyath was of the seed of the Raphaiym, translated "giants" in the KJV and others. Further comment on his kin being slain is in 2 Sam. 21:19, and in 1 Chron. 20:5. In 2 Sam. "the brother of" is missing in Hebrew, but is in 1 Chron. 2 Sam. causes some confusion as to who kills Golyath, but this is a scribal error, and is clear in this chapter and 1 Chron. Dawid killed Golyath. 2 Sam. cannot be taken by itself on this, but the other two passages must be read to confirm the scribal omission.

References Chapter 17

Verse 4 - 2 Sam. 21:19; 1 Chron. 20:5;

Verse 18 - 6161 as proof of well-being;

Verse 26 - Elohiym Chayyim as "The God that Lives";

Verse 43 - Apocrypha, Psalm 151:6;

Verse 50 - 2 Sam. 21:19;

Verse 51 - 2 Sam. 21:19; Psalm 151:7.

Chapter 18

(Dawid and Yahhathan Become Friends)

1. And it was, when he had made an end 3615 of speaking to Shaul, that the soul 5315 of Yahnathan was bound 7194 with the soul of Dawid, and Yahnathan loved 157 him as himself 5315.
2. And Shaul took him that day and would not let him return anymore to his father's house.
3. Then Yahnathan and Dawid made a covenant, because he loved him as himself.
4. Yahnathan put off 6584 the robe 4598 that was upon him, and gave it to Dawid, and his fighting garments 4055, even to his sword and his bow, and his belt 2290.
5. Dawid went forth wherever Shaul sent him, and he had success 7919: and Shaul set him over the men of war, and he was pleasing 3190 in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Shaul's servants.

(Shaul Becomes Jealous Because of Dawid)

6. It was as they came, when Dawid returned from killing the Pelishtiy, the women came forth from all the cities of Yisrael, singing 7891 and dancing 4246, to meet [Shaul the king], with tambourines 8596, revelry 8057, and sistrums 7991.
7. The women sang 6030 as they played 7832, saying, "Shaul has slain his thousands; Dawid his tens of thousands!"
8. Burned with anger 2734 Shaul greatly 3966, displeasing 7489 in his eyes was the saying, for he said, "To Dawid they have given tens of thousands, and to me they have given thousands. What more, if only 389 the kingship 4410?"
9. And Shaul eyed 5770 *with suspicion* Dawid from that day onward.
10. It was on the morrow, that rushed the spirit of harm from Elohiym upon Shaul, and he was excited to violence 5012 in the midst of the house: and Dawid played with his hand, as at other times, and a javelin 2595 *was* in Shaul's hand,
11. and Shaul cast 2904 the javelin; saying, "I will smite Dawid to the wall!" And Dawid turned away 5437 from his presence twice.
12. Shaul feared from the presence of Dawid, because Yahweh was with him, and was departed from *being* with Shaul.
13. Therefore Shaul removed him from beside him, and made him captain over a thousand; and he went forth and came in before the people.
14. And Dawid had success in all his ways; and Yahweh was with him,
15. and when Shaul saw that he had success, he was afraid of his presence.
16. But all of Yisrael and Yahudah loved Dawid, because he went out and came in before them.

(Dawid Marries Miychal)

17. Said Shaul to Dawid, “Behold my elder daughter Merab, I will give her to you to wife: only be a son of valor for me, and fight Yahweh's battles!” Because Shaul said in his heart 559, “Let not my hand be upon him, but the hand of the Pelishtiym be upon him!”

18. Said Dawid to Shaul, “Who *am* I? What *is* my life, or my father's family in Yisrael, that I should become the son-in-law to the king?”

19. But it was at the time when Merab, daughter of Shaul should have been given to Dawid, that she was given to Adriyel 5741 the Mecholathiy 4259 to wife.

20. Now Miychal, daughter of Shaul, loved Dawid: and they told Shaul, and the thing was pleasing in his eyes,

21. Shaul said in his heart, “I will give her to him, so she may be a snare 4170 to him, that the hand of the Pelishtiym may be *on him!*” Said Shaul to Dawid, “You shall be this day my son-in-law by the second 8147 *daughter.*”

22. Commanded Shaul his servants, “Speak with Dawid secretly 3909, saying, “Behold, the king has delight 2654 in you, and all his servants love you: now therefore become the king's son-in-law.”

23. The servants of Shaul spoke these words in the ear of Dawid. Said Dawid, “In your eyes is it a light thing 7043 to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor 7326 man, and lightly esteemed 7034?”

24. The servants of Shaul reported to him, saying, “On this manner spoke Dawid!”

25. Said Shaul, “Thus say you to Dawid, The king desires 2656 no bride-price 4119 but a hundred foreskins of the Pelishtiym, to be avenged 5358 of the king's hated enemies.” But Shaul planned 2803 to make Dawid fall by the hand of the Pelishtiym.

26. When the servants told Dawid these words, the thing was pleasing in the eyes of Dawid to become the king's son-in-law: and the days were not fulfilled 4390.

27. So Dawid rose up and went, he and his men, and slew of the Pelishtiym two-hundred men; and Dawid brought their foreskins in full to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. And Shaul gave him Miychal his daughter to wife.

28. Shaul perceived and knew that Yahweh *was* with Dawid, and Miychal Shaul's daughter loved him.

29. Shaul was even more afraid from the presence of Dawid, and Shaul became Dawid's hated enemy all the days.

30. Then the chiefs of the Pelishtiym went forth: and it was, as often as they went forth, Dawid had success more than all the servants of Shaul; so his name had much esteem 3365.

Chapter 18 Notes

Verse 1 – Regarding 157, see Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:43; 19:19; 22:39; Mk. 12:31,33; Luke 10:27; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8.

Verse 2 – 1 Sam. 14:52;

Verse 6 – in brackets, the Septuagint has “David”, not “the king”. A sistrum is some type of musical instrument, now unknown.

Verse 7 – 1 Sam. 21:11; 29:5.

Chapter 19

(Shaul Tries to Kill Dawid)

1. Spoke Shaul to Yahnathan *3129* his son, and to all his servants, to kill Dawid. (But Yahnathan *3083* son of Shaul delighted in Dawid greatly,)

2. and Yahnathan told Dawid, saying, “Shaul my father seeks to kill you. Now please guard yourself until morning; abide in a hiding place *5643* and hide yourself *2244*.”

3. I will go forth and stand beside my father in the field where you *are*, and I will speak with my father of you; and what I see I will tell you.”

4. Yahnathan spoke well of Dawid to Shaul his father, saying to him, “Let not the king sin *2398* against servant Dawid; because he has not sinned *2398* against you, and because his deeds *4639* for you are very good.

5. He put his life in the palm of his hand *3709* and slew the Pelishtiy, and Yahweh wrought a great victory *8668* for all of Yisrael. You saw, and rejoiced. Why should you sin against innocent blood, to slay Dawid without a cause *2600*?”

6. Shaul listened to the voice of Yahnathan, and Shaul swore, “*As* Yahweh lives, he shall not be slain.”

7. Yahnathan called Dawid, and Yahnathan told him those things. Then Yahnathan brought Dawid to Shaul, and he became in his presence as in times past.

8. There was war again. Dawid went forth and fought the Pelishtiyim, and smote them with a great slaughter and they fled before him.

9. The spirit of harm from Yahweh was upon Shaul as he sat in his house with a javelin in his hand, and Dawid played with his hand.

