**Because Saul did not obey the Lord**

1 Samuel 28:3-25; 31:1-13 (Key verse 28:18)

“*Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today.”*

1. What had happened in the past in Israel? (28:3) What was happening in the current day, and why was Saul afraid and his heart filled with terror? (28:4-5) What did he do, and what was the result? (28:6) Why did God not respond to Saul’s request?
2. What did Saul resort to when he did not get a response from God? (28:7-8; Lev 19:31[[1]](#footnote-1), 20:6[[2]](#footnote-2)) What does this show about him? How did the medium respond to Saul’s request? (9) How did Saul persuade the medium to fulfil his request? (10) Who did Saul ask the medium to bring up and what happened? (28:11-12)
3. What did Saul ask the medium woman, what did she tell him and what did Saul do? (28:13-14) What did Samuel question Saul about, and how did Saul respond? (28:15) How did Samuel respond to Saul? (28:16-17) What will happen to Saul and his sons, and to the army of Israel? (28:19) What reason did Samuel give Saul for this judgement? (28:18)
4. How did Saul respond to Samuel’s words? (28:20) How did the woman and Saul’s men help Saul? (28:21-25) How were Samuel’s words fulfilled in what happened to Saul and his sons? (31:1-7) What caused Saul’s tragic end? (28:17-18; 1Ch 10:13-14[[3]](#footnote-3)) What did the people of Jabesh Gilead do, and why? (31:8-13; 11:1-11)

1. **Leviticus 19:31:** ““‘Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Leviticus 20:6:** I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **1 Chronicles 10:13-14:** “Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance, 14 and did not inquire of the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)