

Saul didn't wait for Samuel to offer sacrifice



Jonathan and his armourbearer fight Philistines

Walking with Kings & Prophets (Part 1) Week 4

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Saul spared Agag and sheep



God rejected Saul from being king

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Sunday

Saul sacrifices

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 13v1-14

1. Who were in Michmash? (v2) *Find it on a map*
2. Who were in Gibeah? (v2) *Find it on a map*
3. Who did Jonathan smite? (v3) *Find Geba on a map*
4. Where did people gather after Saul? (v4) *Find it on a map*
5. Where did the Philistines gather to fight Israel? (v5) *Find it on a map*
6. What did the people of Israel do? (v6)

No wonder the Israelites were scared. The Philistines had more men, horses, chariots, and better swords and spears.

7. Where did some Hebrews go? (v7) *Find these places on a map*
8. How long did Saul wait for Samuel? (v8)

Samuel had told Saul to wait (10v8).

9. What did Saul offer? (v9)

Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin. He was NOT a priest. So, he wasn't supposed to offer sacrifices.

10. When did Samuel come? (v10)
11. Why did Saul say he'd offered the burnt offering? (v11+12)
12. Why had Saul done foolishly? (v13)
13. What would NOT be established forever? (v13+14)
14. What was the LORD looking for? (v14)

MEANINGS:

Garrison = place where soldiers stay;

Abomination = really hated;

Strait = danger;

Distressed = really worried and unhappy;

Thickets = thick, tangled bushes;

Salute = greet;

Supplication = prayer to;



Which is true?

- a) A Christian is never afraid*
- b) A Christian never has any problems*
- c) A Christian has the Lord to help them*
- d) It is OK to disobey sometimes*

Answers

1) Saul and 2000 men; 2) Jonathan and 1000 men; 3) The garrison of Philistines in Geba; 4) Gilgal; 5) Michmash; 6) Hid in caves, thickets, rocks, high places and pits; 7) Over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; 8) 7 days; 9) Burnt offering; 10) When he had finished offering it; 11) He forced himself to do it because the people were scattered and the Philistines gathered to fight; 12) He hadn't done what the LORD said; 13) Saul's kingdom; 14) A man after His own heart

A Christian has the Lord to help them with every problem and when they are afraid.



A man after God's own heart will want to please the LORD more than anyone else. His heart will be soft. He will be truly sorry when he does wrong. He will love and care for others.

The Lord wants you to be that sort of person. So, what is your heart like before Him?