10. Shaul sought to smite Dawid to the wall with the javelin, but he escaped *6362* from Shaul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall. Dawid fled, and escaped *4422* that night.

11. Sent Shaul messengers to the house of Dawid to keep a watch on him, and kill him in the morning. But Dawid's wife Miychal told him, saying, “If you do not save *4422* your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be slain.”

12. Miychal let Dawid down through a window, and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13. Miychal took a teraphiyim *8655*, and laid it in the bed, and put a fly-net *3523* of goat's-hair *5795* at its head-place *4763* and covered *3680* it with a coverlet *899*.

14. When Shaul sent messengers to take away Dawid, she said, “He is sick *2470*.”

15. Sent Shaul again messengers to see Dawid, saying, “Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him!”

16. But when the messengers came, behold, a teraphim was in the bed, with a fly-net of goat's-hair at its head place.

17. Said Shaul to Miychal, “For what reason did you deceive me so, and send away my hated enemy, to escape?” And Miychal said to Shaul, “He said to me, ‘Let me go 7971; why should I 4100 be put to death 4191?’”

18. Dawid fled, and escaped, and came to Shemu’el at Ramah, and reported all that Shaul had done to him. And he and Shemu’el went and dwelt in Nayoth 5121.

19. It was reported to Shaul, saying, “Behold, Dawid *is* at Nayoth in Ramah.”

20. Sent Shaul messengers to take away Dawid. They saw the company of prophets speaking in ecstasy, and Shemu’el positioned, presiding 5324 over them; and the Spirit of Elohiym came upon the messengers of Shaul, and they also spoke in ecstasy.

21. And when it was reported to Shaul, he sent other messengers, and they spoke in ecstasy also. Shaul again sent messengers the third time, and they spoke in ecstasy also.

22. Then he went also to Ramah, and came to a great cistern 953 that *is* in Sechu 7906, and asked, saying, “Where are Shemuel and Dawid?” They replied: “Behold, at Nayoth in Ramah.”

23. He went there to Nayoth in Ramah, and the Spirit of Elohiym came upon him also, and he went on, speaking in ecstasy; until he came to Nayoth in Ramah.

24. He stripped off his clothing also, and spoke in ecstasy before Shemu'el also, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, “*Is* Shaul also among the prophets?”

References Chapter 19

Verse 1 – Two spellings for Yahnathan here, but it is the same man.

Verse 11 – Psalm 59 – Title;

Verse 24 – 1 Sam. 10:11,12

Chapter 20

(Yahnathan Helps Dawid Escape)

1. Dawid fled from Nayoth in Ramah, and came and said before Yahnathan, “What have I done? What is my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?”

2. He replied to him, “Far be it! 2486 You shall not die. Behold, my father will do nothing either great or small that he will not disclose 1540 to my ear; why should my father hide this thing from me? It shall not *be!*”

3. Dawid [swore moreover], and said, “Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he says, ‘Let not Yahnathan know this lest he be grieved 6087.’ But *as* Yahweh lives, and as you 5315 live, *there is* but a step 6587 between me and death.”

4. Said Yahnathan to Dawid, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”

5. Said Dawid to Yahanathan, “Behold, tomorrow *is* the new moon 2320, and I must sit 3427/3427 with the king to eat, but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third day at evening.
6. If I am noted absent 6485/6485 by your father, say, ‘Dawid earnestly asked 7592/7592 of me that he might run 7323 to Beyth-Lechem his city, for an annual 3117 sacrifice there for all his family.’
7. If he says thus, ‘Good’, your servant shall have peace, but if he burns with anger 2734/2734, know that it is determined 3615 *to do* harm 7451 from him 5973.
8. Therefore deal kindly with your servant; because you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you. If there is iniquity in me, slay me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?”
9. Said Yahanathan, “Far be it from you! Because if I knew for certain that harm were determined by my father to come upon you, would I not tell you?”
10. Said Dawid to Yahanathan, “Who shall tell me? Or what if your father answers you harshly?”
11. Said Yahanathan to Dawid, “Come, go forth into the field.” And both went forth into the field.
12. Said Yahanathan to Dawid, “O Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, when I search 2713 my father about tomorrow at this time, or the third, and, behold, *if* good 2895 toward Dawid, and I do not send for you, and disclose it to your ear,
13. Yahweh do so and much more to Yahanathan, but if it is pleasing to my father to harm *you*, I will disclose it to your ear, and send you away to go in peace, and Yahweh be with you, as he has been with my father.
14. Nor while I yet live, will you not do to me the kindness of Yahweh, that I die not,
15. but not cut off kindness from my household forever: no, not when Yahweh has cut off the hated enemies of Dawid, every man from upon the surface of the ground.”
16. So Yahanathan made covenant with the House of Dawid, “Let Yahweh seek it at the hand of Dawid's hated enemies.”
17. Yahanathan and Dawid swore again, because he loved him, because he loved him as he loved himself.
18. Said Yahanathan to Dawid, “Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty 6485.
19. The third 8027 day, go forth quickly, and come to the place where you hid on the day of the deed 4639, and remain 3427 by the stone Ezel 237.
20. I will shoot three arrows on the side, as though I shot at a mark 4307.
21. Behold, I will send a boy, *saying*, ‘Go, find the arrows.’ If I expressly say to the boy, ‘Behold, the arrows are on this side of you,’ take them and come, because it is peace to you, and no charge 1697; as Yahweh lives!
22. But if I say this to the young man, ‘Behold, the arrows are beyond you,’ go, for Yahweh has sent you away.

23. And the matter which you and I spoke of, behold, Yahweh be between you and I forever.”
24. So Dawid hid himself in the field, and when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat bread.
25. The king sat upon his seat, as at other times, on a seat by the wall, and Yahnathan arose, and Abner sat by Shaul's side, and Dawid's place was empty.
26. Shaul did not speak anything that day because he said in his heart, ‘It's accidental 4725, he is not clean 2889, surely he is not clean.’
27. It was on the morrow 4283, the second of the month, that Dawid's place was empty, and Shaul said to Yahnathan his son, “Wherefore 4069 comes not the son of Yishay to bread, neither yesterday nor today?”
28. Yahnathan answered Shaul, "Dawid earnestly asked me *to go* to Beyth-Lechem,
29. saying, ‘Let me go, please, because our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother, he has commanded me. Now if I have found favor in your eyes, let me slip away 4422, please, and see my kinsmen.’ Therefore he does not come to the king's table.”
30. Then Shaul's anger was kindled against Yahnathan, and he said to him, “You son of a twisted 5753 rebellious 4780 *woman*, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Yishay to your shame 1322, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness 6172?”
31. Because as long as the son of Yishay lives upon the ground, you shall not be established 3559, nor your kingdom. Now send and fetch him to me, for he is appointed to death 1121/4194.”
32. Answered Yahnathan Shaul his father, saying, “For what reason shall he be slain? What has he done?”
33. Shaul cast a javelin at him to smite him, by which Yahnathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill Dawid.
34. So Yahnathan rose up from the table in fierce 2750 anger, and ate no bread the day of the month the second, because he was pained 6087 for Dawid, because his father had humiliated 3637 him.
35. It was in the morning, that Yahnathan went forth into the field at the set time with Dawid, and a little boy with him.
36. He said to the boy, “Run, find now the arrows that I shoot.” As the boy ran, he shot an arrow past him.
37. When the boy came to the place of the arrow which Yahnathan had shot, Yahnathan cried after the boy, saying, “Is not the arrow beyond you?”
38. Yahnathan cried after the boy, “Hasten quickly, do not stay.” And Yahnathan's boy gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
39. The boy knew not anything. Only Yahnathan and Dawid knew of the matter.
40. Yahnathan gave his weapons to his boy, and said to him, “Go. Bring them to the city.”

