

THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

WEEK 48 – 2 Samuel 16 – 21 & Acts 6 – Acts 7

WEEK 48 – ANSWERS

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others
2. **Monday** –
 - 1) 2 Samuel 16 – Read & Answer Below
 - a) As indicated in this chapter, the servant of Mephibosheth was _____. (Ziba, vs. 1)
 - b) What was the man’s name who was of the family of Saul who cursed David and his men? (Shimei, vs. 5ff)
 - c) What did he cast (or throw) at David and his men? (Stones, vs. 6, 13)
 - d) What servant of David wanted permission to go “and take off his head,” referring to Shimei? (Abishai, vs. 9)
 - e) In what verse does David refer to Shimei, as a “Benjamite?” (2 Samuel 16:11)
 - f) 2 Samuel 16:15 reads, “And _____, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and _____ with him.” (Absalom; Ahithophel)
 - g) What friend of David came to Absalom under the guise of being submissive to Absalom? (Hushai, vs. 16ff)
 - h) In what verse did the wicked Ahithophel advise the rebellious Absalom to “Go in unto thy father’s concubines?” (2 Samuel 16:21)
 - 2) Acts 6 – Read Only
3. **Tuesday** –
 - 1) 2 Samuel 17 – Read & Answer Below
 - a) How many men did Ahithophel, advise should be taken in the immediate pursuit of David? (Twelve thousand, vs. 1)
 - b) Did Ahithophel counsel that all the men of David should be slain, or only David? (He said, “and I will smite the king only,” vs. 2)
 - c) What other advisor did Absalom call to him? Was this advisor loyal to Absalom or was he a spy for David? (Hushai, vs. 5; He was a friend/spy for David, vs. 15ff)
 - d) When Hushai counseled “go to battle in thine own person,” who was he referring to? (He was talking to Absalom, vs. 11; Cf. 5ff)
 - e) What two priests were also secret allies of David? (Zadok and Abiathar, vs. 15)
 - f) What two men took the message to David putting their lives in great danger and escaping only with the help of a woman who hid them in a well? (Jonathan and Ahimaaz, vs. 17ff)
 - g) What verse says, “Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan...?” (2 Samuel 17:22)
 - h) How did Ahithophel react to having his counsel rejected? (He went home and committed suicide (i.e., self-murder), vs. 23)

- i) What person did Absalom make “captain of the host instead of Joab?”
(Amasa, vs. 25)
- j) What three men brought supplies to David and his weary band? (Shobi, Machir and Barzillai, vs. 27)

2) Acts 6 – Read & Answer Below

- a) During this time, was the “number of the disciples” decreasing or increasing?
(They were increasing/multiplying, vs. 1)
- b) What group felt that their widows were being neglected during the daily ministrations or giving of food? (The Grecians felt their widows (i.e., the Grecian widows) were being neglected, vs. 2)
- c) How many men of “honest report” did the apostles tell them to find in order that they could be appointed “over this business?” (Seven men, vs. 3)
- d) Was Stephen one of the men chosen to be over this affair? (Yes, vs. 5)
- e) What verse says, “...and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith?” (Acts 6:7)
- f) Regarding Stephen and those who were disputing with him, what verse says, “And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake?” (Acts 6:10)
- g) Acts 6:13 says that these naysayers “set up _____ witnesses....” (false)
- h) What did Stephen’s face look like to those “that sat in the council?” (They “saw his face as it had been the face of an angel,” vs. 15)

4. Wednesday –

1) 2 Samuel 18 – Read & Answer Below

- a) As this chapter begins, it says, “And David _____ the people that were with him....” (numbered, vs. 1)
- b) How many parts did David divide his forces into and who were the key generals over these parts? (He divided them into three parts and a third was overseen by: Joab, Abishai and Ittai, vs. 2)
- c) Did David go with the people into battle? (No. He said he would, but the people answered that he was worth 10,000 of them and should not go into battle, vs. 2-3)
- d) Did David tell his top three generals to kill Absalom? (Not at all. Instead he commanded them (and in front of the people) to “Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom,” vs. 5, 12)
- e) Did Joab obey David and bring Absalom to him alive and safe? (No. Joab chastised the “certain man” who told him of Absalom’s predicament and then proceeded with the assistance of his armor bearer’s to smite Absalom, vs. 10-15)
- f) What verse speaks of Absalom rearing “up for himself a pillar” and of a place called “Absalom’s place?” (2 Samuel 18:18)
- g) What two men ran to give tidings unto David? (Cushi and Ahimaaz, vs. 21, 23)
- h) Who ran the fastest and got to David first? (Ahimaaz, vs. 23, 27-28)
- i) In what verse are the chilling words of David recorded, “...O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!?” (2 Samuel 18:33; Note, David should have thought about such things when he was committing adultery with Bathsheba, having Uriah murdered, etc. Yes, as is stated elsewhere, The ways of a transgressor are certainly hard! David received forgiveness after his

