Old Testament
Character Studies III
Deborah Through Saul’s Hunt for David
Eight Lessons

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a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15

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LESSON 1: DEBORAH AND BARAK

1. Judges 4:1 - What did the children of Israel do “in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead”? __________________________

2. Judges 4:2 - Who was the king of Canaan’s captain? __________________________

3. Judges 4:3 - How long was Israel oppressed by this captain, who had nine hundred chariots of iron? __________________________

4. Judges 4:4 - Who judged Israel at this time? __________________________

5. Judges 4:5 - At what mount did the children of Israel come to Deborah for judgment? __________________________

6. Judges 4:6a - Name the son of Abinoam who was called by Deborah. __________________________

7. Judges 4:6b - How many men was Barak instructed to take with him from the children of Naphtali and Zebulun? ____________

8. Judges 4:7 - “And I will draw unto thee to the _______________ Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will _________________________ him into thine hand.”


11. Judges 4:10 - Did Deborah go with Barak and the ten thousand? __________________________

12. Judges 4:11 - Which man “severed himself from the Kenites”? __________________________

13. Judges 4:12 - “And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was ____________ up to ______________ Tabor.”


15. Judges 4:14a - Who did Deborah say went out before Barak to deliver Sisera into his hand? __________________________

16. Judges 4:15b - What did Sisera do when the Lord discomfited his army? __________________________

17. Judges 4:16 - Did any of Sisera’s men survive the battle after Barak pursued them? __________________________

18. Judges 4:17 - Who was the wife of Heber the Kenite? __________________________


20. Judges 4:19 - What did Jael give Sisera to drink? __________________________


22. Judges 4:21 - What did Jael do to Sisera after he went to sleep? __________________________

23. Judges 4:22 - Who did Jael come out to meet to show the demise of Sisera? __________________________

24. Judges 4:23 - Who did God subdue on that day before the children of Israel? __________________________

25. Judges 4:24 - “And the _______________ of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had _______________ Jabin king of Canaan.”

Memory Verse: Judges 4:14a ~ “And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand:”

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LESSON 2: SAMSON AND DELILAH

1. Judges 16:4 - From what valley was Delilah? ____________________________
2. Judges 16:5a - Who bribed Delilah to entice Samson to tell her the source of his great strength? ____________________________
3. Judges 16:5b - How much money did they promise to give to Delilah? ____________________________
4. Judges 16:6-8 - How many green withs did Samson say were needed for him to be weakened? ____________________________
5. Judges 16:9a - Where were the men who wanted to capture Samson? ____________________________
6. Judges 16:10 - What did the upset Delilah say to Samson when he escaped from the green withs? ____________________________
7. Judges 16:11 - What kind of ropes did Samson say would make him weak if he was bound? ____________________________
8. Judges 16:12 - What did Samson do to the new ropes when Delilah said “The Philistines be upon thee, Samson”? ____________________________
9. Judges 16:13 - What did Samson say to do to his hair to make him weak? ____________________________
10. Judges 16:15 - Did Delilah question Samson’s love when none of these things he said weakened him? ____________________________
11. Judges 16:16 - How often did she urge Samson “so that his soul was vexed unto death”? ____________________________
12. Judges 16:17a - What did Samson say he had been unto God from the womb? ____________________________
13. Judges 16:17b - What did Samson reveal to Delilah about his hair? ____________________________
14. Judges 16:19b - What happened to the slumbering Samson after Delilah had his hair shaven? ____________________________
15. Judges 16:20b - Did Samson realize “the Lord was departed from him”? ____________________________
17. Judges 16:22 - “Howbeit the __________ of his head began to __________ again after he was shaven.” ____________________________
18. Judges 16:23-24 - Who was the “god” the Philistines praised? ____________________________
19. Judges 16:25 - From where was Samson called so the Philistines could make sport of him? ____________________________
20. Judges 16:26 - What did Samson tell the lad that he desired to feel? ____________________________
21. Judges 16:27 - How many upon the roof “beheld while Samson made sport”? ____________________________
24. Judges 16:30 - What happened to the people when Samson bowed down with all his might? ____________________________

Memory Verse: Judges 16:30 b ~ “. . . So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.”