41. When the boy went, Dawid rose up from toward the south, and prostrated himself with his face to the ground, and bowed down 7812 three times, and they kissed 5401 one man to another, and wept 1058 one man with another; for Dawid wept greatly.

42. Yahonathan said to Dawid, “Go in peace, as we have sworn both of us in the Name of Yahweh, saying, ‘Yahweh be between my seed and your seed until everlasting.’”

Chapter 20 Notes

The last part of verse 42 in the KJV is the first verse in Chapter 21 in the Hebrew text. I have moved it to its proper position in Chapter 21.

References Chapter 20

Verse 5 - Numbers 28:11;

Verse 15 - 2 Sam. 9:1

Chapter 21 (Achiemelech Helps Dawid)

1. And he rose up and departed, and Yahonathan went to the city.
2. Then went Dawid to Nobeh 5011 to Achiemelech 288 the priest, and Achiemelech came trembling 2729 to meet Dawid, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no man with you?”
3. Dawid replied to Achiemelech the priest, “The king has commanded me a matter 1697, and has said to me, ‘Let no man know anything of the matter about which I send you, and what I have commanded you, and I have caused to know 3045 my servants to such and such a place.’”
4. Now therefore what is under 8478 your hand 3027? Give me five *loaves* of bread in my hand, or what is found.”
5. The priest answered Dawid, and said, “No common 2455 bread is under my hand, but there is consecrated 6944 bread; if the young men have kept themselves only 389 from women.”
6. Dawid answered the priest, saying to him, “Because that women have been kept away 6113 yesterday 8543 and the third 8032 since I came forth, and the vessels 3627 of the young men are consecrated, and the journey 1870 common, yea, because it was consecrated 6942 this day in the vessel.”
7. So the priest gave him consecrated *bread*, because there was no bread there but the bread 3899 of the presence 6440 that was taken from before Yahweh, to put bread of heat 2527 at the time it was taken away.
8. A man of the servants of Shaul was there that day, restrained 6113 before Yahweh; and his name was Doeg 1673 the Edomiy 130, a mighty 47 herdsman 7462 of Shaul.
9. Said Dawid to Achiemelech, “Is there not here under your hand a spear or sword? Because I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's matter was urgent 5169.”

10. Said the priest, “The sword of Golyath the Pelishtiy, whom you slew in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped 3874 in a cloth 8071 behind the ephod. If you will take it, take it, because there is no other except that here.” Said Dawid, “None like that; give it to me.”

(Dawid Fakes Madness)

11. Dawid rose up, and fled that day from the presence of Shaul, and went to Achiysh 397 the king of Gath.

12. The servants of Achiysh said to him, “*Is not this Dawid the king of the land? Did they not sing of him as they danced, saying, ‘Shaul has slain his thousands; Dawid his tens of thousands?’*”

13. Dawid remembered 7760 these words in his mind 3824, and was much afraid from the presence of Achiysh the king of Gath.

14. He disguised 8138 his judgement 2940 in their sight, and acted the madman 1984 in their hands. He scratched marks 8427 on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva 7388 fall down upon his beard.

15. Said Achiysh to his servants, “Lo, you see the man shows madness 7696. For what reason have you brought him to me?”

16. Do I need madmen, that you bring this *fellow* to play the madman upon me? Shall this *fellow* come into my house?”

References Chapter 21

Verses 2-6 – Matt. 12:3,4; Mark 2:25,26; Luke 6:3;

Verse 7 – Lev. 24:5-9;

Verse 8 – Doeg was an Edomite, and could not enter the Temple, so he was “under restraint”.

Verse 10 – 1 Sam. 17:51

Chapter 22

(Dawid Builds a Small Army)

1. Dawid departed from there and escaped to the cave 4631 of Adullam 5725; and when his brothers and all of his father's household heard, they went down there to him.

2. Every man in straits 4689, and every man that had a creditor 5378, and every man bitter 4751 of feelings 5315, gathered to him, and he became a leader 8269 over them; there were about four-hundred men with him.

3. Dawid went from there to Mitspeh 4708 of Moab, and said to the king of Moab, “Let my father and mother, please, come forth, *and stay* with you, until I know what Elohiym will do for me.”

4. So he led them 5148 before the king of Moab, and they dwelled with him all the time Dawid was in the stronghold 4686.

5. But the prophet Gad said to Dawid, “Abide not in the stronghold. Go, and come into the land of Yahudah.” Then Dawid departed, and came into the forest 3293 of Chereth 2802.

(Shaul Has the Priests Killed)

6. When Shaul heard that Dawid was discovered 3045, and his men with him, as Shaul abode in Gibeah under a tamarisk tree 815 in Ramah, spear in hand, and all his servants standing about him;

7. Said Shaul to his servants standing about him, "Hear now, you sons of Yemiyniy! Will the son of Yishay give all of you fields and vineyards, and make all of you captains of thousands, or captains of hundreds?"

8. Because all of you have conspired 7194 against me, and none disclosed to my ear that my son made a covenant with the son of Yishay, and none of you are concerned 2470 for me, or disclose to my ear that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in wait 693 this day?"

9. Doeg the Edomiy, who was set over the servants of Shaul answered, and said, "I saw the son of Yishay come to Nobeh to Achiymelech the son of Achiytub.

10. He inquired of Yahweh for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Golyath the Pelishtiy."

11. The king sent to call Achiymelech the priest, the son of Achiytub, and all his father's household, the priests that *were* in Nobeh, and they all came to the king.

12. Said Shaul, "Hear now, son of Achiytub!" He replied, "Here I *am*, my lord 113."

13. Said Shaul to him, "For what reason have you conspired against me, you, and the son of Yishay, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of Elohiym for him, that he should rise up against me, to lie in wait this day?"

14. Achiymelech answered the king, saying. "But who *is so* faithful 539 among all your servants as Dawid, who is the king's son-in-law, and moves 5493 at your bidding 4928, and is honorable 3513 in your house?"

15. That day I began to inquire of Elohiym for him. Be it far from me; let not the king impute 7760 a thing unto his servant, *nor* to the house of my father, because your servant knew nothing of all this, less or more."

16. Said the king, "You shall surely be put to death, Achiymelech, you, and all your father's house."

17. Said the king to the guards 7323 standing about him, "Turn around and kill the priests of Yahweh, because their hand is also with Dawid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not disclose it to my ear." But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to attack 6293 the priests of Yahweh.

18. Said the king to Doeg, "Turn around and attack the priests!" And Doeg the Edomiy turned around and attacked the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men that wore a linen 906 ephod 646.

19. And Nobeh, the city of priests, he smote with the sword, from men, and women, and boys, and infants, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20. One of the sons of Achiymelech the son of Achiytub, named Ebyathar 54 escaped, and fled after Dawid.

21. Ebyathar told Dawid that Shaul had killed Yahweh's priests.

22. Said Dawid to Ebyathar, "I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomiy *was* there, that he would surely tell Shaul, [I surrounded 5437 all the lives 5315] of your father's house.

23. Abide with me, and do not fear, because he that seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you shall be guarded 4931."

