

¹And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.²And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.⁴And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.⁵And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.⁶And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.⁷Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.⁸And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.⁹And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore

¹وَكَانَ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ أَنَّ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ جَمَعُوا جُيُوشَهُمْ لِيُحَارِبُوا إِسْرَائِيلَ. فَقَالَ أَحِيشُ لِدَاوُدَ، اعْلَمْ يَقِينًا أَنَّكَ سَتَخْرُجُ مَعِيَ فِي الْجَيْشِ أَنْتَ وَرَجَالُكَ.²فَقَالَ دَاوُدُ لِأَحِيشَ، لِذَلِكَ أَنْتَ سَتَعْلَمُ مَا يَفْعَلُ عَبْدُكَ. فَقَالَ أَحِيشُ لِدَاوُدَ، لِذَلِكَ أَجْعَلُكَ خَارِسًا لِرَأْسِي كُلِّ الْأَيَّامِ.³وَمَاتَ صَمُوئِيلُ وَتَذَبَّهُ كُلُّ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَدَفَنُوهُ فِي الرَّامَةِ فِي مَدِينَتِهِ. وَكَانَ سَاوُلُ قَدْ تَقَى أَصْحَابَ الْجَانِّ وَالتَّوَايعِ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ.⁴فَاجْتَمَعَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ وَجَاءُوا وَتَرَلُّوا فِي سُوتَمَ وَجَمَعَ سَاوُلُ جَمِيعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَرَلَّ فِي جَلْبُوغَ.⁵وَلَمَّا رَأَى سَاوُلُ جَيْشَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ خَافَ وَاضْطَرَبَ قَلْبُهُ جِدًّا.⁶فَسَأَلَ سَاوُلُ مِنَ الرَّبِّ، فَلَمْ يُجِبْهُ الرَّبُّ لَا بِالْأَحْلَامِ وَلَا بِالْأُورِيمِ وَلَا بِالْأَنْبِيَاءِ.⁷فَقَالَ سَاوُلُ لِعَبِيدِهِ، فَتَنَسُّوا لِي عَلَى امْرَأَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ جَانٌّ فَأَذْهَبْ إِلَيْهَا وَأَسْأَلَهَا. فَقَالَ لَهُ عَبِيدُهُ، هُوَذَا امْرَأَةٌ صَاحِبَةٌ جَانٌّ فِي عَيْنِ دُورٍ.⁸فَتَنَكَّرَ سَاوُلُ وَلَبَسَ ثِيَابًا أُخْرَى، وَذَهَبَ هُوَ وَرَجُلَانِ مَعَهُ وَجَاءُوا إِلَى الْمَرْأَةِ لَيْلًا. وَقَالَ، اعْرِفِي لِي بِالْجَانِّ وَأُصْعِدِي لِي مَنْ أَقُولُ لَكَ.⁹فَقَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ، هُوَذَا أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ مَا فَعَلَ سَاوُلُ، كَيْفَ قَطَعَ أَصْحَابَ الْجَانِّ وَالتَّوَايعِ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ. فَلَمَّاذَا تَصْعُ شَرَكًا لِنَفْسِي لثُمَّتِهَا.¹⁰فَحَلَفَ لَهَا سَاوُلُ بِالرَّبِّ، حَيْثُ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، إِنَّهُ لَا يُلْحَقُكَ إِنْمَ فِي هَذَا الْأَمْرِ.¹¹فَقَالَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ، مَنْ أَصْعِدُ لَكَ. فَقَالَ، أَصْعِدِي لِي صَمُوئِيلَ.¹²فَلَمَّا رَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ صَمُوئِيلَ صَرَخَتْ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ، وَقَالَتْ لِسَاوُلَ، لِمَاذَا حَدَّغْتَنِي وَأَنْتَ سَاوُلُ. فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلِكُ، لَا تَخَافِي. فَمَاذَا رَأَيْتِ. فَقَالَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ لِسَاوُلَ، رَأَيْتُ إِلَهَةً يَصْعَدُونَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ.¹⁴فَقَالَ لَهَا، مَا هِيَ صُورَتُهُ. فَقَالَتْ، رَجُلٌ سَبْعُ صَاعِدٍ وَهُوَ مُعْطَى بَجَبَةٍ. فَعَلِمَ سَاوُلُ أَنَّهُ صَمُوئِيلُ، فَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَسَجَدَ.¹⁵فَقَالَ صَمُوئِيلُ لِسَاوُلَ، لِمَاذَا أَقْلَقْتَنِي بِأَصْعَادِكَ إِيَّايَ. فَقَالَ سَاوُلُ، قَدْ صَاقَ بِي الْأَمْرُ جِدًّا. الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ يُحَارِبُونَنِي، وَالرَّبُّ قَارَقَنِي وَلَمْ يَعْذُ يُجِيبْنِي لَا بِالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَلَا بِالْأَحْلَامِ. فِدَعُونُكَ لِنُعَلِمَنِي مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ.¹⁶فَقَالَ صَمُوئِيلُ، وَلِمَاذَا تَسْأَلُنِي وَالرَّبُّ قَدْ قَارَقَكَ وَصَارَ عَذُوكَ.¹⁷وَقَدْ فَعَلَ الرَّبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ كَمَا تَكَلَّمُ عَنْ يَدِي، وَقَدْ شَقَّ الرَّبُّ الْمَمْلَكَةَ مِنْ يَدِكَ وَأَعْطَاهَا لِقَرِيبِكَ دَاوُدَ.¹⁸لَئِنْكَ لَمْ تَسْمَعْ لِصَوْتِ الرَّبِّ وَلَمْ تَفْعَلْ حُمُومَ عَصَبِهِ فِي عَمَالِيْقَ، لِذَلِكَ قَدْ فَعَلَ الرَّبُّ بِكَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ الْيَوْمَ.¹⁹وَيَذْفُقُ الرَّبُّ إِسْرَائِيلَ أَيْضًا مَعَكَ لِيَدِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. وَغَدًا أَنْتَ وَتَبُوكُ تَكُونُونَ مَعِيَ، وَيَذْفُقُ