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LESSON 3: RUTH

1. Ruth 1:1-2 - Where did Naomi, her husband, and two sons sojourn when the famine came? 
2. Ruth 1:2a - What was the name of Naomi’s husband? 
3. Ruth 1:4 - What was the name of Naomi’s two daughters-in-law? 
4. Ruth 1:5 - What happened to Mahlon and Chilion? 
5. Ruth 1:7 - To what land did Naomi return? 
6. Ruth 1:14-18 - Was Ruth steadfast in her desire to go with Naomi? 
7. Ruth 1:18-22 - What did Naomi desire to be called when she went with Ruth to Bethlehem? 
8. Ruth 2:1 - How is Boaz described? 
9. Ruth 2:2 - What did Ruth desire to go and do? 
10. Ruth 2:3b - In whose field did Ruth glean? 
11. Ruth 2:4 - What greeting did Boaz give the reapers when he came from Bethlehem? 
12. Ruth 2:5-6 - When Boaz asked about Ruth, how did the servant describe her? 
13. Ruth 2:7-19 - Did Ruth find favor in the sight of Boaz? 
14. Ruth 2:20b - What did Naomi say of Boaz? 
15. Ruth 2:22-23 - Following the counsel of Naomi, to whom did Ruth stay close? 
16. Ruth 3:1-7 - Did Ruth do all that Naomi instructed her concerning uncovering Boaz’s feet? 
17. Ruth 3:8-11 - How did Boaz describe Ruth? 
18. Ruth 3:12 - “And now it is __________ that I am thy near _______________: howbeit there is a kinsman ________________ than I.” 
19. Ruth 3:17 - What did Boaz give to Ruth so that she did not have to “go empty” to Naomi? 
20. Ruth 4:1-13a - Did Boaz follow the kinsman custom correctly before marrying Ruth? 
21. Ruth 4:13b - What gender was the child the Lord gave to Ruth and Boaz? 
22. Ruth 4:14 - What encouraging words did the women speak to Naomi? 
23. Ruth 4:15 - “And he shall be unto thee a ________________ of thy life, and a ________________ of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which _____________ thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.” 
24. Ruth 4:16 - What did Naomi do with Obed? 
25. Ruth 4:22 - Who was the grandson of Obed?

**Memory Verse:** Ruth 4:13 ~ “So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.”

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1. 1 Samuel 1:1-2 - What was Hannah’s husband’s name? ________________________________

2. 1 Samuel 1:2 - What was his other wife’s name? ________________________________

3. 1 Samuel 1:3 - Who were the priests of the Lord? ________________________________

4. 1 Samuel 1:4-6 - Why did Hannah fret? ________________________________

5. 1 Samuel 1:7 - What did Hannah do when she went to the house of the Lord? ________________________________

6. 1 Samuel 1:8b - What did Elkanah say that he was “better to thee than” when speaking to Hannah? ________________________________

7. 1 Samuel 1:10 - “And she was in ______________ of soul, and ______________ unto the LORD, and wept sore.” ________________________________

8. 1 Samuel 1:11 - What vow did Hannah make to the Lord? ________________________________

9. 1 Samuel 1:12 - Who noticed Hannah’s mouth moving as she continued to pray? ________________________________

10. 1 Samuel 1:13 - What did Eli think, since Hannah’s voice was not heard when she prayed? ________________________________

11. 1 Samuel 1:14 - What did Eli instruct Hannah to do because of this observation? ________________________________

12. 1 Samuel 1:15 - How did Hannah describe her spirit to Eli? ________________________________

13. 1 Samuel 1:16 - Whose daughter did she say she was not? ________________________________

14. 1 Samuel 1:17 - What was Eli’s response to Hannah? ________________________________

15. 1 Samuel 1:18 - How was Hannah’s countenance different? ________________________________

16. 1 Samuel 1:19b - Did the Lord remember Hannah when she returned to her home with her husband? ________________________________

17. 1 Samuel 1:20 - What did Hannah name the son that she received from the Lord? ________________________________

18. 1 Samuel 1:21 - What did the house of Elkanah “offer unto the Lord?” ________________________________

19. 1 Samuel 1:22 - What did Hannah need to do before Samuel came to live in the house of the Lord? ________________________________

20. 1 Samuel 1:23a - What did Elkanah say? ________________________________

21. 1 Samuel 1:24 - How many bullocks did Hannah take when she brought him to the house of the Lord? ________________________________

22. 1 Samuel 1:25 - “And they ______________ a bullock, and ______________ the child to ______________.” ________________________________

23. 1 Samuel 1:26 - What did Hannah testify to Eli? ________________________________

24. 1 Samuel 1:27 - “For this child I ______________; and the LORD hath ______________ me my petition which I ______________ of him:” ________________________________

