

The Battle and the Plunder

1st Samuel Chapter 30

When David and his men came to Ziklag, they saw that the Amalekites had raided to the Negev, even to Ziklag burning it with fire. They captured the women in it, from the small even to the great; they did not kill anyone, but they led them away.

David and the people grieved because their wives, sons and daughters had been taken captive. They mourned and wept, until they could weep no more. David's two wives Ahinoam and Abigail were taken. He was greatly distressed, because the people said they were going to stone him. They were angry with him, because their sons and daughters were taken.

He made himself strong in YAHWEH and told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod near to him. David asked of YAHWEH, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake it?" YAHWEH said to him, "Pursue, for you shall certainly overtake, and shall certainly recover."

So David went on, and took six hundred men with him. They came to the torrent Besor. Two hundred men stayed there to rest, because they were too exhausted to continue. The other four hundred men pursued with David.

On their way, they found an Egyptian man in the field, and took him to David. They gave him food to eat and water to drink. He ate, and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten food nor drunk water three days and three nights.

David asked him, "Whose are you? And from where do you come?" And he said, "I am an Egyptian youth, a slave to an Amalekite man. My master abandoned me, for I had been sick three days." He told David where they raided and what they had done.

David said to him, "Are you able to bring me down to this troop?" And he said, "Swear to me by Elohim that you will neither put me to death, nor deliver me up into my master's hand, and I will bring you down to this troop."

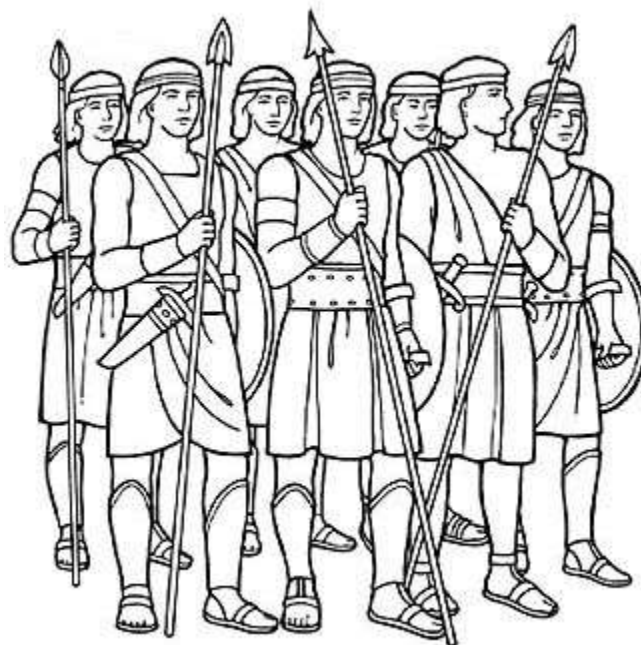
The Egyptian youth brought David and his men to where the troop was located. Behold, they found them spread out over the face of all the earth, eating and drinking and feasting, with all the great plunder which they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

David struck them from the twilight evening to the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. He recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and he recovered his two wives. Nothing was missing to them and he brought back all of it.

David came upon the two hundred men at the torrent Besor who were too exhausted to go with him. Every evil and worthless man of the men who had gone with David said, "Because they did not go with me, we will not give any plunder to them which we have delivered."

David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which YAHWEH has given to us. He has protected us, and has given the troop which came against us into our hand. Who will listen to you in this thing? For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall share together."

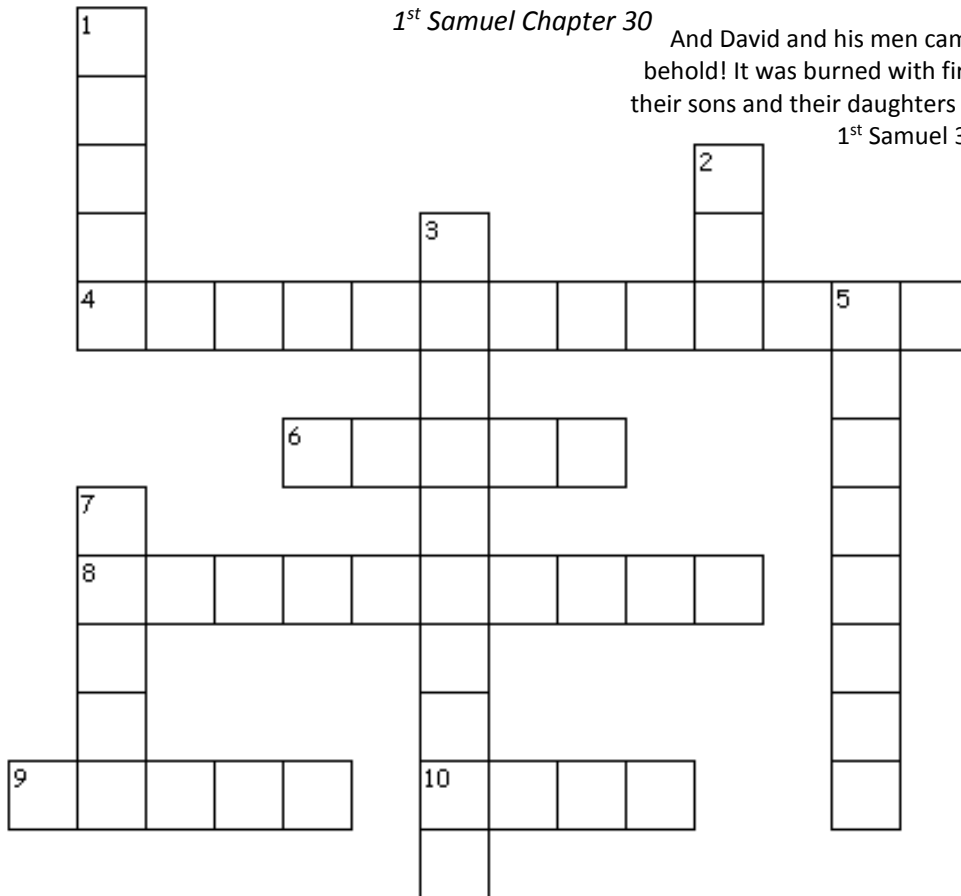
And it was so, from that day and forward he commanded it for a statute and for an ordinance for Israel to this day.



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And David and his men came into the city. And, behold! It was burned with fire! And their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.
1st Samuel 30:12



Across

- Who showed David the way to the Amalekite's camp?
- What did David ask Abiathar the priest, to bring close to him?
- How many of David's men were too exhausted and stayed behind at the torrent?
- What was the name of the torrent David and his men rested at?
- What kind of men didn't want to share the plunder with the ones who stayed behind?

Down

- For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall _____ together."
- How many wives of David were captured by the Amalekites?
- How many men did David take with him to go after the Amalekites?
- What time of day did David and his men strike the Amalekites?
- What did the people of David want to do to him after finding out their families were taken captive?

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Abiathar

Amalekites

Battle

Besor

Captured

David

Egyptian

Exhausted

Family

Israel

Plunder

Raided

Recovered

Share

Statute

Troop

Twilight

Wept

Youth

Ziklag

And who will listen to you in this thing? For as the portion of him who goes down to battle, so shall be his share who remains by the baggage. They shall share together.

1st Samuel 30:24