Chapter 22 Notes

Dawid sought refuge for his parents, after his father's household came to him at the Cave of Adullam. Dawid is warned by the prophet Gad not to stay there, so his entire group goes into the land of Yehudah. Shaul is in a rage over Dawid, and now has totally lost his sense of right and wrong. Doeg, the cursed-seed Edomite informs on Dawid, and implicates the priests. Shaul summons the priests, accuses them with only ONE witness, and sentences them to death. This violates Yahweh's law, as no one may be put to death without at least **THREE** witnesses. The Israelites will not kill Yahweh's priests, but the cursed seed Edomite will. Shaul committed murder by Edomite. He is doomed.

References Chapter 22

Verse 1 - Ps. 57 title; Ps. 142 title.

Verse 4 - 5148, "led them", Targum and Syriac read "left them with", 4686 as the cave of Adullam.

Verses 9, 10 - 1 Sam. 21:7-9; Psalm 52 title; In verse 22, the "surrounded all the lives" is not clear in the Hebrew. As close as I can come, Dawid brought the priests into his conflict, and inadvertently caused their deaths just for associating with him.

Verse 30 - Deut. 17:6,7; 19:15.

Chapter 23

(Dawid Rescues Qeiyah)

1. Dawid was told, saying, "Behold, the Pelishtiym fight against Qeiyah 7084, and are pillaging 8154 the threshing floors 1637!"

2. Dawid inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go and smite these Pelishtiym?" And Yahweh said to Dawid, "**Go, and smite the Pelishtiym, and save Qeiyah.**"

3. Dawid's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Yahudah. How much more if we go to Qeiyah against the armies of the Pelishtiym?"

4. Dawid inquired of Yahweh yet again. Yahweh answered him, saying, "**Rise up, go down to Qeiyah, because I will give the Pelishtiym into your hand.**"

5. So Dawid and his men went to Qeiyah, and fought with the Pelishtiym, and drove away 5090 their livestock 4735, and smote them with a great slaughter. So Dawid saved the inhabitants of Qeiyah.

(Shaul Pursues Dawid)

6. It was, when Ebyathar son of Achiymelech fled to Dawid at Qeiyah, he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7. Shaul was told that Dawid had come to Qeiyah. Shaul said in his heart, 'Elohiym has alienated *5234* him into my hands; because he is shut in *I* by entering into a town that has gates and bars.'

8. Shaul proclaimed *8085* to all the people to war, to go down to Qeiyah, to lay siege to Dawid and his men.

9. Dawid knew that Shaul devised *2790* evil *7451* against him, and he said to Ebyathar the priest, "Bring here the ephod."

10. Then said Dawid, "O Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, Your servant has certainly heard that Shaul seeks to come to Qeiyah to destroy the city for my sake.

11. Will the citizens of Qeiyah deliver me up into his hand? Will Shaul come down, as Your servant has heard? O Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, please, tell Your servant." Yahweh said, "**He will come down.**"

12. Then said Dawid, "Will the citizens of Qeiyah deliver me up with my men into the hand of Shaul?" Yahweh said, "**They will deliver you up.**"

13. Dawid and his men, about six-hundred, rose up and went forth from Qeiyah, and went wherever they could go. It was reported to Shaul that Dawid had escaped from Qeiyah, and he ceased going forth.

14. Dawid abode in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziyph *2128*. Shaul sought him all the time, but Elohiym gave him not into his hand.

15. Dawid saw that Shaul came forth to seek his life, and Dawid was in the wilderness of Ziyph in Choresha *2793*.

16. Rose up Yahonathan son of Shaul, and went to Dawid in Choresha, and strengthened *2388* his hand in Elohiym.

17. He said to him, "Fear not, because the hand of Shaul my father shall not find you; and you shall reign as king *4427* over Yisrael, and I shall be next in rank *4932* to you; and that also Shaul my father knows."

18. The two made a covenant before Yahweh, and Dawid abode in Choresha, and Yahonathan went to his house.

19. Then came up the Ziyphiym *2130* to Shaul in Gibeah, saying, "Is not Dawid hiding among us in strongholds in Choresha, in the hill of Chachiylah *2444*, which is on the south side of Yeshiymon *3452*?"

20. Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire *185* of your being *5315* to come down; and our part is to deliver him into the king's hand."

21. Said Shaul, "Blessed be you of Yahweh, for you have shown me compassion *2550*.

22. Go please, and prepare *3559* more, and know and see the place where he sets his foot is, and who has seen him there, for it is said to me he is very cunning *6191/6191*.

23. See, and come to know of all the hiding places where he hides, and return to me with certainty 3559, and I shall go with you, and it shall be, if he is in the land, that I will search for him 2664 throughout all the thousands of Yahudah.”

24. They rose up, and went to Ziyph before Shaul; but Dawid and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the desert plain 6160 to the south of Yeshiymon.

25. Shaul and his men went to seek him. They told Dawid, so he came to the rocks 5553, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. When Shaul heard, he pursued Dawid in the wilderness of Maon.

26. Shaul went from one side of the hill; and Dawid was in haste to go because of the presence of Shaul; because Shaul and his men surrounded Dawid and his men to capture 8610 them.

27. But there came a messenger to Shaul, saying, “Make haste and come; because the Pelishtiym have invaded 6584 upon the land!”

28. So Shaul returned from pursuing after Dawid, and went to meet the Pelishtiym, therefore they called that place Sela Hammachleqoth 5555.

References Chapter 23

Verse **18** – 1 Sam. 18:3;

Verse **19** – Psalm 54 Title;

Verse **28** – 5555 means “Rock of Separation.”

[Verse 29 in the KJV is verse 1 of Chapter 24 in the Hebrew text.]

Chapter 24

(Dawid Spares Shaul in a Cave)

1. Dawid went up from there, and dwelt in strongholds at Eyn Gedy 5872.

2. It was, when Shaul returned from following the Pelishtiym, it was reported to him, saying, “Behold, Dawid *is* in the wilderness of Eyn Gedy.”

3. Then Shaul took three-thousand chosen men from all Yisrael, and went to seek Dawid and his men from in front of the rocks of the wild goats 3277.

4. He came to the sheep folds upon the way, where *was* a cave; and Shaul went into cover 5526 his feet 7272; and Dawid and his men remained in the far end 3411 of the cave.

5. The men of Dawid said to him, “Behold the day of which Yahweh said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your hated enemy into your hand, that you may do to him what is pleasing in your eyes.’” Then Dawid rose up, and cut off the corner 3671 of Shaul's robe 4598 secretly 3909.

6. It was so afterward, that Dawid's heart smote him, because he had cut off Shaul's corner.

7. He said to his men, “Far be it from Yahweh that I should do this thing to my lord 113, Yahweh's anointed, to put forth my hand against him, because he is the anointed of Yahweh!”

