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Weekly Test

Shmuel Aleph Chapters 4–8 • Multiple choice

Name: _____Class: _____

Circle the correct answer. Good luck!

1. Perek Daled — The Aron Is Taken

1. Why did the elders bring the Aron from Shiloh to the camp, says the Metzudas David?

a) Because Shmuel told them to.

b) They thought: just as Hashem watches over the Aron of His bris, He will watch over us too.

c) Because the Pelishtim asked for it.

d) So they could take it to Ashdod.

2. The man from Binyamin told Eli the news. When did Eli fall from his chair?

a) When he heard that Israel ran away.

b) When he heard that many people fell.

c) When the man mentioned the Aron of God.

d) When he heard the city crying.

3. Which Hebrew word is the name of the baby, meaning "there is no glory"?

a) עֵלִי

b) תְּרוּעָה

c) הַכִּסֵּא

d) אִיכָבוֹד

2. Perek Hei — Dagon Falls

4. What was Dagon, says Rashi?

a) An idol made in the shape of a fish

b) A king of the Pelishtim

c) A city near Ashdod

d) A Kohen of the Pelishtim

5. The second time Dagon fell before the Aron of Hashem, what happened to it?

a) It stood up again by itself.

b) It was carried to Gat.

c) Its head and both its hands were cut off.

d) It was thrown into the sea.

6. In what order did the Pelishtim move the Aron?

a) Ekron → Gat → Ashdod

b) Ashdod → Ekron → Gat

c) Gat → Ashdod → Ekron

d) Ashdod → Gat → Ekron

3. Perek Vav — The Cows and Beis Shemesh

7. What did the Pelishtim send back with the Aron as an asham (guilt offering)?

a) Five gold crowns

b) Five golden sores and five golden mice

c) Seven silver cups

d) Two new wagons

8. Rashi says the two cows were a test. What would show that it was Hashem Who brought the plague?

a) If the cows, who were not used to a wagon and wanted their calves, pulled it straight to Beis Shemesh.

b) If the cows ran back home to their calves.

c) If the cows stopped in Ekron.

d) If the wagon broke.

9. Which Hebrew word means "wagon"?

a) פָּרוֹת
b) אָשָׁם
c) עֲגָלָה
d) הָאַרְגַּז

4. Perek Zayin — Mitzpah and Even HaEzer

10. At Mitzpah the people drew water and poured it out before Hashem. What does Rashi say this means?

a) They were thirsty after the war.
b) They poured out their hearts in teshuva like water, a sign of being humble.
c) They were washing the Aron.
d) They were making a river to stop the Pelishtim.

11. How did Hashem help Israel when the Pelishtim came near to fight?

a) He sent a big flood.
b) He sent hail and fire.
c) He made the sun stand still.
d) He thundered with a great sound and confused them.

12. Shmuel set up Even HaEzer. Which Hebrew word means "a stone"?

a) אֶבֶן
b) מַיִם
c) הַמִּצְפָּה
d) הָרָמָתָה

5. Perek Ches — Give Us a King

13. Where did Shmuel's sons, Yoel and Aviya, sit as judges? (Radak: at the far edge of Eretz Yisrael!)

a) Ramah
b) Shiloh
c) Be'er Sheva
d) Mitzpah

14. Hashem told Shmuel: "It is not you they have rejected — it is Me." Why, says the Metzudas David?

a) Because Shmuel was too old to judge.
b) Because they did not want the judgments of the Torah.
c) Because they wanted to go back to Egypt.
d) Because they did not like Ramah.

Answer Key

1. b — Metzudas David: just as Hashem watches over the Aron of His bris, He will watch over us too (Perek 4, section 2).

2. c — When the man mentioned the Aron of God, Eli fell backwards from his chair (Perek 4, section 5).

3. d — אִיכָבוֹד — Rashi: "Ichavod" means "there is no glory" (Perek 4, section 6).

4. a — Rashi: Dagon was an idol made in the shape of a fish (Perek 5, section 1).

5. c — Dagon's head and both its hands were cut off, lying on the threshold (Perek 5, section 3).

6. d — Ashdod, then Gat, then Ekron (Perek 5, sections 1 and 5; extra 11).

7. b — Five golden sores and five golden mice, like the five leaders of the Pelishtim (Perek 6, section 2).

8. a — Rashi: the cows were not used to pulling a wagon and wanted their calves, so if they went straight, it was Hashem (Perek 6, section 3).

9. c — עֲגָלָה = the new wagon (Perek 6, Word Match).

10. b — Rashi: they poured out their hearts in teshuva like water; a sign of being humble (Perek 7, section 3).

11. d — Hashem thundered with a great sound upon the Pelishtim and confused them (Perek 7, section 5).

12. a — אֶבֶן = a stone (Perek 7, Word Match).

13. c — They were judges in Be'er Sheva; Radak: at the far edge of Eretz Yisrael (Perek 8, section 1).

14. b — Metzudas David: they did not want the judgments of the Torah (Perek 8, section 3).