

The end of Jerusalem came 70 years after the death of Jesus. Jesus had warned them that it would come.

Roman soldiers under the leadership of Cestius surrounded the city, but then they withdrew and the Jewish army chased after them. The Christians recognised the signs that Jesus had given and obeyed His warning to flee immediately to a place of safety.

The Jewish army triumphantly returned, but not for long. The Romans returned and laid siege to the city, which was full of visitors for the Passover. Many, many people starved to death, they tried eating their leather sandals and belts. At the same time, other people hoarded food, keeping it all to themselves. The people had rejected God and God had left them, now they fought like animals, thinking only of themselves, not even caring about their own families.

The Roman leaders begged the Jews to surrender, promising to save the city and temple, but the Jews refused and cursed them.

Right at the end, the Roman leader Titus commanded his soldiers to save the temple. But during the night some of the Jews hiding in the temple and they attacked the Roman soldiers. Someone threw a burning torch into the temple courtyard and it caught alight. The whole temple complex went up in flames and smoke as if it was a volcano and the Roman leaders lost control of the army – more than a million Jews died that day and not one stone of the temple was left on another – just as Jesus had warned.



Saul Asks a Witch

Sabbath

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Decode the message below to find out what God had told the Israelites about witches. Leviticus 19:31^{NLT}

The Free Dictionary www.thefreedictionary.com says that: **Defiled means:** To make filthy or dirty; to pollute (for example: defile a river with sewage.) To debase the pureness or excellence of; to corrupt; to make unclean or unfit for ceremonial use.

Sunday

David and his men were living in the wilderness at this time and David sent a message to Nabel of Carmel asking for some food. It was the time of sheering and his message should have been well received since David and his men had helped to protect Nabel's shepherds; but Nabel was a angry and mean man and replied rudely.

David was very angry at Nabel's rude reply and called 400 of his men to bring their swords and come with him.

Fortunately, one of Nabel's servants told Abigail, Nabel wife. Abigail was very wise and knew who David was, what he had done for them and what he would do now. She ordered 200 loaves of bread, along with meat, grain, raisins and figs be loaded onto donkeys immediately, and rode out to meet David, begging his pardon for the way Nabel had treated him. Just ten days later Nabel dropped dead.

In those days, marriage was often used for political purposes and the marriage of one man to multiple women was also not unusual. During his lifetime, King David had many wives including Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabel's widow. Saul had re-married his daughter Michal, David's first wife to another man.

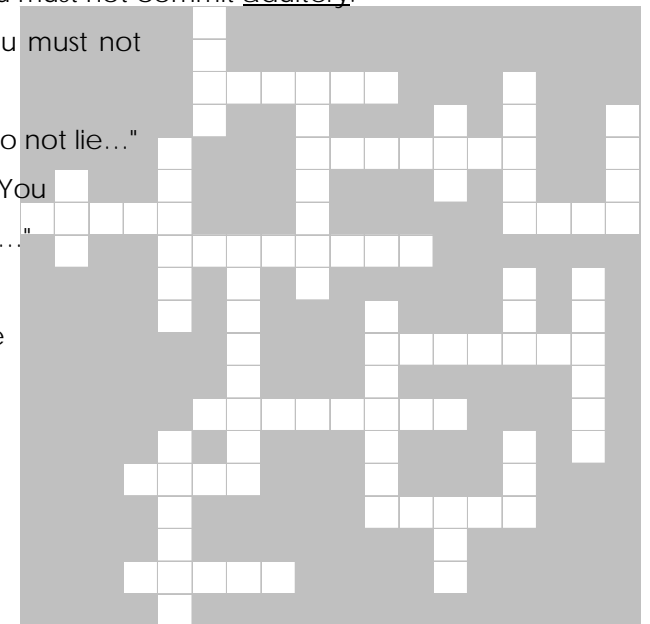
Now someone reported to King Saul where David and his men were staying and Saul forgot his promise to stop hunting David and called up his army to chase David again. One night as Saul was sleeping with his soldiers, David crept into Saul's camp and took Saul's spear and water bottle. Then David crept away and from a hill some distance away called out to them. Saul recognised David's voice and realised again that David could have killed him but did not want to. So Saul took his army and returned home again.