***"The LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart."
(1 Samuel 13v14)***



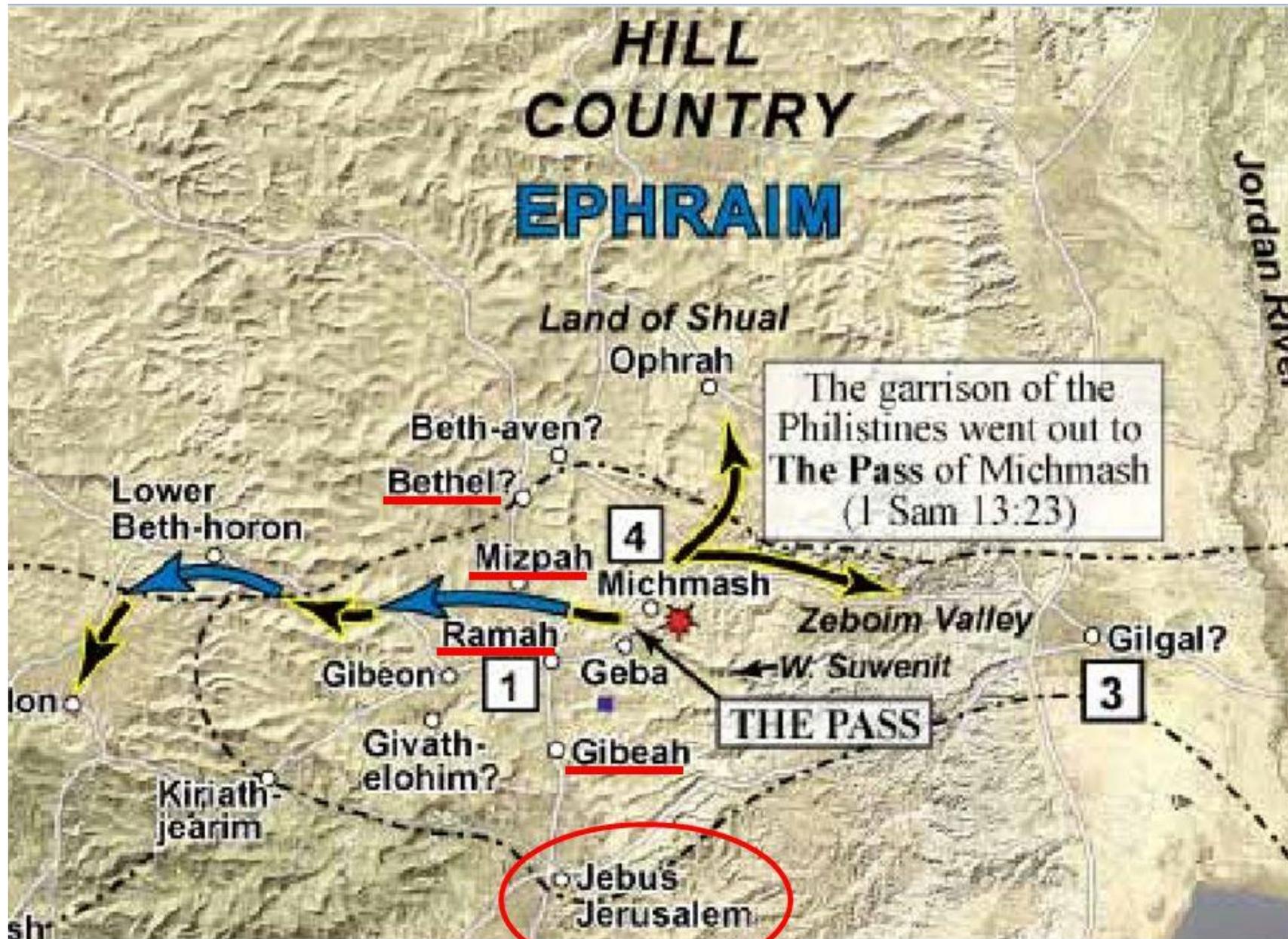
Did you know?

The Philistines were descendants of Ham (Genesis 10v6, 13+14)



"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe." (Proverbs 29v25)

Battle of Michmash Map



Monday

Philistines battle and raid

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 13v15-23



Battle of Michmash map

1. Where did Samuel go? (v15) *Find it on a map*
2. Who were with Saul in Gibeah? (v15+16) *Find it on a map*
3. Where did the Philistines camp? (v16) *Find it on a map*

Saul's army was 3000 men (13v2). Now it was 600 men. His soldiers were leaving him. The Philistines were raiding the land. There seemed no hope of beating them.

4. Where did one company of Philistines go? (v17) *Find it on a map*
5. Where did another company go? (v18) *Find it on a map*
6. Where did another company go? (v18) *Find it on a map*
7. What was NOT in Israel? (v19)
8. Why? (v19)
9. So, where did they go to sharpen their tools? (v20)
10. What did the people NOT have? (v22)
11. Who did have them? (v22)
12. Where did the Philistines go? (v23) *Find it on a map*

Ploughshare, coulter, axe and mattock are all farm tools. Imagine....the Israelites had to go to the Philistines to get their farm tools sharpened!



The Philistines didn't want the Israelites to have swords. The Word of God is like a sword. It is the greatest weapon that a Christian has against evil. The devil doesn't want us to use it. So, he attacks it, tries to destroy it and he wants us to doubt it.