repentance, but “the consequences” from his horrible sins did not quickly go away!)

- 2) Acts 6 – Read & Word Study/Research
- a) The Grecians were murmuring “against the _____, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.” (Hebrews, vs. 1)
 - b) Acts 6:2 reads, “Then the _____ called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the _____ of God, and serve _____.” (twelve; word; tables)
 - c) Did they expect the people to simply choose any person—regardless of their faith and background, to do this work? (No. As vs. 3 indicates, these men were to be “of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom.” Cf., also, vs. 5, 8.)
 - d) Was Stephen able to perform “great wonders and miracles?” (Yes, vs. 8)
 - e) Did the apostles lay their hands on Stephen? Was this laying on of hands (by the apostles), mentioned prior to the reference of Stephen working miracles? (Yes and Yes, vs. 6 and 8. This is especially interesting in light of what is discussed in Acts 8—especially Acts 8:18)
 - f) List the seven men that were chosen to do the work the apostles needed done. (Vs. 5, Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas)
 - g) Referring to the apostles and the seven chosen men, what verse says, “Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them?” (Acts 6:6)
 - h) Which one of these seven men is referenced in the discussion of Acts 6:8-15? (Stephen)
 - i) In what verse is “Jesus of Nazareth” referenced in this chapter? (Acts 6:14)
5. Thursday –
- 1) 2 Samuel 19 – Read & Answer Below
- a) 2 Samuel 19:1 sets the stage, thusly, “And it was told _____, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for _____.” (Joab; Absalom)
 - b) What person rebuked King David for his continual mourning at the death of Absalom even though such was greatly depressing the people? (Joab, vs. 5ff)
 - c) In what verse did Joab tell David, “...thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends...?” (2 Samuel 19:6)
 - d) David wanted Zadok and Abiathar to speak to the elders of what tribe, in reference to escorting him back to Jerusalem? (The elders of Judah, vs. 11)
 - e) What former top-general of Absalom, did David offer to elevate above Joab? (Amasa, vs. 13)
 - f) What former blasphemer of David “fell down before the king, as he came over Jordan” going back to Jerusalem, and sought mercy? (Shimei, vs. 18-19)
 - g) What high ranking military official of David wanted to execute Shimei because Shimei had “cursed the Lord’s anointed?” (Abishai, vs. 21)
 - h) Did the king have Shimei executed? (No, vs. 23)
 - i) Had Mephibosheth (Jonathan’s son) actually rebelled against David? (No. He had been tricked by Ziba, his servant, vs. 24ff. Cf., also, 2 Samuel 16:1ff)
 - j) What “very aged man” did David seek to honor and take with him to Jerusalem for his former help? (Barzillai, vs. 31ff)
 - k) What verse says, “...And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel?” (2 Samuel 19:43)

2) Acts 7 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

1) 2 Samuel 20 – Read & Answer Below

- a) What person is referred to as “a man of Belial” (i.e., referencing his evil ways)? ([Sheba, vs. 1](#))
- b) What did David do with “the ten women his concubines” upon returning to Jerusalem? ([He made sure they were cared for, but because of the defilement with Absalom, they had to live as widows, vs. 3](#))
- c) What general “tarried longer than the set time” in assembling the army to go after Sheba? ([Amasa, vs. 4-5](#))
- d) What great military leader of David slew another general of David? ([Joab slew Amasa, vs. 10](#))
- e) In what verse does the inspired Text say, “Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab...?” ([2 Samuel 20:16](#))
- f) What was thrown over the wall, to Joab? ([The head of Sheba, vs. 21-22](#))
- g) Upon the re-establishment of David in Jerusalem, what was the name of David’s scribe? ([Sheva, vs. 25](#))
- h) What person was “a chief ruler about David?” ([Ira, vs. 26](#))

