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1 Samuel / Saul (king); Medium at Endor; David / 1 Samuel 28:1–25

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1. The Israel-Philistine conflict is \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 28:1-2)
  - A. David's \_\_\_\_\_ is tested.
  - B. David gave a \_\_\_\_\_ response.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ situation in Israel has decayed.
  - A. Samuel was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Saul had banished mediums and \_\_\_\_\_ from the land of Israel.
  - C. Saul couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ with anyone as to God's will.
3. In desperation, Saul consulted a \_\_\_\_\_ at Endor. (1 Samuel 28:7-14)
  - A. Saul disguised himself and inquired of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is hesitant.
  - C. To her surprise, the medium conjures \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Samuel's \_\_\_\_\_ word to Saul came to pass. (1 Samuel 28:15-25)
  - A. Saul explained his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Samuel prophesied \_\_\_\_\_ Saul.

#### Discussion Questions

1. In 1 Samuel 28, what does this episode reveal about Saul's character and desperation?
2. What were the theological implications of Saul consulting a medium to communicate with the deceased Samuel?
3. In the encounter between Saul and the spirit of Samuel, what surprised you in the encounter?

4. How does she react to the unexpected appearance of Samuel, and what might this reveal about her own beliefs and experiences with the supernatural?
5. How did the events of 1 Samuel 28 impact the relationship between Saul and his advisors, particularly in the context of their continued support or lack thereof?
6. What do you think the author of 1 Samuel intended to convey through this account of Saul's consultation with a medium?
7. Reflect on the broader moral and ethical questions raised by this chapter, such as the appropriateness of seeking supernatural guidance and the consequences of disobedience to God's commands. How can these lessons be applied to our own lives today?