What sorts of things are evils that we must fight?

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| a) Stealing | b) Love | c) Peace |
| d) Bad thoughts | e) Telling lies | f) Kindness |
| g) Hate | h) Jealousy | i) Being selfish |
| j) Patience | k) Cursing | l) Obeying parents |
| m) Praying | n) Pride | o) Gossip |
| p) Doubt | | |

Answers

- 1) From Gilgal to Gibeah; 2) Jonathan and 600 men; 3) Michmash; 4) The way to Ophrah in land of Shaul; 5) The way to Beth-horon; 6) The way to the valley of Zeboim; 7) A smith; 8) The Philistines didn't want them to make swords or spears; 9) To the Philistines; 10) Sword or spear; 11) Saul and Jonathan; 12) Michmash

Some evils that we must fight are:

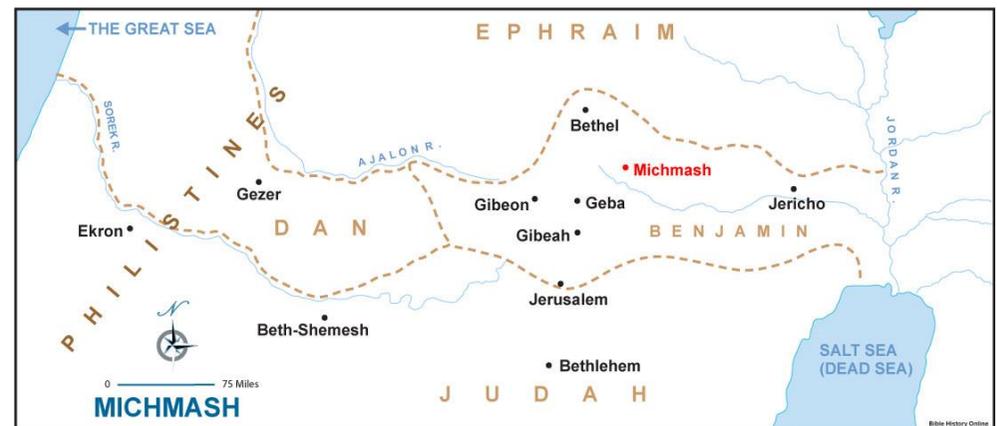
Stealing, Bad thoughts, Telling lies, Hate, Jealousy, Being selfish, Cursing, Pride, Gossip, and Doubt

Use God's Word to help you fight these things



Remember the devil is God's great enemy. He wants to destroy your life. The LORD loves you. He only wants what is best for you. He wants to give you life that's worth living.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10v10)



Tuesday

Jonathan and armour bearer kill Philistines

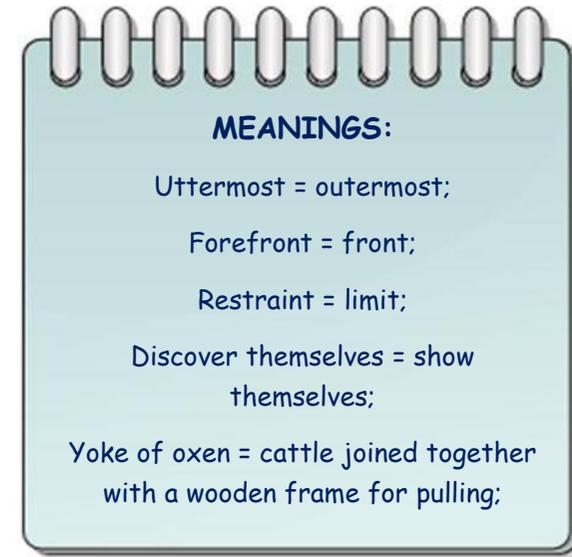
Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 14v1-14

1. Where did Jonathan and his armour bearer go? (v1)
2. Where were Saul and his 600 men? (v2) *Find it on a map*
3. Who didn't know Jonathan was gone? (v1+3)
4. Who did Jonathan trust to work for him? (v6)
5. Who can the LORD save by? (v6)
6. How would they know NOT to go to fight the Philistines? (v9)
7. How would they know they would win? (v10)
8. What did the Philistines call them? (v11)
9. Who would defeat the Philistines? (v12)
10. How did Jonathan and his armour bearer get to them? (v13)
11. How many Philistines were killed? (v14)



What do you need to be to fight for the LORD?

