

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 26, 2022
1 Samuel 28:3-25

1. What happened in our last study?
 - a. David knew that if he stayed in Israel, Saul would eventually kill him.
 - b. David went to Gath to stay with Achish.
 - c. Achish gave David and his men a country town and David went raiding.
 - d. David told Achish he was raiding Judah, when he was really raiding the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites.
 - e. The Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel and Achish made it clear that David should be fighting on the side of the Philistines. David agreed and Achish made him his bodyguard for life.

2. What do we learn in 28:3? _____

- We already knew Samuel had died, so what is important about this verse? _____

3. What happened in 28:4-5?
 - a. The Philistines assembled and set up camp at Shunem.
 - b. Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa.
 - c. When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart.

4. What happened in 28:6-7?
 - a. Saul inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim (see note for explanation) or prophets.
 - b. Saul asked his attendants to find him a medium so that he inquire of her.

5. What do we do when we don't hear from God? _____

6. Do we know why Saul was not hearing from God? _____
What should Saul have done? _____

7. What did Saul do in verses 8?
 - a. He disguised himself.
 - b. He and two men went to the woman at night.
 - c. He asked her to "Consult a spirit" for him.

8. How did the woman respond in verse 9? _____

9. Who did Saul want her to "bring up?" _____
10. What did Samuel tell Saul when he appeared? _____

11. Saul did everything and tried every shortcut to get God on his side. The only thing he refused to do is repent and obey. What do we try to do instead of the one thing God is asking for us to do? _____

In the [Hebrew Bible](#), the **Urim** (Hebrew: אֲוִרִים *ʾŪrīm*, "lights") and the **Thummim** (Hebrew: תְּמִיִּם *Tummīm*, meaning uncertain, possibly "perfections") are elements of the *hoshen*, the breastplate worn by the [High Priest](#) attached to the [ephod](#). They are connected with [divination](#) in general, and [cleromancy](#) in particular. Most scholars suspect that the phrase refers to a set of two objects used by the high priest to answer a question or reveal the will of God.^{[1][2]}

The Urim and the Thummim first appear in Exodus 28:30, where they are named for inclusion on the breastplate to be worn by [Aaron](#) in the holy place. Other books, especially [1 Samuel](#), describe their uses in divination.