then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?¹⁰ And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.¹¹ Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.¹² And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.¹³ And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.¹⁴ And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.¹⁵ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.¹⁶ Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?¹⁷ And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:¹⁸ Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.¹⁹ Moreover the LORD will also deliver

الرَّبُّ جَيْشَ إِسْرَائِيلَ أَيْضاً لِيَدِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ.²⁰ فَأَسْرَعَ شَاوُلُ وَسَقَطَ عَلَى طَوْلِهِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَخَافَ جِداً مِنْ كَلَامِ صَمُوئِيلَ، وَأَيْضاً لَمْ تَكُنْ فِيهِ قُوَّةٌ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَأْكُلْ طَعَاماً النَّهَارَ كُلَّهُ وَاللَّيْلَ.²¹ ثُمَّ جَاءَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ إِلَى شَاوُلَ وَرَأَتْ أَنَّهُ مُرْتَاعٌ جِداً، فَقَالَتْ لَهُ، هُوَذَا قَدْ سَمِعْتُ جَارِيَتَكَ لَصَوْتِكَ فَوَضَعْتُ نَفْسِي فِي كَفِّي وَسَمِعْتُ لِكَلَامِكَ الَّذِي كَلَّمْتَنِي بِهِ.²² وَالْآنَ اسْمَعِ أَنْتِ أَيْضاً لَصَوْتِ جَارِيَتِكَ فَاصْصِدْ فِدَامَكَ كِسْرَةً خُبْزٍ وَكُلِّي، فَتَكُونُ فِيكَ قُوَّةٌ إِذْ تَسِيرُ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.²³ فَأَبَى وَقَالَ، لَا أَكُلْ. قَالَحَ عَلَيْهِ عَبْدَاهُ وَالْمَرْأَةُ أَيْضاً، فَسَمِعَ لَصَوْتَهُمْ وَقَامَ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ وَجَلَسَ عَلَى السَّرِيرِ.²⁴ وَكَانَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ عَجُلٌ مُسَمَّنٌ فِي الْبَيْتِ، فَأَسْرَعَتْ وَدَبَحَتْهُ وَأَخَذَتْ دَقِيقاً وَعَجَتَهُ وَخَبَرَتْ قَطِيرًا،²⁵ ثُمَّ قَدَّمَتْهُ أَمَامَ شَاوُلَ وَأَمَامَ عَبْدَيْهِ فَأَكَلُوا. وَقَامُوا وَدَهَبُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ.

Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.²⁰ Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.²¹ And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.²² Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.²³ But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.²⁴ And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof.²⁵ And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.