- a) *Wise / Educated*
- b) *Proud / Humble*
- c) *Have faith in God / Trust yourself*



The LORD is looking for people who will believe Him. He wants to show His mighty power through their lives. Simple faith takes God at His Word....even when everything seems hopeless. What God says He will do!

Answers

1) Over to the Philistines garrison; 2) Gibeah (under a pomegranate tree in Migron); 3) Saul and the people; 4) The LORD; 5) By many or by few; 6) If the Philistines said, Tarry until we come to you; 7) If the Philistines said, Come up to us; 8) Hebrews; 9) The LORD; 10) Climbed up on their hands and feet; 11) About 20 men

If you want to fight for the LORD, you need to be wise, humble and have faith in God.

“For there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.” (1 Samuel 14v6)



Did you know?

Circumcision is the sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham (Genesis 17).

Every Jewish boy had a mark on his body to remind him of this. They were just 8 days old when they were circumcised.

God chose Israel to be His special people. Israelites were descended from Abraham. They were to be different from all other nations. The Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham.

Philistines were not descendants of Abraham. They were not God’s special people. They were uncircumcised.



The high priest of Israel wore a special ephod. It was made of blue, purple, scarlet and fine linen (Exodus 28v5-7). Sometimes the ephod was brought to ask God to show them what to do.



Pomegranate

Wednesday

Philistines kill each other and flee

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 14v15-23

1. What happened to the earth? (v15)
2. What happened to the Philistines? (v15)
3. Who told Saul about it? (v16)
4. Who did Saul find was NOT with him? (v17)
5. What did Saul say to bring? (v18)
6. Who did Saul talk to? (v19)
7. What increased? (v19)

'Withdraw thine hand' means stop asking God what to do. Saul knew he had to go to battle. There's a time to pray....and there's a time to fight.

8. Who went to battle? (v20)
9. Who were killing each other? (v20)

Israel's soldiers had no swords (13v22). But the LORD used the Philistines swords against the Philistines!

10. Who also killed Philistines? (v21+22)

*Some Hebrews were so scared they'd changed sides. They'd left Saul and went to the Philistines. But now they turned back to fight for Saul. **Find Mount Ephraim on a map***

11. Who saved Israel? (v23)
12. Where was the battle to? (v23) **Find it on a map**



What should you do?

Sometimes it's very hard to be a Christian. People don't want to be your friend. Nothing you do or say seems to matter. You're laughed at. So, what should you do?

- a) Give up and feel useless*
- b) Help those who are against the Bible*
- c) Be bold and trust God for help*
- d) Hide away and do nothing*

Answers

1) It quaked; 2) They trembled; 3) The watchmen in Gibeah; 4) Jonathan and his armour bearer; 5) The Ark of God; 6) The priest; 7) The noise in the host of the Philistines; 8) Saul and the people with him; 9) The Philistines; 10) Hebrews that were with the Philistines and men of Israel that hid in Mount Ephraim; 11) The LORD; 12) Beth-aven