- 8.** So Dawid rebuked *8156* his men with these words, and did not permit them to rise up against Shaul. But Shaul rose up from the cave, and went on his way.
- 9.** Dawid rose up so afterward, and went forth from the cave, and cried out after Shaul, saying, "My lord the king!" When Shaul looked behind him, Dawid bowed down *6915* with his face to the ground, and prostrated himself *7812*.
- 10.** Said Dawid to Shaul, "Why do you listen to adam's *120* words, saying, 'Behold, Dawid seeks your harm'?"
- 11.** Behold, this day your eyes see how Yahweh gives you today into my hand in the cave; and it was said to kill you, but I showed mercy upon you; and I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord, because he is Yahweh's anointed.'
- 12.** My father, look, yes look at the corner of your robe in my hand; because I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you. Know, and see that there is no harm *7451* or transgression *6588* in my hand, and I have not sinned *2398* against you; yet you lie in wait *6658* for my life to take it away.
- 13.** Yahweh judge between me and you, and Yahweh avenge *5358* me of you; but my hand shall not be upon you.
- 14.** As says the proverb *4912* of the ancients *6931*, 'Wickedness *7562* goes forth from the wicked *7563*:' but my hand shall not be upon you.
- 15.** After whom is the king of Yisrael come forth? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog *3611*? After a flea *6550*?
- 16.** Yahweh be the judge *1781*, and judge *8199* between me and you, and see, and plead *7378* my cause *7379*, and judge me from out of your hand."
- 17.** It was, when Dawid made an end of speaking these words to Shaul, that Shaul said, "Is this your voice, my son Dawid?" And Shaul lifted up his voice, and wept .
- 18.** Said he to Dawid, "You are more righteous than I; because you have done *1580* good to me, and I have done you evil.
- 19.** You have made known this day that you have dealt *6213* well with me, when Yahweh gave me into your hand, you did not kill me.
- 20.** Because if a man finds his hated enemy, will he let him go on his way as well? So Yahweh reward you with good for that you have done to me this day.
- 21.** And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Yisrael shall be established in your hand.
- 22.** Swear now to me by Yahweh that you will not cut off my seed *2233* after me, and you will not destroy *8045* my name from my father's house."
- 23.** Dawid swore to Shaul. Shaul went to his home, but Dawid and his men went up into the strongholds.

Chapter 24 Notes

Verse 4, "cover his feet" means he defecated in the cave.

Verse 5, the outer garment had four corners, each with a tsitsit (fringe) upon it, as commanded in Num. 15:38, and Deut. 22:12. Dawid cut off one corner, with its tsitsit.

Verse 15 - 1 Sam. 26:20

Chapter 25

(Shemu'el Dies)

1. Shemu'el died; and all Yisrael gathered together and lamented 5594 him, and buried 6912 him at his home in Ramah. And Dawid rose up, and went forth to the wilderness of Paran 6290.

(Dawid and Abiygayil)

2. *There was* a man in Maon whose workings 4639 *were* in Karmel; and the man was very great, and he had three-thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Karmel.

3. The name of the man was Nabal 5037; and the name of his wife, Abiygayil 26, and a woman of good understanding 7922, and of beautiful 3303 appearance 8389; but the man was hard 7186 and evil 7451 in his actions 4611; and he was a Kalibiy 3614.

4. Dawid heard in the wilderness that Nabal sheared his sheep.

5. Dawid sent forth ten young men, and said Dawid to the young men, “Go up to Karmel, and come to Nabal, and ask peace of him in my name;

6. and say this to him that lives, ‘Peace to you, and peace to your household, and peace to all that you have.

7. Now I have heard that you are shearing. Now your shepherds that were with us were not insulted 3637, nor was anything missing 6485 of theirs all the time they were in Karmel.

8. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. So let these young men find favor in your eyes; because we come on a good 2896 day 3117, so please give whatever you find at hand to your servants, and to your son Dawid.”

9. When Dawid's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of Dawid, and ceased 5117 *speaking*.

10. Answered Nabal Dawid's servants, saying, “Who is Dawid? Who is the son of Yishay? There are many slaves these days that break away 6555 each man from before his master 113.

11. Shall I take away my bread, my water, and my flesh that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men whom I know not from where they come?”

12. So Dawid's young men turned back 2015 on the way, and returned, and came and reported to him all those words.

13. Said Dawid to his men, “Gird on every man his sword.” Girded on every man his sword, and Dawid also girded on his sword; and there went up after Dawid about four-hundred men; and two-hundred abode with the baggage-train 3627.

14. But one young man told Abiygayil, Nabal's wife, saying, “Behold, Dawid sent messengers from the wilderness to salute 1288 our master; and he screamed 5860 at them.

15. But the men were very good to us, and we were not insulted, nor did we miss anything, all the days we walked with them, when we were in the fields,

16. they were a wall 2346 to us both by day and by night, all the days we were with them tending the sheep.

17. Now know and consider what you will do; because harm is therefore toward our master, and against all his household; he is *such* a son of Beliyaal 1100 that none can speak to him.”

18. Abiygayil hastened and took two-hundred loaves, and two skins 5035 of wine, and five sheep prepared 6213 and five measures of parched grain 7039, a hundred bunches of raisins 6778, and two-hundred cakes of figs 1690, and laid them upon asses.

19. She said to her servants, “Pass on before me, behold, I come after you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20. It was, she rode upon the ass, and came down by the covering 5643 of the hill, and behold, Dawid and his men came to meet her; and she met them.

21. Now Dawid had said, “Surely in vain 8267 have I guarded all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so nothing was missed from all that was his, and he has returned me evil for good.

22. So and more also do Elohiym to the hated enemies of Dawid, if I leave from all that is his by the morning of any that pisses 8366 against the wall 7023!”

23. When Abiygayil saw Dawid, she hastened and went forth from upon the ass, and fell face down before Dawid upon her face, and prostrated herself upon the ground,

24. falling at his feet, and said, “Upon me, my lord, let this iniquity be, let your maidservant, please, speak in your ear, and hear the words of your maidservant.

25. Let not my lord, please, call 7760 to mind 3820 this man of Beliyaal, Nabal, because as his name is, so is he; Nabal 5037 is his name, and foolishness 5039 is with him; but I your maidservant saw not the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

26. Now my lord, as Yahweh lives, and as yourself lives, seeing Yahweh has withheld you from coming for blood, and from avenging 3467 yourself with your own hand, now let your hated enemies, and those that seek harm towards my lord, be as Nabal.

27. Now this blessing which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men walking on their feet my lord.

28. Please, forgive the trespass of your maidservant; because Yahweh will certainly make my lord a sure 539 house; because my lord fights the battles of Yahweh, and evil has not been found in you from *all* your days.

29. Yet an adam rises up to pursue you, to seek your life; but the life of my lord shall be bound 6887 in the bundle 6872 of life with Yahweh Eloheycha 430 and the lives of your hated enemies shall He sling out 7049 as from the middle 8432 hollow 3709 of a sling 7050.

30. And it shall be, when Yahweh has done to my lord all the good that He has spoken about you, and has appointed 6680 you ruler 5057 over Yisrael,

31. that this shall be no grief 6330 nor stumbling block 4383 of heart to my lord, that you have poured out 8210 blood without cause 2600, or my lord has avenged 3467 himself, but when Yahweh has dealt well with 3190 my lord, then remember your maidservant.”

32. Said Dawid to Abiygayil, “Blessed be Yahweh Elohey Yisrael, who sent you this day to meet me,

33. and blessed be your judgement 2940, and blessed be you, who has restrained 3607 me from coming to blood, and from avenging myself by my own hand.

34. But as Yahweh Elohey Yisrael lives, who has withheld 4513 me from doing harm 7489, except you had hastened and come to meet me, surely none would be left to Nabal by the morning light any that pisses against the wall.”

35. So Dawid took from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, “Go up in peace to your house; see, I have listened to your voice, and lift up your countenance.”

36. Abiygayil came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast 4960 in his house, as a feast of a king, and Nabal's heart was merry 2895 upon him, as he was very drunken 7910, so she told him nothing, little or great, until the morning light.

37. But it was in the morning, when the wine had gone forth from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart 3820 died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38. It came to pass in ten days that Yahweh smote Nabal, that he died.