2) Acts 7 – Read & Answer Below

- a) When Stephen started his defense, what beloved patriarch did he talk about first? ([Abraham, vs. 2](#))
- b) In what verse does Stephen say, “...and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs?” ([Acts 7:8](#))
- c) What Old Testament great does Stephen talk about in Acts 7:9? ([Joseph](#))
- d) Acts 7:17 declares, “But when the time of the _____ drew nigh, which God had sworn to _____, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt.” ([promise; Abraham](#))
- e) What Old Testament hero is mentioned beginning in Acts 7:20? ([Moses](#))
- f) Speaking of the fact that Solomon, not David, built the Temple, in what verse does Stephen say, “But Solomon built Him an house?” ([Acts 7:47](#))
- g) Acts 7:54 records their reaction to Stephen’s preaching. It states, “When they _____ these things, they were cut to the _____, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.” ([heard; heart](#))
- h) The Scripture says that “the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was _____.” ([Saul, vs. 58](#))
- i) In what way did the vicious mob murder Stephen? ([They stoned him, vs. 58-60](#))

7. **Saturday** –

1) 2 Samuel 21 – Read & Answer Below

- a) A _____ was “in the days of David three years, year after year.” ([famine, vs. 1](#))
- b) What was the cause of this three-year disaster? ([God said, “It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites,” vs. 1](#))
- c) How many sons of Saul did the Gibeonites want slain as a measure of appeasement? ([Seven, vs. 6](#))

- d) What “son of Jonathan” was spared by King David? ([Mephibosheth, vs. 7](#))
 - e) What “concubine of Saul” made sure “the birds of the air...nor the beasts of the field” consumed the dead bodies of the sons of Saul that were hanged? ([Rizpah, vs. 10](#))
 - f) What group had stolen “the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son,” from the Philistines? ([The men of Jabeshgilead, vs. 12](#))
 - g) What great warrior helped/saved David from “Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant?” ([Abishai, vs. 16-17](#))
 - h) What warrior and relative of David slew the giant that had six fingers and six toes on each hand/foot? ([Jonathan, vs. 21](#))
- 2) Acts 7 – Read & Word Study/Research
- a) In what verse is the “covenant of circumcision” that was given to Abraham, mentioned? ([Acts 7:8](#))
 - b) Joseph was sold into Egypt, yet Stephen, perfectly aligned with Old Testament teaching, says, “but _____ was with him.” ([God, vs. 9](#))
 - c) What verse says, “And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds?” ([Acts 7:22](#))
 - d) It is said of Moses, “For he supposed his _____ would have understood how that _____ by his hand would _____ them: but they understood _____.” ([brethren; God; deliver; not, vs. 25](#))
 - e) In what verse does Stephen reference the fact that the Hebrew fathers had refused Moses. The exact reference is this: “This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge?...” ([Acts 7:35](#))
 - f) In Acts 7:37 Stephen quotes Moses. What passage in Deuteronomy is he drawing the words of Moses from? ([Deuteronomy 18:15](#))
 - g) In Acts 7:39 Stephen continues showing the rebellious nature of many of the Hebrew fathers toward God/Moses, by saying, “To whom our fathers would not _____, but thrust him from them, and in their _____ turned back again into _____.” ([obey; hearts; Egypt](#))
 - h) In what verse does Stephen tell them they are rejecting or resisting the Holy Spirit (i.e., the inspired message from the Holy Spirit through Stephen)? ([Acts 7:51](#))
 - i) In what two verses is Jesus pictured as “standing on the right hand of God?” ([Acts 7:55-56](#))
 - j) Does Stephen curse his enemies or does he graciously wish for their future salvation? ([He wanted them to be saved. He did not curse them. As the last verse, Acts 7:60, says, “And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge....” Note, just as Jesus had used similar language when He was crucified, so Stephen too, wanted the lost to find an opportunity to be saved. He was not asking Christ to save them in their rebellion, but wished for them an opportunity to come to know Christ. Cf., Matthew 7:21, John 14:6](#))