Be bold and trust God for help



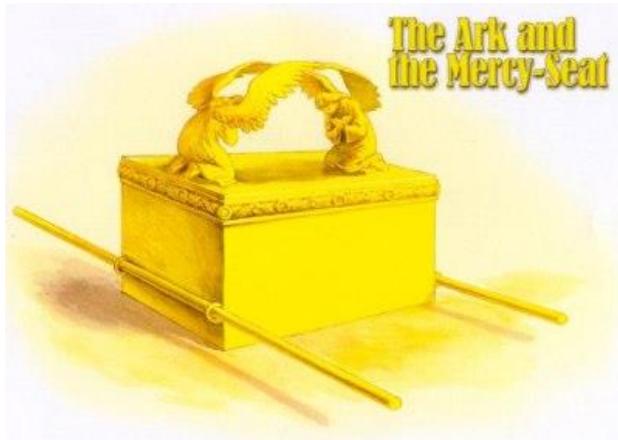
Jonathan did what he could. He trusted God and used his sword. Then, God did what Jonathan couldn't do. He sent an earthquake and put the Philistines killing each other.

Don't wait around for God to do what we can do!

***"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
(Psalm 27v1)***

Map





The Ark of the Covenant was meant to be kept in the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle. It was made of wood covered with gold.

The lid was called the mercy seat. Two gold cherubims sat on it. The LORD was present between the cherubims...just above the mercy seat (Exodus 25v22).



Did you know?

The Philistines had taken the Ark of God after winning a battle (1 Samuel 4). God plagued them. So, they sent it back (1 Samuel 6).

The Ark of God was no longer in the Tabernacle. It was in the house of Abinadab in Kirjath-jearim (1 Samuel 7v1+2).

Find Kirjath-jearim on a map



Thursday

Jonathan ate honey

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 14v24-35

1. How did the men of Israel feel? (v24)
2. Why? (v24)
3. So, what would they NOT do? (v25+26)

Saul forced them to fast. This was not good. The men needed strength to fight. Imagine....lovely honey dripping in front of them....and they weren't allowed to eat it!

4. Why did Jonathan eat it? (v27)
5. What happened when he ate it? (v27)

This means his face brightened. The honey gave him energy to go on fighting.

6. How did the people feel? (v28)
7. What did Jonathan say his father had done? (v29)
8. What could have happened? (v30)

The people were faint. They hadn't eaten. So, they couldn't go on to fight more.

9. Where did they beat the Philistines? (v31) *Find it on a map*
10. So, what did the people do? (v32)
11. How were they sinning against God? (v34)
12. What did Saul build? (v35)
13. Had he ever built an altar before? (v35)



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The soldiers were very faint because they hadn't eaten. If we don't feed on God's Word we will be faint to fight for God.

Feed much on God's Word. It will make you strong to fight for the LORD.



What did Jesus teach about fasting?

Fasting means to go without food for a time.

(Matthew 6v16-18)

- a) Let everyone know you're fasting*
- b) Make people fast with you*
- c) Fast without letting everyone know*
- d) Be really sad because you've to fast*

Answers

1) Distressed; 2) Saul had told them, Cursed be the man that eats any food until evening, so that he could fight his enemies; 3) Eat honey; 4) He didn't hear his father telling this; 5) His eyes were enlightened; 6) Faint; 7) Troubled the land; 8) If the people had been allowed to eat they could have had a greater slaughter of the Philistines; 9) From Michmash to Aijalon; 10) Killed animals and ate them with the blood; 11) They ate the blood; 12) An altar; 13) No

Fast without letting everyone know. Then, your Father in heaven will reward you openly.

There's nothing wrong with fasting. But God doesn't want you to do it to get praise from people.

"But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble." (Psalm 37v39)



Why not eat blood?

God had given very strict rules about this (Leviticus 17v10-13; Deuteronomy 12v23-25).

When they killed an animal, they had to drain the blood out of it.

They were NOT to drink blood. The life is in the blood.

The New Testament, also, tells us not to eat blood (Acts 15v20).

Friday

People save Jonathan

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 14v36-52

1. What did Saul want to do? (v36)
2. What did the priest say to do? (v36)
3. Would the LORD answer them? (v37)
4. What was Saul going to find out? (v38)
5. Who would he even kill? (v39)
6. Did anyone answer him? (v39)
7. Who did they ask to give a perfect lot? (v41)
8. Who saved Jonathan from death? (v45)

Jonathan didn't deserve to die. He wasn't there when his father Saul told his army not to eat. He'd been fighting for the LORD.