David did not trust Saul, so he took his men and their wives and sought shelter with the Philistine King Achish of Gath, who allowed them to have to city of Ziklag. From here, David and his men spent time raiding various enemies of Israel, although he let King Achish think they were raiding the Israelites.

Friday

All of God's rules, laws and warnings are designed to keep us from danger. Here are some examples. Find the missing words and then fit the missing and underlined words into the grid. (Verses are from NIV and/or NLT)

- Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden Your _ _ _ _ in my _ _ _ _ _ that I might not _ _ _ against You."
- Romans 6:23 "The wages of _ _ _ is _ _ _ _ _."
- Lev 19:31^{NIV} "Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them..."
- Exodus 20:30 "You must not have any other god but Me."
- Exodus 20:4 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind..."
- Exodus 20:7 "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God."
- Exodus 20:8 " _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ day by keeping it _ _ _ _ _."
- Exodus 20:12 "Honour your _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _."
- Exodus 20:13 "You must not _ _ _ _ _."
- Exodus 20:14 "You must not commit adultery."
- Exodus 20:15 "You must not _ _ _ _ _."
- Leviticus 19:11 "Do not lie..."
- Exodus 20:17 "You _ _ _ _ _ must not _ _ _ _ _."
- Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you."



Thursday

Things went well for David at Ziklag until King Achish commanded David and his men to join the Philistines in their attack on the Israelites. Achish thought David had been raiding Israelite farmers, but David knew that one day he would become the king of Israel - but he could not tell King Achish that. Thankfully, when the other Philistine kings saw David and his men, they refused to have them and sent them home.

When they arrived back at Ziklag they found it destroyed and their wives, children and possessions gone! The men blamed David, but he took strength in the Lord who told him to follow the raiders. So they set off after the raiders. Before they caught up with the raiders two hundred of David's men became too exhausted from the constant travel. The remaining four hundred continued, caught up with the Amalekite raiders, and recovered everyone and everything captured including the things from other towns raided.

When they returned to the two hundred men, who had waited, there was some grumbling about sharing with them but David made a rule, which became a law: that they must share and share alike.

On the third day after returning to Ziklag, a messenger came from Saul's camp on the battlefield. The messenger came to tell David that Saul and Jonathan were dead and David mourned and composed a funeral song for them.

Some time later at God's direction, David and his men moved to Hebron in Judah, and the elders of Judah crowned him King of Judah.

David did not need to seek protection from the enemies of God's people. Because he did, he and his men found themselves in a bad situation - nearly having to fight their own people, and having their own families taken captive. Even so, when David turned to God, God worked it out so that it was ok. Romans 8:28^{NLT} says, "God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God..."

Monday

Saul was terrified when the Philistines attacked again. Samuel was dead by now and Saul had rejected God. God had warned the Israelites to have nothing to do with mediums, witches, or spiritists, but now Saul asked his advisers to find a medium or witch he could talk to. A medium is a person who is used by the spirits - Satan's angels - to communicate with others. Saul disguised himself and went at night to see a medium at Endor.

When Saul asked the woman to talk to Samuel she cried, "Are you trying to get me killed? The king has outlawed everyone who talks to the dead!"

But Saul guaranteed her safety.

Suddenly the woman screamed, "You tricked me! You are King Saul!"

"What do you see?" the king asked.

"I see an old man," she cried!

Then Saul fell to the ground before the spirit, thinking it was Samuel.