39. When Dawid heard that Nabal was dead, he said, “Blessed *be* Yahweh that has pleaded 7378 the cause 7379 of my reproach 2781 from the hand of Nabal, and has held back His servant from evildoing; because Yahweh has returned the evildoing of Nabal upon his own head.” And Dawid sent and spoke with Abiygayil to take her to wife.

40. When the servants of Dawid came to Karmel, they spoke to her, saying, “Dawid sent us to you to take you to him to wife.”

41. She rose up, and bowed down with her face to the ground, and said, “Behold, your maidservant 519 is a maidservant 8198 to wash the feet of the servants 5650 of my lord.”

42. Abiygayil hastened, and rose up, and rode upon an ass, with five maidens 5291 of hers that went on foot after her, and she went following the messengers of Dawid, and became his wife.

43. Dawid also took Achiynoam 293 of Yizreel 3157; and they were also both his wives.

44. But Shaul had given Miychal his daughter, Dawid's wife, to Paltiy 6406 son of Layish 3919, who was of Galliyim 1554.

Chapter 25 Notes

The story of Nabal is an interesting one. His name means "foolish", and in verse 25 it is used in a word-play with 5039 *neballah*, meaning "foolishness". Dawid, after being insulted and denied aid in a most rude manner, was going to kill all of Nabal's household. Yahweh would not permit this, as it was not righteous, so He intervened through Abiygayil, Nabal's wife. Nabal was then struck down by Yahweh, by what might very well have been a massive stroke, after hearing what would have happened if his wife had not intervened. The shock and fear probably caused the stroke. Thus, Yahweh killed him, instead of Dawid doing it. Then, Dawid had been so impressed by Abiygayil's intelligent diplomacy, that he sent to take her as his wife after she was widowed. Dawid had multiple wives, as many men did back then, for the purpose of procreation.

Verse 44 - 2 Sam. 3:14-16

Chapter 26

(Dawid Spares Shaul Again)

1. The Ziphim came to Shaul at Gibeah, saying, “Does not Dawid hide in the hill of Chachiylah facing toward Yeshiymon?”
2. Shaul rose up, and went down to the wilderness of Ziyph, with three-thousand chosen men of Yisrael with him, to seek Dawid in the wilderness of Ziyph.
3. Shaul camped in the hill of Chachiylah which faces towards Yeshiymon, by the way. But Dawid abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Shaul came after him in the wilderness.
4. Dawid sent out spies, and knew for certain that Shaul had come.
5. Dawid rose up, and came to the place where Shaul camped, and Dawid saw the place where Shaul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army, and Shaul lay in the entrenchment *4570*, and the people camped all around him.
6. Dawid responded and said to Achimelech the Chitty, and to Abiyshay *52* the son of Tseruyah *6870*, brother to Yoab *3097*, saying, “Who will go down with me to Shaul to the camp?” And Abiyshay said, “I will go down with you.”
7. So Dawid and Abiyshay came to the people by night, and behold, Shaul lay sleeping within the entrenchment with his spear pressed into the ground at his head-place, but Abner and the people lay all around him.
8. Said Abiyshay to Dawid, “Elohiym delivered up *5462* your hated enemy into your hand this day, now let me smite him, please, with the spear to the ground one time, and not a second time.”
9. Said Dawid to Abiyshay, “Do not destroy him, because who can stretch forth his hand against Yahweh's anointed, and be guiltless?”
10. Dawid said furthermore, “*As* Yahweh lives, Yahweh shall smite him; for his day shall come to die, or he shall go forth to war and be swept away *5595*.”
11. Far be it from Yahweh that I should stretch forth my hand against Yahweh's anointed, but please take now the spear that is at his head-place, and the jug *6835* of water, and let us go.”
12. So Dawid took the spear and the jug of water from Shaul's head-place and went away, and none saw or knew, nor awakened, because all slept, for a deep sleep *8639* from Yahweh was fallen upon them.
13. Dawid passed over to the other side, and stood upon the top of a hill at a distance *7350*, a great space *4725* between them.
14. Dawid cried out to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, “Do you not answer, Abner?”, Then Abner answered and said, “Who are you that cries out to the king?”
15. Said Dawid to Abner, “*Are* you not a man? Who is like you in Yisrael? For what reason have you not guarded over your lord the king? Because there came one of the people to destroy your lord.
16. This thing is not good that you have done. *As* Yahweh lives, you are a son of death *1121/4194*, because you have not guarded over your master, Yahweh's anointed. Now see where the king's spear *is*, and the jug of water that *was* at his head-place.”

17. Shaul recognized 5234 Dawid's voice, and said, "Is that your voice, my son Dawid?" And Dawid said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king."

18. And he said, "For what reason does my lord thus pursue after his servant? Because what have I done? What evil is in my hand?"

19. Now, please, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If Yahweh has stirred you up against me, let Him accept a grain offering; but if *it is* the children of Adam, cursed are they before Yahweh; because they have driven me out 1644 this day from joining myself 5596 in the inheritance of Yahweh, saying, 'Go, serve other elohiym.'

20. Now, let not my blood fall to the ground from before the face of Yahweh, because the king of Yisrael is gone forth to seek a flea 6550, as one hunts 7291 a partridge 7124 in the hills."

21. Then said Shaul, "I have sinned. Return, my son Dawid, because I will no more do you harm 7489, because my life was precious 3365 in your eye this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly 5528 and gone astray 7686 exceedingly."

22. Dawid answered and said, "Behold the king's spear! Let one of the young men pass over and fetch it.

23. Yahweh render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness, for Yahweh gave you into my hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against Yahweh's anointed.

24. Behold, as your life was prized 1431 this day in my eyes, so let my life be prized in the eyes of Yahweh, and let Him deliver me from all distress 6869."

25. Then said Shaul to Dawid, "Blessed are you, my son Dawid. You shall both do much, and also indeed prevail." So Dawid went on his way, and Shaul returned to his place.

Chapter 26 Notes

Dawid spared Shaul's life once in the cave, and Shaul's increasing insanity drove him to pursue Dawid again. Dawid again spares Shaul, but states that Yahweh might smite him, or, he could go forth into battle and be killed. He is indeed killed in battle in Chapter 31. After this incident with the spear and water jug, Shaul does not bother Dawid again.

References Chapter 26

Verse 1 - Psalm 54 title;

Verse 11 - 1 Sam. 24:6

Chapter 27 (Dawid Returns to Gath)

1. Dawid said in his heart, 'I shall now be swept away one day by the hand of Shaul, and nothing is better for me than I should surely escape into the land of the Pelishtiyim, and Shaul shall despair 2976 of me, to seek me anymore in all the territory of Yisrael, so I will escape from his hand.'

2. Dawid rose up and passed over with six-hundred men with him to Achiysh son of Maoch 4582, king of Gath.

3. Dawid dwelt with Achiysh at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, Dawid with his two wives, Achiynoam the Yizreeliyth 3159, and Abiygayil the Karmeliyth 3761, Nabal's wife.
4. It was reported to Shaul that Dawid fled to Gath, and he sought no more again for him.
5. Dawid said to Achiysh, "If I have now found grace in your eyes, give me a place in some town in the country to dwell there, for why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?"
6. Achiysh gave him Tsiqlag 6860 that day, so therefore Tsiqlag is of the kings of Yahudah to this day.
7. The time that Dawid dwelt in the country of the Pelishtiym was a full year and four months.
8. Dawid and his men went up and raided 6584 upon the Geshuriy 1651, the Gizriy 1511, and the Amaleqiy 6003, for these nations were of old 5769 the inhabitants of the land, as you come to Shur 7793, unto the land of Mitsrayim.
9. Dawid smote the land, and left alive 2421 neither man nor woman, and took away the sheep, oxen, asses, camels, and garments, and returned, and came to Achiysh.
10. Said Achiysh, "Where have you raided today?" And Dawid said, "Against the Negeb of Yehudah, and against the Negeb of the Yerachmeeliy 3397, and against the Negeb of the Qeyniy 7017."
11. And Dawid left alive neither man or woman to come to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell on us, saying, 'So did Dawid, and so *will be* his manner all the time he dwells in the country of the Pelishtiym.'"
12. And Achiysh believed Dawid, saying, "He has made himself utterly to stink 887/887 to his people Yisrael, therefore he shall be my servant forever."