9. What enemies did Saul fight against? (v47+48)
10. Who was captain of Saul's army? (v50)
11. Who fought Israel all the days of Saul? (v52)
12. Who did Saul take for his army? (v52)

***"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."
(Psalm 66v18)***

"Let us draw near hither unto God." (1 Samuel 14v36)



Give 2 reasons that the LORD will NOT answer our prayers?

- a) We didn't ask the priest to pray
- b) There's sin in our lives
- c) We don't believe God
- d) We love everybody
- e) We read the Bible



Jonathan worked with God (v45). The people stood up for Jonathan. They knew he didn't work against the LORD.

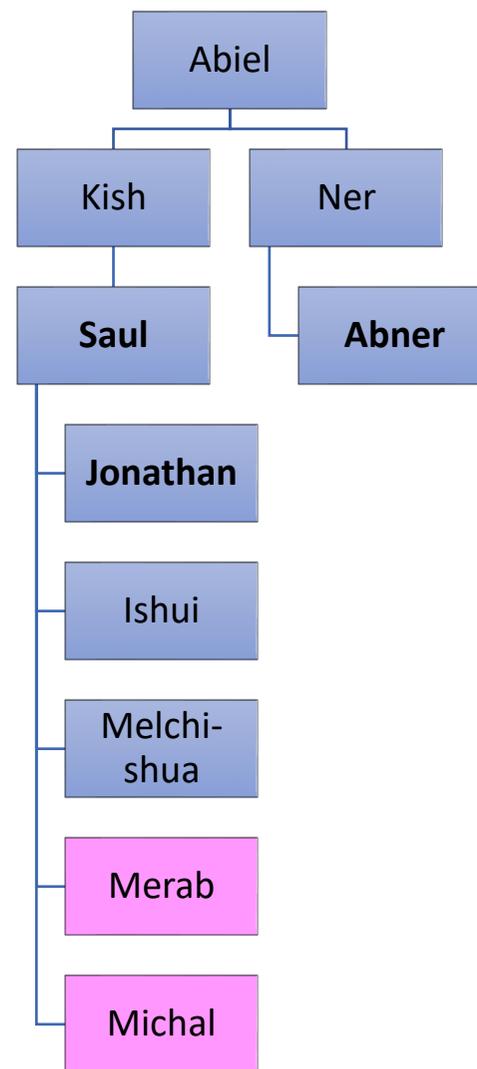
Be bold to work with God....not against Him. Be strong and speak up for what's right.

Answers

- 1) Go to Philistines at night and fight them until the morning;
- 2) Draw near to God;
- 3) No;
- 4) How they'd sinned that day;
- 5) Jonathan;
- 6) No;
- 7) The LORD;
- 8) The people;
- 9) Moab, Ammon, Edom, kings of Zobah, Philistines, and Amalekites;
- 10) Abner;
- 11) The Philistines;
- 12) Strong and valiant men

We CANNOT expect the LORD to answer our prayers if there's sin in our lives and if we don't believe God.

Saul and Abner were cousins



Saturday

Saul spares Agag and animals

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 15v1-11

1. What did the LORD remember? (v2)

Read about it Exodus 17v8-16

2. What was Saul to do? (v3)
3. Where did Saul gather his army? (v4) *Find it on a map*
4. How many were there? (v4)
5. Where did Saul lie in wait? (v5)
6. Who did Saul spare? (v6)
7. Why? (v6)
8. Where did Saul smite the Amalekites? (v7) *Find it on a map*
9. Who did Saul spare? (v8+9)
10. What did Saul spare? (v9)
11. Why was the LORD sad He'd made Saul king? (v11)
12. How did Samuel feel? (v11)
13. What did Samuel do? (v11)

***“Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.”
(Jeremiah 38v20)***

MEANINGS:

Footmen = foot soldiers;

Vile and refuse = bad and worthless;

Fatlings = young animals being fattened up to be killed



What is the best way to show that you really believe and love God?

