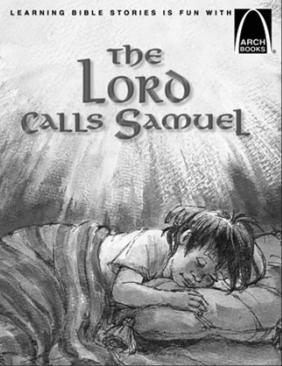


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### **David and Achish – 28:1-2**

- † These two verses are a side note by the author to set up the rest of Saul's story.
- † The Philistines are gathering for war.
- † Achish trusted David and wanted him to fight the Israelites by his side.
- † David said: "You shall know what your servant can do." A wide-open statement.

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### **The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † The question: Did the medium actually bring Samuel back from the dead and did he actually converse with Saul? Our options:
  - † 1) Yes, it happened just as it is written.
  - † 2) It was a trick by the medium, convincing Saul that Samuel was present.
  - † 3) It was done by demons.

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## The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25

- † 3 – The author sets the stage: Samuel had indeed died leaving a spiritual vacuum.
- † 4 – Saul was obedient to God and had banned all occult practices. (Lev. 19:31; 20:6,17; Deut. 18:9-14).
- † 4 – The Philistine army was at Shunem, Saul's army at Gilboa.

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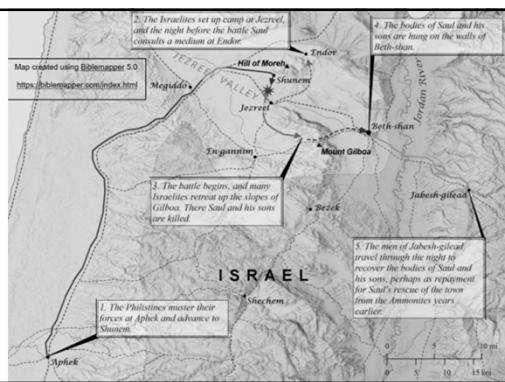


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## The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25

- † 5 – Saul had lost his courage.
- † 6 – Saul sought guidance from God, but got no answer from dreams, the Urim or prophets. God had abandoned Saul.
- † 7 – Saul wanted to talk to a medium, and a woman in Endor still practiced in spite of the ban.

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † 7 – A “medium” – a necromancer or sorcerer; someone who channels; the person stands between the world of the living and world of the dead to communicate between the two worlds.
- † 8 – Saul disguised himself and asked the woman to channel the prophet Samuel so he could know what God wanted him to do.

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † 9 – The woman thought it was a ruse to trap her in doing something illegal.
- † 10-11 – Saul assured her and asked her to bring up Samuel.
- † 12 – When the woman saw Samuel she screamed. She then realized that she was dealing with the King.

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † 13 – The medium said she saw a “god” (“Elohim”). She did not know who it was.
- † 14 – By her description, Saul new it was Samuel and bowed before him.
- † 1) Was this deception by the medium?
- † 2) Was this a demonic impersonation of Samuel?
- † 3) Was this a genuine appearance of Samuel?

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † Conclusion? Samuel actually appeared, not because the woman called him, but because God sent him to confirm the judgement of King Saul.
- † 15 – Saul told Samuel that he was desperate: God was not speaking to him and he needed guidance.

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † 16 – Saul's message:
  - † 1) The Lord has given the kingdom to David
  - † 2) Saul failed God's command with the Amalekites
  - † 3) The Lord will give Israel to the Philistines.
  - † 4) Saul and his sons will die.

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**The Medium of Endor – 28:3-25**

- † 20 – Saul collapsed upon hearing this pronouncement, because not only were the Philistines against him, so was God.
- † 21 – Saul was exhausted and hadn't eaten, so the woman told him to eat.
- † 24-25 – She prepared a meal for him.

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12

**David is Dismissed – 29:1-11**

- † 1 – The Philistine army gathers at Aphek.
- † 2 – They march north, with Achish and David in the rear.
- † 3 – The other Philistine commanders object to having David's 600 march with them, but Achish vouches for him.

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**David is Dismissed – 29:1-11**

- † 4 – The other commanders demand that David be sent back to Ziklag. They were afraid David would turn on them.
- † 6 – Achish told David that he had to go back.
- † 8 – David argues that he hasn't done anything against them.
- † 9-11 – Achish agrees with him but tells David to take his men back to Ziklag.

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