

- (39) When the Philistines found Saul, they _____ his head.
- (40) The men who took care of Saul's and his sons' bodies and gave them burial were the men of _____.

Score = 100
My Score = _____

IV. DAVID'S GOOD YEARS

Like 1 Samuel, the author is unknown for 2 Samuel. In the Hebrew Bible, these two books are one book. Second Samuel deals with the reign of King David, and once again we see the awful effects of sin. There is nothing more sad than to walk down the trail of wreckage that sin leaves. Lives ruined, homes torn apart, tears, heart-break, and so many painful scenes are the direct result of sin. Learn the lesson: sin brings pain, sorrow, and death.

Both 1 and 2 Samuel seem to have sorrowful music playing in the background. The few victories are nearly obscured by mountains of defeats.

David's Kingdom Established (2 Samuel 1-5)

The Philistines had gone out to fight Israel. Saul and Jonathan had fallen at their hands and were dead. David had been fighting the Amalekites, had beaten them, and now he is back in camp trying to determine what he should do.

➡ Answer these questions:

- (1) A man came into camp and gave David information. What two main things did he mention?
(a) _____
(b) _____
- (2) According to this man, how did King Saul die? _____
- (3) What did this man bring to show that he had been with Saul? _____
- (4) This man was from what country? _____
- (5) Where had Saul had experience with these people? (1 Samuel 15) _____

If the Lord tells us to do something, obedience is necessary or we will be entangled by the very thing that we should have put away. When we hold back certain areas of our lives from the Lord, then those areas become the stumbling blocks that trip us and destroy us. Obedience is better than any thing else.

➡ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (6) What did David do to this one who said he had killed Saul? _____
- (7) This man's story disagrees with what 1 Samuel 31 says. He had a good story, but he lied. Why do you think he lied to David? _____
- (8) David used three phrases to describe Saul and Jonathan. What were they?
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
- (9) These statements are found in chapter one, verse _____.
- (10) David called Jonathan his _____.
- (11) When David asked the Lord where he should go, what was the answer? _____
- (12) When David came into Judah, what did the men there do to him? _____
- (13) What did David do for the men of Jabesh-gilead who had buried Saul? _____
- (14) Who was Abner? _____
- (15) What did he do? _____
- (16) How long was David king over Judah? _____
- (17) In the battle between Abner and Joab, who won? _____
- (18) Who was Joab? _____
- (19) How many of David's men died? _____
- (20) How many of Abner's men died? _____
- (21) What event caused Abner to join David's side? _____

- (22) Who killed Abner? _____
- (23) Why did he slay Abner? _____
- (24) How did David indicate to the people that he did not favor Abner's death? _____
- (25) How did David's actions affect his people? _____

David was careful not to try to treat others as they had treated him. Throughout his career he would evidence a forgiving spirit and kindness to those who were unkind to him. Maybe this is the main reason why God called David a man after His own heart.

➡ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (26) Who was Jonathan's lame son? _____
- (27) In what way was he lame? _____
- (28) Who killed Ishbosheth?
 - (a) _____ (b) _____
- (29) Who was Ishbosheth? _____
- (30) What did they do with his head? _____
- (31) What did David do when he was presented with this sickening gift? _____
- (32) What did all the elders of Israel do for David at Hebron? _____
- (33) Fill in a brief description of what happened in each of these references:
 - (a) 1 Samuel 16:12-13: _____
 - (b) 2 Samuel 2:4: _____

(c) 2 Samuel 5:3: _____

- (34) In Psalm 92:10, David describes this act. Copy the last half of that verse here: _____

David must have looked back at those three times when he had been anointed king. Three times the oil had been placed upon him. Three times he had been reminded of his duty, his responsibility, his obligation to God. Three times his commission had been renewed. In our lives there must be times when we get alone with God and let Him remind us of our commission and that He has the power that we need to live for Him. Have you had any time when you knelt before the Lord and received a fresh commission and infilling from Him? Have you taken some time to let the Lord fill your life and send you forth with a renewed strength? Has He filled your life with a fresh joy?

➡ Answer true or false:

- (35) _____ A Christian needs times when he will get alone with God and have his strength renewed.
- (36) _____ Once a person is sent out by God, he does not need to spend much time in prayer.

➡ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (37) David set his kingdom up in the stronghold of Zion. What city was that? _____

Put this city at (11) on the map on page 2.

- (38) David had battles with the Philistines. However, in one battle he was to wait for a sound before he should go out. What sound was that? _____

David's Careless Mistake (2 Samuel 6)

➡ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (1) What did David want to bring to Jerusalem? _____
- (2) How did they plan to get it there? _____
- (3) When they came to the threshing floor, what happened? _____
- (4) In Numbers 4:15, it says that the sons of Kohath were to _____ the holy things.

God had given specific directions that He wanted followed, but David had overlooked this.

We may be trying to do right, but let us be attentive to God's commands so that we can do the right thing in the right way. The end does not justify the means. We may have a noble motive, but if the way we do something is wrong, then we have not been as careful as we should have been in following God's commands.

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (5) Because the Lord killed Uzzah, what was David afraid to do? _____

- (6) What caused David to finally bring the ark to his place? _____

- (7) How did they bring the ark the rest of the way? _____

The Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (1) What was the difference between David's own house and the place where the ark was?

- (2) What did David plan to do about it? _____
- (3) Who else thought that this was a good idea? _____
- (4) Why would God not allow David to do this? (1 Chronicles 28:3) _____

Instead of allowing David to build the temple, God made a covenant with him.

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (5) State in your own words verse 16, the heart of the Davidic Covenant: _____

- (6) According to David, how many other gods were like the God of Heaven? _____

David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (1) David's throne is securely established, and now he wants to find any relative of Saul so that he can _____.

- (2) Whom did David call to help him find this information? _____

Most kings in those days destroyed everyone who had anything to do with the former king. David did not do that though. Here he is out finding someone to help him show kindness to a predecessor.

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (3) They found _____, Jonathan's son.
- (4) What two major things did David do for him?
(a) _____
(b) _____
- (5) What was wrong with Mephibosheth physically? _____

This is a beautiful picture of what the Lord Jesus has done for sinners. We were of the wrong king (the Devil), yet because of God's Son, the Lord Jesus, God accepts us into His house, gives us back more than what we ourselves had before and allows us to eat at His table continually. The Bible says that He places us in heavenly places. As a Christian, we have an important position.

David's Kindness Rejected (2 Samuel 10)

➔ On the blank, write the correct answer:

- (1) To whom was David going to show kindness? _____
- (2) Why was he going to show him kindness? _____

- (3) The princes of Ammon said that David had sent _____.
- (4) What three things did Hanun do to David's men?
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
- (5) Who won the battle that resulted from this ignoble event? _____

*A lion met a tiger
As they drew beside a pool,
Said the tiger, "Tell me why
You are roaring like a fool."
"That's not foolish," said the lion
With a twinkle in his eyes,
"They call me king of all the beasts
Because I advertise."*

*A rabbit heard them talking
And ran home like a streak;
He thought he'd try the lion's plan,
But his roar was just a squeak.
A fox came to investigate -
Had luncheon in the woods,
So when you advertise, my friend,
Be sure you've got the goods!*