- a) Give lots of money to charity
- b) Obey God with all your heart
- c) Do lots of church work
- d) Tell others how good you are



Who were the Amalekites?

The Amalekites were descendants of Esau (Genesis 36v12). They had attacked Israel when they came out of Egypt.

God said He would utterly destroy Amalek (Exodus 17v14; Deuteronomy 25v17-19). Now that time had come. But Saul didn't obey God and do it!



Who were the Kenites?

The Kenites were descendants of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law (Judges 1v16).



Samuel was very sad that Saul was rejected. He cried to the LORD all night. How do you feel when someone turns from God? Do you gossip about them? Or do you cry to the LORD for them?



Does God sin that He has to repent?

God CANNOT sin. When the Bible says that God repents....it means that He is really, really sad because of what man has done wrong. Saul had turned back from following the LORD....and he didn't obey God's commands. This made God very sad. God must punish sin.

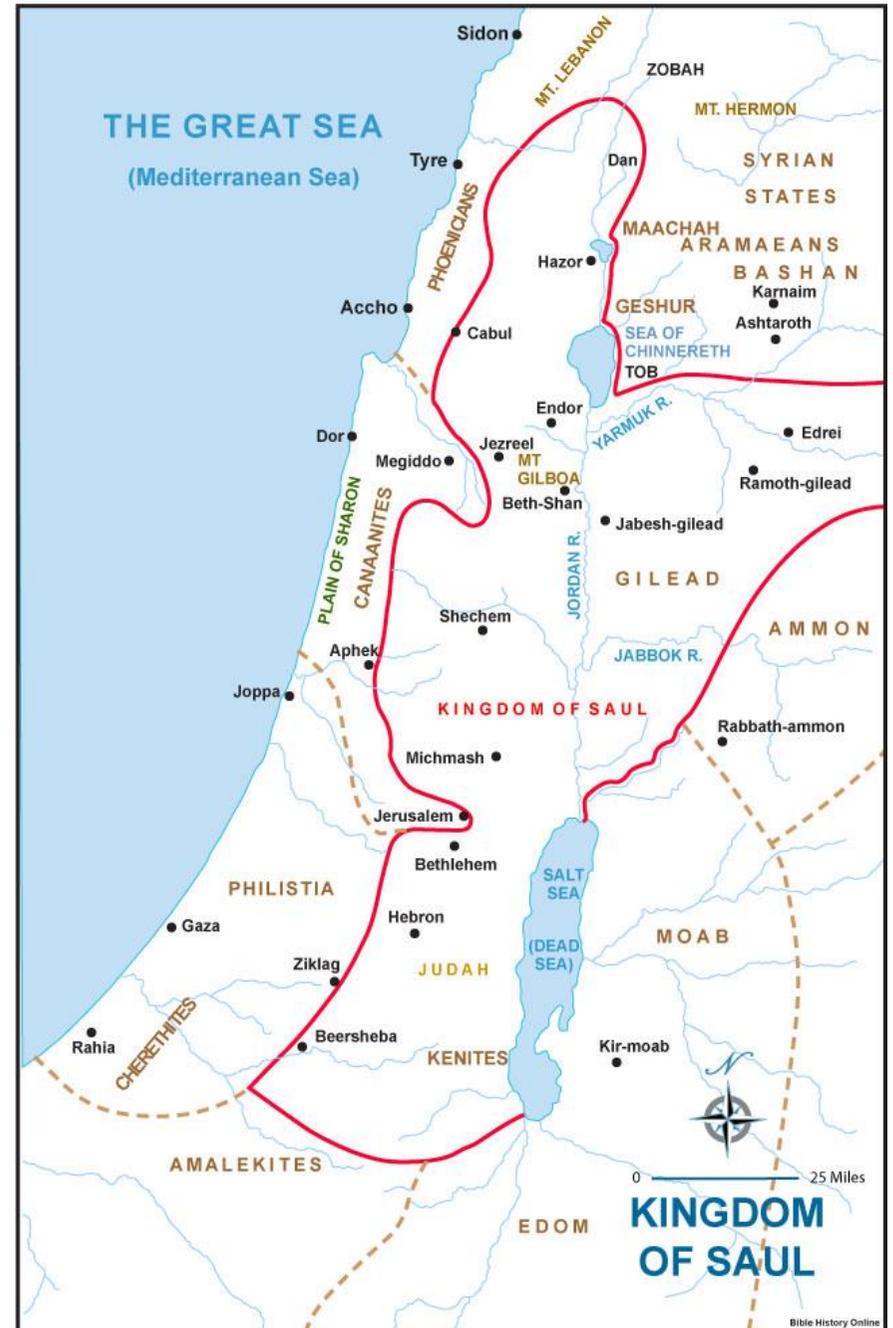
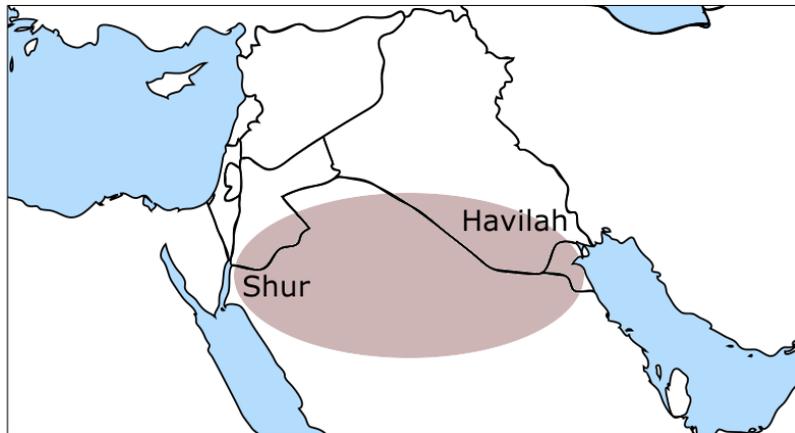
Answers

