

1 Samuel 28:3-15 New International reader's Version (NirV)

³Samuel had died. The whole nation of Israel was filled with sorrow because he was dead. They had buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had thrown out of the land people who get messages from those who have died. He had also thrown out people who talk to the spirits of the dead.

⁴The Philistines gathered together and set up camp at Shunem. At the same time, Saul gathered together all the Israelites. They set up camp at Gilboa. ⁵When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid. Terror filled his heart. ⁶He asked the LORD for advice. But the LORD didn't answer him through dreams or prophets. He didn't answer him when Saul had the priest cast lots by using the Urim. ⁷Saul spoke to his attendants. He said, "Find me a woman who gets messages from those who have died. Then I can go and ask her some questions." "There's a woman like that in Endor," they said.

⁸Saul put on different clothes so people wouldn't know who he was. At night he and two of his men went to see the woman. "I want you to talk to a spirit for me," he said. "Bring up the spirit of the dead person I choose." ⁹But the woman said to him, "By now you must know what Saul has done. He has removed everyone who gets messages from those who have died. He has also removed everyone who talks to the spirits of the dead. He has thrown all of them out of the land. Why are you trying to trap me? Why do you want to have me put to death?"

¹⁰Saul made a promise in the name of the LORD. He said to the woman, "You can be sure that the LORD lives. And you can be just as sure that you won't be punished for helping me." ¹¹Then the woman asked, "Whose spirit should I bring up for you?" "Bring Samuel up," he said. ¹²When the woman saw Samuel, she let out a loud scream. She said to Saul, "Why have you tricked me? You are King Saul!" ¹³He said to her, "Don't be afraid. Tell me what you see." The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure. He's coming up out of the earth." ¹⁴"What does he look like?" Saul asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel. He bowed down. He lay down flat with his face toward the ground. ¹⁵Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you troubled me by brining me up from the dead?" "I'm having big problems," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me. God has left me. He doesn't answer me anymore. He doesn't speak to me through prophets or dreams. So I've called on you to tell me what to do."

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GILBOA	GREATLY	HEART	HIMSELF	ISRAEL	KEEPER
KNOWEST	LAMENTED	LAYEST	NEITHER	NIGHT	OTHER
PHILISTINES	PITCHED	PROPHETS	RAIMENT	RAMAH	SAMUEL
SERVANT	SHUNEM	SPIRITS	SURELY	THEMSELVES	THEREFORE
TOGETHER	TREMLED	WARFARE	WHEREFORE	WIZARDS	WOMAN