25. 1 Samuel 1:28 - How long did Hannah say she would lend Samuel to the Lord? ________________________________

**Memory Verse:** 1 Samuel 2:2 ~ “There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.”

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LESSON 5: THE CALLING OF SAMUEL

1. I Samuel 3:1a - What did the child Samuel do unto the Lord before Eli? __________________________________________
2. I Samuel 3:1b - What was precious in those days? ______________________________________________________
3. I Samuel 3:2 - What physical ailment did Eli have? ______________________________________________________
4. I Samuel 3:3a - What “went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was”? __________________
5. I Samuel 3:3b - What was the child Samuel doing at that time? _____________________________________________
6. I Samuel 3:4 - Who called Samuel? _________________________________________________________________
8. I Samuel 3:6 - What did Eli instruct Samuel to do when the Lord called him again? _______________________
9. I Samuel 3:7a - Did Samuel “yet know the Lord”? ______________________________________________________
10. I Samuel 3:7b - Was the word of the Lord yet revealed to Samuel? _________________________________
11. I Samuel 3:8 - What did Eli perceive the third time Samuel came to him? ______________________________
12. I Samuel 3:9 - What did Eli instruct Samuel to say when the Lord called again? _________________________
13. I Samuel 3:10 - Was Samuel obedient to Eli’s instructions? _____________________________________________
14. I Samuel 3:11-12 - Whose house was the Lord referring to when he said, “I will also make an end”? _______
15. I Samuel 3:13a - How long did the Lord say Eli’s house would be judged? ____________________________
16. I Samuel 3:13b - Why was Eli’s house judged? ________________________________________________________

17. I Samuel 3:14 - “And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the ______________________ of Eli’s house shall not be purged with ______________________ nor offering for _____________________.
18. I Samuel 3:15a - What did Samuel open? __________________________________________________________

21. I Samuel 3:18a - Did Samuel tell Eli everything? _____________________________________________________
23. I Samuel 3:19 - “And Samuel ________________, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his ___________ __________ to the ground.”
24. I Samuel 3:20 - What did all Israel know of Samuel? _________________________________________________

Memory Verse: I Samuel 3:4 ~ “That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.”

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LESSON 6: JONATHAN AND HIS ARMOR BEARER

1. I Samuel 14:1a - Who was the father of Jonathan? ________________________________

2. I Samuel 14:1b - Where did Jonathan plan to go with his armor bearer? __________________

3. I Samuel 14:2a - Where was Saul at this time? ________________________________

4. I Samuel 14:2b - How many men did Saul have with him? ________________________________

5. I Samuel 14:3 - Did any of the people know that Jonathan was gone? ________________________________

6. I Samuel 14:4 - What were the names of the sharp rocks between the passages where Jonathan went? ________________________________

7. I Samuel 14:5 - Where were these rocks situated? ________________________________

8. I Samuel 14:6b - What did Jonathan say to his armor bearer? ________________________________

9. I Samuel 14:7 - Did the armor bearer say he was with Jonathan in this plan? ________________________________

10. I Samuel 14:8 - “Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will _________________ over unto these ______________, and we will _________________ ourselves unto them.” ________________________________

11. I Samuel 14:9 - What was Jonathan’s strategy if the Philistines said “Tarry until we come to you”? ________________________________

12. I Samuel 14:10 - What was Jonathan’s plan if they said “Come up unto us”? ________________________________

13. I Samuel 14:11-12a - What did the Philistines say when they saw Jonathan and the armor bearer? ________________________________


15. I Samuel 14:13 - Did the Philistines fall before Jonathan and his armor bearer? ________________________________

16. I Samuel 14:14 - How many men did they kill in the first slaughter? ________________________________

17. I Samuel 14:15b - What then happened in the field? ________________________________

18. I Samuel 14:16 - “And the _________________ of ____________ in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the _________________ melted away, and they went on beating down one another.” ________________________________

19. I Samuel 14:17 - What did Saul instruct the people that were with him to do? ________________________________

20. I Samuel 14:18 - What did Saul desire to be brought to him? ________________________________

21. I Samuel 14:19 - Who did Saul instruct to withdraw his hand? ________________________________

22. I Samuel 14:21 - Who “turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan”? ________________________________

23. I Samuel 14:22a - In what mount were the men of Israel hid? ________________________________

24. I Samuel 14:22b - What did these men do when they heard the Philistines had fled? ________________________________

25. I Samuel 14:23 - “So the LORD _________________ Israel that day: and the _________________ passed over unto Bethaven.” ________________________________

