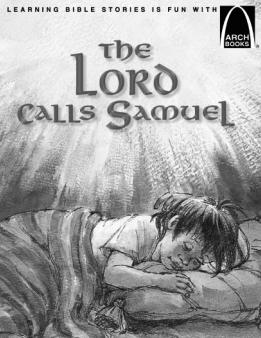


**the book of
1st Samuel**

**Thursday Morning
Bible Class**

**1 Samuel 30:1 –
2 Samuel 1:16**



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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † The Amalekites were descendants of Esau.
- † They were a nomadic tribe who lived in the wilderness between Canaan and Egypt.
- † They were the first to attack Israel after the Red Sea crossing.
- † They were the epitome of evil and a constant threat to Israel.
- † God called for their annihilation - Deut. 25:17-19

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † Moses fought them – the battle where Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands for the battle.
- † Saul was commanded to destroy them, but failed, leaving king Agag alive.
- † Now David must deal with them.

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † 1 – While David and Saul are battling the Philistines, the Amalekites use the opportunity to attack Ziklag, David's city.
- † 2 – They took all the people captive.
- † 3 – David and his men return to find the city burned and their wives and children gone.
- † 4 – They greatly mourn their loss.
- † 5 – David's wives had also been taken.

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † 6 – In their grief the men turn on David and want to stone him. But unlike Saul, David found his strength in God.
- † 7-8 – Consulting the Urim and Thummim, David asked God if he should pursue the raiders.
- † God's answer: Go and rescue the captives.

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † 9-10 – David pursued, but 200 of his men were too exhausted to go farther and stayed behind.
- † 11-12 – They found an Egyptian wandering in the desert and gave him food and water.
- † 13 – He had been a slave to an Amalekite and left behind.
- † 14 – He had taken part on the raids.

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † 15 – David asked him to guide them to the Amalekites and he agreed if David didn't kill him.
- † 16 – They found the Amalekites celebrating their victories.
- † 17 – David carried out a night attack and killed them all except 400 who escaped.
- † 18-20 – All were rescued.

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David's First Law – 30:21-25

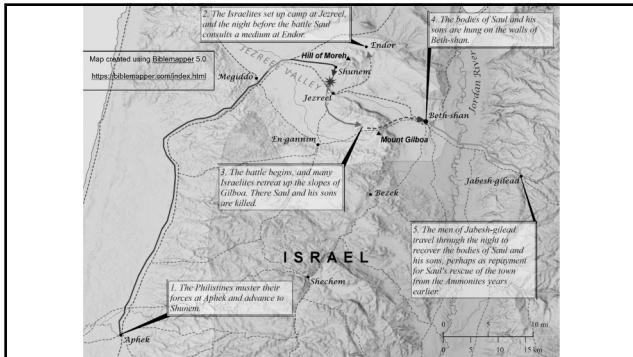
- † 21 – David brought all the spoils back to the 200 who had stayed behind.
- † 22 – Some of David's men did not want to share the spoils with the 200.
- † 23 – But David overruled them, saying this was God's spoils, not theirs.
- † 24-25 – David made the rule that all would receive a share; a rule that lasted. (Matt 20:1?)

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David Sends Gifts – 30:26-31

- † 26 – David sends gifts to the elders in the southern part of Judah.
- † 27-31 – This was an important act because David would need the support of the prominent men of Judah if he was to become king.

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Saul Dies in Battle – 31:1-13

- † 1 – Meanwhile, back at the battle, the Israelites were being defeated.
- † 2 – The Philistines killed three of Saul's sons. (He probably had 5 sons.)
- † 3 – A Philistine archer wounds Saul.
- † 4 – Saul's fear was that the Philistines would ridicule him and torture him. So he asks his armor-bearer to kill him.

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Saul Dies in Battle – 31:1-13

- † 4-5 – The armor-bearer refuses, so Saul kills himself. The armor-bearer does likewise.
- † 6 – So Saul, his three sons, his personal guard all die on the same day.
- † 7 – The Israelites living the area fled, and the Philistines took over their cities.
- † 8-9 The Philistines cut off Saul’s head, took his armor, and sent the good news to Philistia.

Saul Dies in Battle – 31:1-13

- † 10 – They affix his body to the walls of Beth-shan, a city in the Jordan valley.
- † 11-13 – The people of Jabesh-gilead came and retrieved Saul and his sons' remains and buried them with honor.
- † This is where 1 Samuel ends. But the story continues in 2 Samuel.

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David Learns of Saul's Death – 2**Samuel 1:1-27**

- † The chapter begins with a totally different account of Saul's death. A contradiction? Or a fabrication made up by the messenger?
- † 1 – Saul dies at the same time David is defeating the Amalekites.
- † 2 – 3 days later a man arrives as if in mourning.

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David Learns of Saul's Death – 2**Samuel 1:1-27**

- † 3-4 – The man reported that Israel was defeated and Saul and Jonathan are dead.
- † 5-6 – How does he know this? He came "by chance" on the body of Saul.
- † He took Saul's crown and arm ring.

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David Learns of Saul's Death – 2**Samuel 1:1-27**

- † 7-10 – He gives an interesting account of Saul's death:
 - † • Saul was leaning on his spear
 - † • Chariots were bearing down on him.
 - † • Saul engaged the soldier, asking him who he was.

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David Learns of Saul's Death – 2**Samuel 1:1-27**

- † 7-10 – He gives an interesting account of Saul's death:
 - † • Saul told him to kill him.
 - † • So the Amelikite killed him, took his crown and his armlet, and brought them to David.

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David Learns of Saul's Death – 2**Samuel 1:1-27**

- † 12 – They mourned and wept until evening.
- † 14 – Why was the man not afraid to kill the Lord's anointed? No one could do that.
- † 15-16 – So David ordered his execution, saying it was his own fault for admitting that he killed the Lord's Anointed.

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