1) What Amalek had done to Israel when they came out of Egypt; 2) Utterly destroy Amalek; 3) Telaim; 4) 210 000 men; 5) A valley near a city of Amalek; 6) The Kenites; 7) They showed kindness to Israel when they came out of Egypt; 8) From Havilah to Shur; 9) Agag the king of the Amalekites; 10) The best of the sheep, oxen, fatlings, lambs and all that was good; 11) Saul turned back from following the LORD and didn't keep His commandments; 12) Grieved; 13) Cried to the LORD all night

The best way to show that you really believe and love God is.... Obey God with all your heart



Go to map to see Shur and Amalek



Old English words

Afar	Far away
Ass	Donkey
Aught	Anything at all
Befallen	Happened to
Dealt	Done
Dost, Doest	Do
Draw nigh	Come near
Fetch	Go and get
Gat	Get
Hence	From this place
Hereby	By this
Heretofore	Before now
Hindmost	Last
Hither	Here
Hitherto	Up until now
Howbeit	However, nevertheless
Inasmuch	Since
Midst	Middle
Mixt	Mixed
Nigh	Near
Notwithstanding	Nevertheless, in spite of this
Peradventure	Perhaps
Plow	Plough

Straightway	Immediately
Selfsame	That same
Shew	Show
Thereon	On that
Therewith	With that
Thither	To there
Thou	You (<i>singular</i>)
Thou art	You are
Thrust out	Cast out
Uttermost	Farthest
Whence	From where
Wherefore	Why
Wherewith	With which
Whilst	While
Whither	To where
Whomsoever	Whoever
Wilt	Will
Wit, wot, wist	Know
Wont to do	In the habit of doing
Wrought	Done, made

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