

BAD NEWS FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

(1 Samuel 28)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

A. The Philistines PREPARE for WAR with Israel (1 Samuel 28:1-25)

1. King Achish sought to _____ David and his men into his Philistine army (vv. 1-2)

2. The narrator reminded the reader once again that Samuel the prophet was _____, and that all of the _____ had been removed from the land of Israel by the king. (v. 3)

3. King Saul walked by _____ and he was terribly _____ of the opposing army (vv. 4-5)

4. Saul tried various means to _____ with the Lord, but Jehovah was _____ in His response. (v. 6)

5. In his desperation Saul sought out a _____ in Endor so that she could answer some of his questions. (vv. 7-25)

* What is comical about the king's own men and their personal knowledge of mediums?

- a. Saul _____ himself as an _____ man, and asked the witch to conduct a séance, but she was _____ because of the law in place.

* What did Yahweh think of spiritists, witches and mediums? (Deut. 18:9-14)

b. The _____ of Endor actually brought up the _____ dead prophet Samuel in her séance.

* How many other examples do we have of this kind of thing happening in the Bible?

c. King Saul _____ with the dead prophet Samuel during the séance and he told him about the Lord's _____ to answer him.

d. For the first time, the “_____” mentioned back in 1 Samuel 15:28 (when the kingdom was stripped from Saul) was now specifically identified as “_____”.

* According to v. 18 why was judgment coming down on the house of Saul?

* Samuel promised Saul (in v. 19) that he and his sons would be with him the next day; where was Samuel at the moment?

e. As to be expected, Saul did not take the news of the foreshadowing of his own _____ very well, but he needed to be encouraged to _____ his strength by _____ something.

* How would you react if you received this kind of news about your own life?

* How can you apply this chapter in your own life?