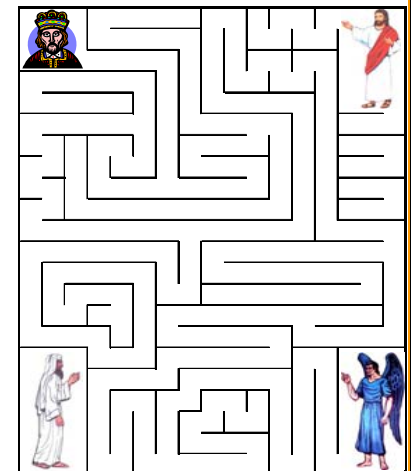
"Why have you called me back?" the spirit asked Saul.

Saul replied. "I am in trouble. The Philistines are at war with us, and God does not answer me. So I called you to tell me what to do."

But the spirit replied, "God has given your kingdom to David; tomorrow you and your sons will be here with me and your army will be defeated!"

And so it was during the battle, Saul's sons were killed and Saul badly wounded. When he saw he would be captured, Saul commanded his armour-bearer to kill him, but he refused. Then Saul took his own sword and fell on it.

King Saul thought he was talking to Samuel the priest. Who was he really talking to? Search the maze from the king to find out.



Tuesday

Do dead people become spirits? Can they see what we are doing? Find the missing words to fill in the crossword.

Satan said "You will not _ _ _ (6 down)" Genesis 3:4_{NLT}

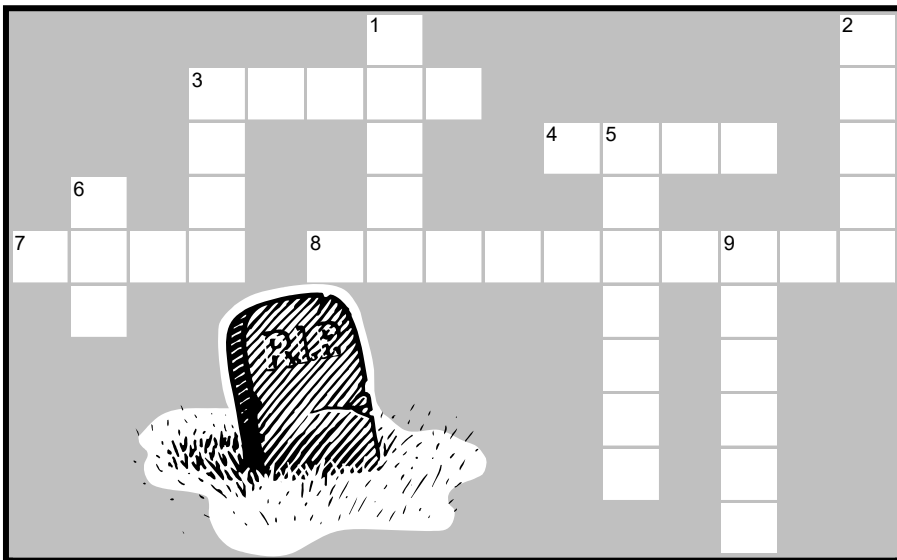
But God says "the _ _ _ _ _ (3 across) of sin is _ _ _ _ _ (1 down)" Romans 6:23_{NLT}

When a person dies "all their _ _ _ _ _ (2 down) die with them" Psalms 146:4_{NLT}

The last part of Ecclesiastes 9:5_{NLT} says "the dead _ _ _ _ _ (4 across) _ _ _ _ _ (5 down)."

When Jesus talked of someone who was dead He said they were _ _ _ _ _ (9 down) and that He would _ _ _ _ _ (3 down) them. John 11:11

When Jesus returns "the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (8 across) who have died will _ _ _ _ _ (7 across) from their graves." 1 Thessalonians 4:16_{NLT}



Wednesday

The Bible says we should have nothing to do with anything or anyone who claims that they can talk to the dead. Why? Because they are working for Satan!

Here are some examples. Cross them out of the grid below. The remaining letters spell something over and over again. Write It on the spaces below.

spiritualists
clairvoyants
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palm readings
channelling
Harry Potter
astrology
warlocks
witches
psychics
crystal balls
horoscopes
magic
mediums

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