

Week 5 (2nd Qtr) Study Questions

1. **(1 Samuel 28:1 - 29:11 and 1 Chronicles 12:19-22)** Saul goes to a woman with an odd profession. Who was the woman and what did she do for Saul? Why is this odd? Why is David not allowed by the Philistines to go to battle with Saul? Based on what you know about David, do you think that David would have actually fought against Saul and cause his army or him harm? Why or why not?
2. **(1 Samuel 30)** While David was away something happens to his Philistine city. What is that event? On the way to correct the event, some men cannot continue. Why can they not continue? What is the adjustment David and his men make? How does David show mercy to the men who were left behind?
3. **(1 Chronicles 10 , 1 Samuel 31 and 2 Samuel 4:4).** While David is taking care of the raiders of Ziklag, what happens to Saul and Jonathan? What request does Saul make of his armor-bearer? What does Saul do when the armor-bearer refuses? What ends up in front of the Philistine temple?
4. **(2 Samuel 1)** The account of the death of Saul and Jonathan in 2 Samuel 1 seems to conflict with the account the in text in question 3. Who is the “narrator” of the account of the deaths in 2 Samuel 1? What is his final fate? Does this difference in the two accounts demonstrate a Bible conflict? Why or why not?
5. **(2 Samuel 2 and 2 Samuel 5:4)** David begins is rule in what city? How old is he? Does he have rule over all the Children of Israel? Who follows David at first? Who is the “King” of the opposition? This makes a political fault line that allows for future (in our reading) events just after the death of David’s son Solomon. What is that “future” event? What is the story of the field of sharp swords? Abner is the general for King Ishbosheth. What can you tell of his ability as a warrior in the passage? Who does he kill?
6. **(2 Samuel 3)** What is the state of the war between Israel and Judah? Who defects to David? Who kills the defector and why? What is David’s reaction to this death?
7. **(2 Samuel 4)** King Ishbosheth is whose son? How does is die? The sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah kill Ishbosheth and take his head to David in Hebron. What is David’s reaction to this “gester”? What reward does David give to Rechab and Baanah? Does David still have respect for the family of Saul?
8. **(2 Samuel 5)** David finally rules all of Israel, but what city does David have to take from the Jebusites? We also see David’s family expand. To understand the culture, what is the difference in a wife and a concubine?
9. **Challenge Question (2 Samuel 6)** The Ark of God is not in Jerusalem, and David wanted to bring it there. How it is initially transported? Read **Deuteronomy 10:7-9, Exodus 25:13-15, and Deuteronomy 31:24-26.** Had this method of transportation been forbidden? Was it a technological improvement over just carrying it with poles? Uzzah tries to keep the Ark of the Covenant from falling from the cart when the oxen stumble. What happens to Uzzah? Was Uzzah sincere in his desire to save the Ark? What was Uzzah’s error? There are three ways to find God’s will in scripture which are as follows: direct command, binding example, and necessary inference. What method of finding God’s will should Uzzah have followed to avoid his death? Give two examples of things God’s people do today due to necessary inference. Give two examples each for direct command and binding example. David finally gets the Ark to Jerusalem. What does he do to anger his wife? Does this example give us the authority to dance in church as a part of worship? Why or why not?