Chapter 27 Notes

Dawid made Achiysh think he was raiding in the territory of southern Yisrael, all the while he was really raiding Canaanites that should have been destroyed by Yisrael long ago. Negeb is the southern desert region of the land.

Chapter 28

1. It was in those days, that the Pelishtiym gathered their armies 4264 for war 6635, to fight with Yisrael. Said Achiysh to Dawid, "You surely know that you shall go forth with me to the encampment 4264, you and your men."
2. Said Dawid to Achiysh, "Surely you know what your servant can do." Said Achiysh to Dawid, "Therefore I will make you keeper 8104 of my head 7218 for all time."

(Shaul and the Necromancer at Eyn-Dor)

3. Now Shemuel had died, and all Yisrael had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah in his home city. And Shaul had abolished 5493 necromancers 178 and familiar spirits 3049 from the land.
4. The Pelishtiym gathered, and came and encamped in Shunem; and Shaul gathered all Yisrael, and they encamped in Gilboa 1533.

5. When Shaul saw the army of the Pelishtiyim, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
6. When Shaul inquired of Yahweh, Yahweh did not answer neither by dreams 2472, nor by Uriym 224, nor by prophets 5030.
7. Said Shaul to his servants, “Seek a woman mistress 1172 of necromancy 178, that I may go to her, and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, *there is* a woman mistress of necromancy at Eyn-Dor.”
8. Shaul let himself be searched for 2664, and put on other clothing, and went with two men, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, “Please, divine 7080 for me by necromancy, and bring up whom I shall name to you.”
9. Said the woman to him, “Behold, you know what Shaul has done, how he cut off 3772 necromancers and *those with* familiar spirits from the land; why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause my death?”
10. Shaul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, “*As* Yahweh lives, there shall no punishment 5771 befall 7136 you for this matter.”
11. Then said the woman, “Whom shall I bring up to you?” And he said, “Bring up Shemu’el.”
12. When the woman saw Shemu’el, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Shaul, saying, “Why have you deceived me? You are Shaul!”
13. Said the king to her, “Do not fear, for what did you see?” And said the woman to Shaul, “I see a divine being 430 coming up from the ground.”
14. Said he to her, “Of what form 8389 *is* he?” Said she, “An old man comes up, and he is enwrapped 5844 in a robe 4598.” And Shaul knew that it was Shemu’el, and he bowed down with his nose to the ground, and prostrated himself.
15. Said Shemu’el to Shaul, “Why have you caused disquiet 7264 to me, to bring me up?” And Shaul answered, “I am greatly distressed 6887. The Pelishtiyim fight against me, and Elohiym is departed 5493 from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets, nor dreams; so I have called you, that you may make known to me what I shall do.”
16. Said Shemu’el, “Why do you ask me, seeing Yahweh is departed from you, and is become your enemy 6145?”
17. Yahweh has done to you as He spoke by me. Yahweh has torn the kingdom from your hand, and given it to another man, to Dawid,
18. because you obeyed not the voice of Yahweh, nor executed His fierce wrath upon Amaleq, therefore Yahweh has done this thing to you this day
19. Further, Yahweh will give Yisrael *that is* with you into the hand of the Pelishtiyim, and tomorrow you and your sons *will be* with me. Yahweh shall also give the army of Yisrael into the hand of the Pelishtiyim.”
20. Shaul fell quickly 4116 full 4393 length 6967 on the ground, and was greatly afraid from the words of Shemu’el, and there was no strength in him; because he had eaten no bread all day nor all night.
21. The woman came to Shaul, and saw he was badly terrified 926, and said to him, “Behold, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and listened to your words you spoke to me.

22. Now please, listen you also to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a morsel 6595 of bread before you; and eat, so you have the strength when you go on your way.”

23. He refused 3895, and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants together with the woman broke through to 6555 him; and he listened to their voice. So he rose up from the ground and sat upon the bed.

24. The woman had a fatted 4770 calf 5695 in the house; and she hastened and slaughtered it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and baked matsah 4682 of it.

25. She brought it before Shaul, and before his servants; and they ate. Then they rose up and departed that night.

Chapter 28 Notes

In verses 1 & 2, king Achiysh makes Dawid his bodyguard. Now we come to Shaul. Shaul has been cut off from Yahweh, and is terrified of the Pelishtiym. He turns to a necromancer, after formerly enforcing Yahweh's laws against them. He swears by the Holy Name for an unholy cause. When Shemu’el comes up, he informs Shaul of his coming doom.

In **verse 13**, 430 can have other translations, like "judge", "mighty one", etc. Shemuel was a judge in Yisrael. This might be a viable alternative to "divine being".

References Chapter 28

Verse 3 – 1 Sam. 25:1; Lev. 20:27; Deut. 18:10,11;

Verse 17 – 1 Sam. 15:8;

Verse 18 – 1 Sam. 15:3-9

Chapter 29 (Dawid's Loyalty is Questioned)

1. The Pelishtiym gathered all their armies to Apheq; and Yisrael encamped by a spring 5869 which is in Yizreel.

2. The lords of the Pelishtiym passed through by hundreds, and by thousands; but Dawid and his men passed through at the last 314 with Achiysh.

3. Said the chiefs of the Pelishtiym, “What *do* these Ibriy 5680 *here*?” And Achiysh said to the chiefs of the Pelishtiym, “*Is* not this Dawid, the servant of Shaul the king of Yisrael, which has been with me these days, or rather this year, and I have not found anything in him from the time he fell *to me* until this day?”

4. The chiefs of the Pelishtiym were angry with him; and the chiefs of the Pelishtiym said to him, “Turn back this man, and return him to his place where you have stationed 6485 him, and do not let him go forth with us to battle, lest in the battle he becomes an adversary 7854 to us; for with what may he make acceptable 7521 himself 2088 to his master, if not with the heads of these men?

5. Is this not Dawid, of whom they sang in dances, saying, ‘Shaul slew his thousands, and Dawid his ten-thousands’?”

6. Then Achiysh called Dawid, and said to him, “*As* Yahweh lives, you have been upright, and your going forth and coming in with me in the army *is* pleasing in my eyes, because I have not found evil in you from the day you came to me until this day. But in the eyes of the lords you are not pleasing.

7. So now go back, go in peace, that you do not evil in the eyes of the lords of the Pelishtiym.”

8. Said Dawid to Achiysh, “But what have I done? What have you found in your servant from the day I have s been in your presence unto this day, that I may not go fight the hated enemies of my lord the king?”

9. Achiysh answered and said to Dawid, “I know that you are pleasing in my eyes, as a messenger of Elohiym, but the chiefs of the Pelishtiym have said, ‘He shall not go up with us to the battle’.

