

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute

BE 425 The Book of Samuel

Midterm Exam

1 Samuel

INSTRUCTIONS

- This is an open-Bible exam.
- For Multiple Choice questions, circle or write the letter for the single best answer.
- For True/False items, write “T” if the statement is entirely true, or write “F” if the statement is not entirely true.
- No penalty for guessing

Multiple Choice

1. Who was Samuel’s mother?

- a) Ruth
- b) Hannah
- c) Naomi
- d) Abigail

2. Who was the high priest at Shiloh when Samuel was a boy?

- a) Eli
- b) Zadok
- c) Samuel
- d) Hophni

3. Samuel’s father’s name was:

- a) Saul
- b) Elkanah

- c) Jesse
- d) Abinadab

4. Why did Hannah visit the tabernacle in Shiloh?

- a) To give a sacrifice for her husband
- b) To ask for a child
- c) To escape her enemies
- d) To sing with the priests

5. What did Hannah promise if God gave her a son?

- a) She would build a temple
- b) He would be dedicated to the Lord all his life
- c) She would move to Jerusalem
- d) She would become a Nazarite

6. Eli's two sons, known for their corruption, were:

- a) Hophni and Phinehas
- b) Abner and Asahel
- c) Jonathan and Ish-bosheth
- d) David and Absalom

7. Samuel first heard God speak to him when he was a:

- a) Young boy at Shiloh
- b) Prophet in Jerusalem
- c) Soldier at Gilboa
- d) King's advisor

8. The Ark of the Covenant was captured by:

- a) Egyptians
- b) Philistines
- c) Amalekites
- d) Moabites

9. After Eli heard the Ark was captured, he:

- a) Praised God
- b) Ran to battle
- c) Fell backward and died
- d) Went to Jerusalem

10. The Philistines placed the Ark in the temple of which god?

- a) Ashtoreth
- b) Dagon
- c) Baal
- d) Chemosh

11. What happened to the statue of Dagon in the presence of the Ark?

- a) It was stolen
- b) It fell and broke to pieces
- c) It caught fire
- d) It disappeared

12. What plague struck the people wherever the Philistines kept the Ark?

- a) Boils
- b) Tumors

- c) Lice
- d) Frogs

13. How was the Ark returned to Israel?

- a) By Israelite soldiers
- b) On a new cart with two cows, unguided
- c) By Samuel
- d) By an angel

14. Which city received the Ark after it was returned?

- a) Shiloh
- b) Ashdod
- c) Beth Shemesh
- d) Jerusalem

15. What did the Lord send upon the people of Beth Shemesh who looked into the Ark?

- a) Thunderstorm
- b) Deadly plague
- c) Rain of stones
- d) Earthquake

16. Who was the last judge of Israel?

- a) Gideon
- b) Samuel
- c) Saul
- d) Eli

17. Why did the Israelites demand a king?

- a) To rebuild the temple
- b) To be like other nations and have a leader for battles
- c) To study the law
- d) Because they hated Samuel

18. How did God view the people's request for a king?

- a) As rejection of Samuel only
- b) As rejection of God as their king
- c) As a wise plan
- d) As a demand for more priests

19. Who was the first king of Israel?

- a) David
- b) Jonathan
- c) Saul
- d) Ish-bosheth

20. Of what tribe was Saul?

- a) Judah
- b) Benjamin
- c) Levi
- d) Dan

21. How was Saul anointed as king?

- a) With olive oil poured on his head by Samuel
- b) By a council vote

- c) He won a battle
- d) He was chosen by the people

22. Where was Saul first publicly proclaimed king?

- a) Jerusalem
- b) Gilgal
- c) Mizpah
- d) Hebron

23. What sign showed Saul's selection as king?

- a) He defeated the Amalekites
- b) He found lost donkeys and prophesied
- c) A pillar of fire
- d) Earthquake

24. Who was Saul's son and friend of David?

- a) Ish-bosheth
- b) Jonathan
- c) Abner
- d) Absalom

25. Why did God reject Saul as king?

- a) He committed adultery
- b) He did not destroy all the Amalekites and their livestock as commanded
- c) He was too old
- d) He lost a battle

26. Which prophet confronted Saul over sparing King Agag and the Amalekite animals?

- a) Nathan
- b) Elijah
- c) Samuel
- d) Gad

27. Who was chosen to succeed Saul as king?

- a) Jonathan
- b) David
- c) Ish-bosheth
- d) Joab

28. David was the son of:

- a) Eli
- b) Jesse
- c) Samuel
- d) Ahimelech

29. In what town was David anointed as king by Samuel?

- a) Shiloh
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Bethlehem
- d) Hebron

30. What musical instrument did David play for Saul?

- a) Flute
- b) Harp (lyre)

- c) Trumpet
- d) Drum

31. Who was the Philistine champion slain by David?

- a) Goliath
- b) Agag
- c) Abner
- d) Dagon

32. What did David use to defeat Goliath?

- a) Wooden club
- b) Sword
- c) Sling and a stone
- d) Spear

33. Who was David's wife, Saul's daughter?

- a) Michal
- b) Abigail
- c) Bathsheba
- d) Tamar

34. How did Saul first try to kill David?

- a) Burning down his home
- b) Sending him to war
- c) Throwing a spear at him
- d) Poisoning his food



35. Who helped David escape from Saul when Saul's messengers came to his house?

- a) Michal
- b) Jonathan
- c) Abigail
- d) Samuel

36. Where did David flee to when he was first a fugitive?

- a) Egypt
- b) Judah's wilderness (Adullam, cave, etc.)
- c) Haran
- d) Jerusalem

37. Which city's priests were killed by Saul for helping David?

- a) Nob
- b) Bethlehem
- c) Hebron
- d) Ramah

38. Who was Doeg the Edomite?

- a) David's commander
- b) Saul's herdsman who killed the priests at Nob
- c) A prophet
- d) A Philistine king

39. What did David do when he twice had the chance to kill Saul?

- a) He killed him
- b) He wounded him

- c) He spared Saul's life
- d) He fled to Egypt

40. Where did Saul and his sons die?

- a) Mount Carmel
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Mount Gilboa
- d) Bethel

True/False

- 41. Samuel was both a judge and a prophet in Israel.
- 42. The Ark of the Covenant was with the Philistines for seven years.
- 43. Saul's son Jonathan was a loyal friend of David.
- 44. God granted Israel a king because their motives were pure.
- 45. Saul was of the tribe of Judah.
- 46. Saul was rejected as king for his partial obedience to God's command against Amalek.
- 47. David served in Saul's court as a musician before becoming king.
- 48. David killed Goliath with a sword.
- 49. Saul tried to consult the dead through a medium at Endor.
- 50. The Book of 1 Samuel ends with David becoming king and ruling from Jerusalem.

(Answer key on next page)

## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice

1. b

2. a

3. b

4. b

5. b

6. a

7. a

8. b

9. c

10. b

11. b

12. b

13. b

14. c

15. b

16. b

17. b

18. b

19. c

20. b

21. a

22. c

23. b

24. b

25. b

26. c

27. b

28. b

29. c

30. b

31. a

32. c

33. a

34. c

35. a

36. b

37. a

38. b

39. c

40. c

True/False

41. True

42. False

43. True

44. False

45. False

46. True

47. True

48. False

49. True

50. False