

THE BOOK OF 2 SAMUEL

QUIZ

Find the correct answer to each question.

- 1. At the beginning of the first chapter, a man who came from Saul's camp, his clothes torn and dust on his head, thought he was bringing good news to David. What was his message?
 - a. Saul and Jonathan are dead.
 - b. The Philistines are defeated.
 - c. Both « a » and « b » are correct.
- 2. Far from rejoicing at the fate of his adversary, David composes a lament about Saul and Jonathan which he orders to be taught to the children of Judah: it is the lament of the bow. According to verse 18, in which book was it written?
 - a. The book of Judges.
 - b. The book of Jashar.
 - c. The book of Isaiah.
- 3. According to the second chapter, by which tribe was David appointed king?
 - a. Benjamin.
 - b. Judah.
 - c. Levi.
- 4. Although David was proclaimed king, only the people of Judah were submissive to him. The people of Saul's house did not follow him. In chapter 2, they anointed one of Saul's sons as king over the rest of Israel. Which one?
 - a. Ish-bosheth.
 - b. Abinadab.
 - c. Jonathan.
- 5. A mighty warrior abandons Ish-bosheth to join David. But he was cowardly killed by Joab, another mighty warrior, which caused David great sorrow. According to verse 27 of chapter 3, who is this about?
 - a. Hiram.
 - b. Asahel.
 - c. Abner.
- 6. According to chapter 4, what was the reward for those who thought they were bringing good news to David by telling him about the death of Ish-bosheth?
 - a. Death.
 - b. Honors.
 - c. A portion of land.

- 7. In chapter 6, David began his kingship. His first consideration was for a sacred object before which the name of the Lord of hosts is invoked. What is it?
 - a. The book of the law.
 - b. The royal crown.
 - c. The ark of God.
- 8. David was angry because the Lord decided to strike to death a man who wanted to prevent the ark from falling. According to verses 3-8 of chapter 6, who is this man?
 - a. Joab.
 - b. Uzzah.
 - c. Ahjo.
- 9. The ark of God arrived in the city of David amidst great rejoicing. David danced with all his might among the people when the ark arrived. But his wife, who looked at it through the window, looked down on him. What is her name?
 - a. Michal.
 - b. Abigail.
 - c. Achinoam.
- 10. In chapter 9, David not only fulfills his promise to Jonathan, son of Saul, his faithful friend, but he also makes this divine grace overflow to a son of Jonathan, who was lame in both feet. What is his name?
 - a. Zadok.
 - b. Mephibosheth.
 - c. Ziba.
- 11. According to verse 7 of chapter 9, how did David choose to reward Jonathan's son who was lame in both feet?
 - a. He restored to him all of Saul's land.
 - b. He invited him to eat at his table.
 - c. « a » and « b » are correct.
- 12. In chapter 11, David takes Bathsheba the wife of Uriah, and to hide his sin, he commits a second one with the complicity of Joab from verse 14 to 17. How does he do it?
 - a. By plotting the death of his noble and devoted soldier, Uriah.
 - b. By engaging the people in a fierce battle.
 - c. By being odious to all reproach.
- 13. David violated at least three of God's precepts by committing adultery. Yet, his conscience still does not revive until God sends him a prophet to rebuke him in chapter 12. Who was this prophet?
 - a. Abinadab.
 - b. Nathan.
 - c. Samuel.

- 14. As a punishment for his sin, David's first child with Bathsheba did not survive his illness. But God still blessed the womb of Bath-sheba who bore David a second son who was loved by the Lord. Who is this?
 - a. Ammon.
 - b. Absalom.
 - c. Solomon.
- 15. In chapter 13, we see a David who becomes a powerless witness to his family's misfortunes. How does this happen?
 - a. Ammon dishonors Tamar, his half-sister.
 - b. Absalom orders the killing of his brother, Ammon.
 - c. Both « a » and « b » are correct.
- 16. In chapter 16, as David continues to experience pain and rejection, a man from the same clan as Saul's family takes the opportunity to throw stones and hurl insult at him. The name of this man is given in verse 6. Who is this man?
 - a. Shimei.
 - b. Abishai.
 - c. Gera.
- 17. According to verse 9 of chapter 18, by whom was Absalom killed when his mule went under the thick branches and his hair got caught in the oak tree where he was left hanging in midair?
 - a. David.
 - b. Joab.
 - c. Abishai.
- 18. The victory which has just been won does not bring much joy. The death of his son breaks his poor father's heart. What was David's cry of anguish at the end of chapter 18?
 - a. « O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! »
 - b. «If only I had died instead of you! »
 - c. « a » and « b » are correct.
- 19. Chapter 21 tells us another sad story. Saul had violated the oath Israel had once made to the Gibeonites. Long afterwards, his crime is remembered. In revenge, what was the Gibeonites's request?
 - a. The hanging of seven men who were descendants of Saul.
 - b. A gift of 200 kilos of gold.
 - c. All the people in slavery.
- 20. In chapter 22, all the king's enemies were destroyed. By what means did David celebrate God's deliverance?
 - a. A hymn.
 - b. A dance.
 - c. The building of a temple.

Answers:

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