

## 1 Samuel 28 keywords

In those days the **Philistines** gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You know, of course, that you and your men are to go out with me in the army." David said to Achish, "Very well, then you shall know what your servant can do." Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life." Now **Samuel** had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. **Saul** had expelled **the ghost-women and the wizards** from the land. The **Philistines** assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. **Saul** gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When **Saul** saw the army of the **Philistines**, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When **Saul** inquired of **YHWH**, **YHWH** did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.

Then **Saul** said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a **ghost-woman**, so that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a **ghost-woman**, at Endor." So **Saul** disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to **the woman** by night. And he said, "Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you." **The woman** said to him, "Surely you know what **Saul** has done, how he has cut off **the ghost-women and the wizards** from the land. **Why** then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" But **Saul** swore to her by **YHWH**, "As **YHWH** lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing."

Then **the woman** said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He answered, "Bring up **Samuel** for me." When **the woman** saw **Samuel**, she cried out with a loud voice; and **the woman** said to **Saul**, "**Why** have you deceived me? You are **Saul**!" The king said to her, "Have no fear; what do you see?" **The woman** said to **Saul**, "I see a divine being coming up out of the ground." He said to her, "What is his appearance?" She said, "An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe." So **Saul** knew that it was **Samuel**, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. Then **Samuel** said to **Saul**, "**Why** have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" **Saul** answered, "I am in great distress, for the **Philistines** are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by the **hand of prophets** or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do." **Samuel** said, "**Why** then do you ask me, since **YHWH** has turned from you and become your enemy? **YHWH** has done to you just as he spoke by **my hand**; for **YHWH** has torn the kingdom **out of your hand**, and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not **listen to the voice of YHWH**, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore **YHWH** has done this thing to you today. Moreover **YHWH** will give Israel along with you into **the hands of the Philistines**; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; **YHWH** will also give the army of Israel into the **hands of the Philistines**."

Immediately **Saul** fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of **Samuel**; and there was no strength in him, for **he had eaten nothing** all day and all night. **The woman** came to **Saul**, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, "Your servant **has listened to you**; I have taken my life in my palm, and **have listened to what you have said to me**. Now therefore, **you also listen to your servant**; let me set a morsel of bread before you. **Eat**, that you may have strength when you go on your way." He refused, and said, "**I will not eat**." But his servants, together with **the woman**, burst in on him; and **he listened to their words**. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now **the woman** had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She offered them before **Saul** and his servants, and **they ate**. Then they rose and went away that night.