**Memory Verse:** I Samuel 14:12b ~ “Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.”

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LESSON 7: DAVID AND GOLIATH

1. I Samuel 17:1 - Where were the Philistines gathered together to battle Israel?

2. I Samuel 17:2 - In what valley was Israel gathered together to battle the Philistines?

3. I Samuel 17:4 - How tall was Goliath?

4. I Samuel 17:5-7 - Name three items of Goliath’s battle attire.

5. I Samuel 17:8-10 - What was Goliath’s challenge to Israel?

6. I Samuel 17:11 - How did Saul and the Israelites react to Goliath’s challenge?

7. I Samuel 17:13 - What was the name of David’s oldest brother who was with the army of Israel?

8. I Samuel 17:16 - How many days did Goliath present himself?

9. I Samuel 17:25 - What were the three rewards for killing Goliath?

10. I Samuel 17:29b - What was David’s response to Eliab, who said David was prideful?

11. I Samuel 17:34-36 - What did David say he killed to protect his flock?

12. I Samuel 17:37 - Who did David testify would deliver him out of the hand of the Philistine?

13. I Samuel 17:40 - What did David use to fight Goliath?

14. I Samuel 17:43 - What did Goliath do to David “by his gods”?

15. I Samuel 17:45b - “I come to thee in the name of the ___________ of hosts, the ___________ of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast ________________.”

16. I Samuel 17:46a - What did David say he would take from Goliath?

17. I Samuel 17:46b - What did David say “that all the earth may know”?

18. I Samuel 17:47b - “… for the battle is the ______________, and he will ______________ you into our hands.”

19. I Samuel 17:48 - What did David do when Goliath arose?

20. I Samuel 17:49 - How many stones did David use to drop Goliath?

21. I Samuel 17:50a - “So David ______________ over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and ______________ him;”

22. I Samuel 17:51 - What did the Philistines do when they saw their champion was dead?

23. I Samuel 17:52-53 - What did Israel spoil of the Philistines?

24. I Samuel 17:57 - What did David have in his hand when Abner brought him before Saul?

25. I Samuel 17:58b - “I am the ___________ of thy ___________ Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

Memory Verse: I Samuel 17:46b ~ “…that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.”

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LESSON 8: SAUL HUNTS DAVID

1. I Samuel 24:1 - In what wilderness were David and his men hiding from Saul? ________________________
2. I Samuel 24:2 - How many men did Saul take to seek David? ________________________
3. I Samuel 24:3a - Where did Saul go “to cover his feet”? ________________________
4. I Samuel 24:3b - Where was David in proximity to Saul? ________________________
5. I Samuel 24:4b - What did David cut off? ________________________
6. I Samuel 24:5 - Did David afterward regret doing this to Saul? ________________________
7. I Samuel 24:6 - What term did David use to refer to Saul, besides master? ________________________
8. I Samuel 24:7 - What did David not allow his servants to do? ________________________
9. I Samuel 24:8a - What did David initially cry out to Saul? ________________________
10. I Samuel 24:8b - How did David humble himself before Saul? ________________________
11. I Samuel 24:9 - “And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men’s ________________, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy ________________?”
12. I Samuel 24:10a - Did some of David’s men desire for Saul to be killed? ________________________
13. I Samuel 24:10b - Why did David spare Saul? ________________________
14. I Samuel 24:11b - What did David testify to Saul was not in his hand? ________________________
15. I Samuel 24:12 - “The LORD ________________ between me and thee, and the LORD ________________ me of thee: but mine ________________ shall not be upon thee.”
16. I Samuel 24:13 - “As saith the ________________ of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the ________________: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.”
17. I Samuel 24:14 - To what creatures did David compare himself? ________________________
18. I Samuel 24:15 - Who did David say would plead his cause and deliver him out of Saul’s hand? ________________________
19. I Samuel 24:16b - What did Saul do after he lifted up his voice to David? ________________________
20. I Samuel 24:17a - What did Saul admit to David? ________________________
22. I Samuel 24:19b - How did Saul desire David to be rewarded that day? ________________________
23. I Samuel 24:20 - What did Saul then “know well”? ________________________
24. I Samuel 24:21-22a - What did David swear he would not do to Saul’s seed? ________________________
25. I Samuel 24:22b - “And Saul went ________________: but David and his men gat them up unto the ________________.”

Memory Verse: I Samuel 24:13 ~ “As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.”

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