10. Now rise up early in the morning with your masters servants that have come with you, and as soon as you rise up in the morning at daylight, depart.”

11. So Dawid and his men rose up early to depart in the morning to return to the land of the Pelishtiym. And the Pelishtiym went up to Yizreel.

Chapter 29 Notes

To my view, the hand of Yahweh is clearly at work here to prevent Dawid from fighting against his own people of Yisrael. Also, as you will see in the next chapter, the town where Dawid and his men were living had been attacked, and their families taken captive. Now Dawid and his men are free to pursue the raiders, and free their families. Yes, Yahweh is definitely at work here.

References Chapter 29

Verse 5 - 1 Sam. 18:7; and 21:11

Chapter 30 (Dawid Defeats the Amaleqiy)

1. It was, when Dawid and his men came to Tsiqlag on the third day, that the Amaleqiy had raided into the Negeb, and Tsiqlag, and smote Tsiqlag, and burned it with fire,

2. and had the women captive that were in it, they slew not any, but drove them off 5090, and went on their way.

3. So Dawid and his men came to the town, and behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, sons, and daughters were take away captive.

4. Dawid and the people that were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more strength to weep.

5. Dawid's two wives were taken captive, Achiynoam the Yizreelith, and Abiygayil the wife of Nabal the Karmeliy 3761.

6. Dawid was in great straits 3334, because the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul 5315 of the people was bitter 4843, every man for his sons and for his daughters, but Dawid strengthened himself in Yahweh Elohayv 430 .

7. Said Dawid to Ebyathar the priest, son of Achiyemelech, “Please, bring near 5066 the ephod.” And Ebyathar brought near the ephod to Dawid.
8. Dawid inquired of Yahweh, saying, “Shall I pursue after this band of marauders 1416 and overtake 5381 them?” And He answered him, “**Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, and surely recover** 5337/5337.”
9. So Dawid went, he and the six-hundred men that were with him, and came to the wadi Besor 1308, where those left behind 3498 would stand.
10. But Dawid pursued, he and four-hundred men, two-hundred men had taken a stand, which were too exhausted 6296 to pass over the wadi Besor.
11. They found a man of Mitsriy in the field, and brought him to Dawid, and gave him bread, and he ate, and made him drink water.
12. They gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two bunches of raisins. When he had eaten, his spirit returned to him, because he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.
13. Said Dawid to him, “To whom do you *belong*, and where are you from?” And he said, “I *am* a young man of Mitsriy, slave 5650 to an Amaleqiy; and my master 113 abandoned 5800 me, because three days ago I fell sick 2470.
14. We raided the Negeb of the Kerethiy 3774, and upon that of Yahudah, and upon the Negeb of Kaleb, and we burned Tsiqlag with fire.”
15. Said Dawid to him, “Can you bring me down to this band of marauders?” And he said, “Swear to me by Elohiym that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band of marauders.”
16. When he had brought him down, he beheld them spread abroad 5203 upon the surface of all the land, eating and drinking, and making merry because of all the great spoil 7998 they had taken away from the land of the Pelishtiyim, and from the land of Yahudah.
17. Dawid smote them from the twilight 5399 to the evening 6153 of the following day 4283; and no man of them escaped except four-hundred young men who rode upon camels and fled.
18. Dawid recovered all that Amaleq had taken away; and Dawid rescued his two wives.
19. Nothing was lacking 5737 to them, from small to great, neither sons nor daughters, from spoil, nor any that they had taken away to them; Dawid recovered all.
20. Dawid took all the flocks 6629 and herds 1241 they drove before those livestock 4735, and said, “This is Dawid's spoil.”
21. Dawid came to the two-hundred men, which were too exhausted to follow after Dawid, who abode at the wadi Besor; and they went forth to meet Dawid, and to meet the people with him; and when Dawid came near to the people, he asked peace of them.
22. Then answered all the wicked men of Beliyaal 1100 from those that went with Dawid, and said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give them from the spoil that we recovered, except to every man his wife and children to lead away and depart.”
23. Said Dawid, “You shall not do so, my kinsmen, with which Yahweh has given us, who guarded 8104 us, and gave us the band of marauders that came against us into our hand.

24. Who would listen to you in this matter? Because, as his portion that goes forth to battle, so his portion that stays by the baggage. They shall share alike.”

25. And it was from that day onward, he made it a decree 2706 and an ordinance 4941 for Yisrael unto this day.

26. When Dawid came to Tsiqlag, he sent the spoil to the elders of Yahudah, to his friends, saying, “Behold a present 1293 for you from the spoil of the hated enemies of Yahweh;”

27. to those of Beyth-El, those of Ramoth-Negeb, those of Yattiyir 3492,

28. those of Aroer, those of Siphmoth 8224, those of Eshtemoa 851,

29. those of Rachal 7403, those in the cities of the Yerachmeeliy, those of the cities of the Qeniy,

30. those of Chormah, those in Kor-Ashan 3565, those of Athach 6269,

31. those of Chebron 2275, and to all the places where Dawid himself and his men had gone. have to deal with when he becomes king.

Chapter 30 Notes

Dawid and his men wiped out the Amalekite raiders, got back all their possessions and family, and took all the Amalekites' belongings as booty. Then Dawid plays the politician, and sends the booty as gifts to leaders he will have to deal with them when he becomes king.

References to Chapter 30

Verse 5 – 1 Sam. 25:42,43;

Verse 7 – 1 Sam. 22:20-23

Chapter 31

(Shaul's Death)

1. The Pelishtiym fought against Yisrael; and the men of Yisrael fled from before the Pelishtiym, and fell down mortally wounded 2491 on Mount Gilboa.

2. The Pelishtiym stayed after 1692 Shaul and his sons; and the Pelishtiym smote Yahonathan, Abiyadab, and Malkiy-shua, sons of Shaul.

3. The battle was heavy 3513 against Shaul, and the men shot arrows 3384 that found 4672 him, and he greatly 3966 writhed in pain 2342 from the archers 3384.

4. Said Shaul to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword and thrust me through with it; lest these possessors of foreskins come and thrust me through, and divert themselves 5953 with me.” But his armor bearer would not; because he was greatly afraid. So Shaul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5. When his armor bearer saw that Shaul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him.

6. So Shaul died, and his three sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7. When the men of Yisrael on the other side of the valley, and those on the other side of the Yarden saw that the men of Yisrael fled, and that Shaul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the towns, and fled, and the Pelishtiyim came and dwelled in them.

8. It was on the next day, when the Pelishtiyim came to strip the slain, that they found Shaul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9. And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent to the land of the Pelishtiyim all around, to proclaim *1319* it in the house of their idols *6091*, and among the people.

10. They placed his armor in Beyth-Ashtaroth, and they fastened *8628* his body *1472* to the wall of Beyth-Shan *1052*.

11. When the inhabitants of Yabesh-Gilead heard what the Pelishtiyim had done to Shaul;

12. all the men of valor rose up, and went all night, and took away the bodies of Shaul and his sons from the wall of Beyth-Shan, and came to Yabesh and burned *8313* them there.

13. And they took their bones, and buried them under a tamarisk tree at Yabesh, and fasted seven days.

Chapter 31 Notes

1 Shemu'el 31 = 1 Chronicles 10;

Verse 4 - See 2 Sam. 1:9,10. Shaul did not die right away. **NOTE** - "Second" Shemu'el was originally a continuing book from "First" Shemu'el. I will use the verse numbers of the separate book for ease of study when comparing with other translational works.

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