

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 17 BASIC QUESTIONS

17.01 The plan to choose twelve thousand men and set out in pursuit of David was suggested to Absalom by ____.

- A. Zadok
- B. Ahithophel
- C. Abiathar
- D. Hushai

17.02 Who suggested the plans whereby Absalom would defeat David?

- A. Jonathan and Ahithophel
- B. Hushai the Arkite and Ahithophel
- C. Solomon and Hushai
- D. None of these

17.03 When would Ahithophel have Absalom pursue David?

- A. after the Passover was celebrated
- B. at daybreak the next morning
- C. at the beginning of the month
- D. that night

17.04 Ahithophel's plan to pursue David suggested attacking David when he was ____.

- A. weary and weak
- B. cold but alert
- C. hungry and thirsty
- D. drunk

17.05 Ahithophel recommended that Absalom's pursuit end with striking down ____.

- A. Hushai
- B. the people with the king
- C. the king
- D. the elders of Israel

17.06 Why did Ahithophel suggest a specific time was good to pursue David?

- A. David would be weary and weak
- B. David's forces would be sleeping
- C. David's advisors would be with him and Absalom could kill all of the leaders of the army at one time
- D. David would not be expecting an attack at that time

17.07 Who did Ahithophel advise Absalom to kill?

- A. all of the people with David
- B. all of David's most trusted advisors
- C. David
- D. All of these

17.08 Absalom believed that the plan offered by Ahithophel was ____.

- A. unethical
- B. good
- C. unwise
- D. risky

17.09 ____ said that in addition to Ahithophel, Hushai should also be consulted.

- A. Zadok
- B. Absalom
- C. Ahithophel himself
- D. Abiathar

17.10 Hushai told Absalom that Ahithophel's advice regarding David was ____.

- A. worth considering
- B. blessed by the LORD
- C. not good
- D. excellent as always

17.11 While talking to Absalom, Hushai compared David and his fighters to a _____.

- A. lamb taken to slaughter
- B. wild bear robbed of her cubs
- C. bee without a hive
- D. god of the Philistines

17.12 Hushai suggested to Absalom that David was an experienced fighter who would not spend the night _____.

- A. with his troops
- B. in a well-lit camp
- C. by a river
- D. in a cave

17.13 Hushai suggested to Absalom that he should gather all of Israel with him, and that he should lead them into _____.

- A. the wilderness
- B. secret caves
- C. battle
- D. debt

17.14 What did Hushai the Arkite advise Absalom to do?

- A. take 4000 of his best troops to Beersheba and annihilate David and his whole army
- B. take all of the fighting men of Dan, capture David, and bring him to Absalom
- C. lead all Israel to attack David wherever he was found
- D. go to the seashore for some rest before pursuing David

17.15 What simile did Hushai use to describe how Absalom's troops should descend on David?

- A. as dew settles on the ground
- B. as mother hen covers her chicks with her wings
- C. like a hawk attacks its prey
- D. like a duck on a June bug

17.16 According to Hushai, what would Absalom's army do if David withdrew into a city?

- A. bring ropes to that city and drag it into the valley until not even a piece could be found
- B. send spies to infiltrate David's army and murder David and his commanders
- C. march around the city for seven days
- D. None of these

17.17 What did this person say would happen to David if he did not cross the fords?

- A. he would be humiliated
- B. he and his people would be swallowed up
- C. Absalom would succeed in taking the city of priests
- D. None of these

17.18 Where were Jonathan and Ahimaaz staying?

- A. Sychar
- B. Beth Shemesh
- C. En Gedi
- D. En Rogel

17.19 Who was sent to tell these men to give the message to David?

- A. Ittai
- B. Abishai
- C. the wife of Bahurim
- D. a servant girl

17.20 Where did these men hide when they were spotted?

- A. by the river
- B. under a pile of dead sticks
- C. in a granary
- D. in a well

17.21 Who hid Jonathan and Ahimaaz?

- A. a young Benjamite in the courtyard
- B. the wife of a man from Bahurim
- C. a servant girl
- D. Ahithophel

17.22 With what was the hiding place covered?

- A. a covering with grain sprinkled on it
- B. an upper millstone
- C. a pile of branches
- D. nothing

17.23 Who knew where these men were hidden?

- A. the Benjamite
- B. Anakin
- C. no one
- D. a servant girl

17.24 What was the answer to the question "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan"?

- A. "They fled to the granary."
- B. "They went into the hills."
- C. "They crossed over the brook."
- D. "They fled to Lo Debar."

17.25 What did the men say when they returned to David?

- A. "Set out across the river at once."
- B. "Ahithophel has advised such and such against you."
- C. "Evil men are plotting to kill you."
- D. A & B

17.26 Who went with David when he crossed the river?

- A. all his men
- B. his mother and father
- C. all the people
- D. A & B

17.27 What did Ahithophel do when he heard his advice had not been followed?

- A. He left for his home town.
- B. He hanged himself.
- C. He put his house in order.
- D. All of these

17.28 Who commanded Absalom's army in place of Joab?

- A. Absalom
- B. Amasa
- C. Zeruiah
- D. Nahash

17.29 Where did Absalom and the Israelites camp after crossing the Jordan?

- A. Gilead
- B. Beth Shemesh
- C. in the desert, close to Negev
- D. Siloam

17.30 Who provided David and his people with bedding, bowls, and pottery?

- A. Shobi son of Nahash
- B. Makir son of Ammiel
- C. Barzillai from Rogelim
- D. All of these

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 17 ADVANCED QUESTIONS

17.31A How many men was Absalom to take with him according to the plan suggested by Ahithophel?

- A. 25,000
- B. 100,000
- C. 12,000
- D. 1,000

17.32A Hushai the Arkite made the following observation(s).

- A. He compared David and the men fighting with him to a bear robbed of her cubs. C. If David attacked first, the rumor would circulate that Absalom's troops had been slaughtered.
- B. David would not spend the night with his troops. D. All of these

17.33A Who told Zadok and Abiathar to warn David to cross the fords of the desert?

- A. Ahithophel C. Hushai
- B. The LORD D. Abigail

17.34A Why did Absalom choose to follow the advice of Hushai the Arkite?

- A. Absalom and all of his men preferred the plan. C. Hushai was Absalom's closest friend.
- B. The LORD had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel. D. A & B

17.35A Who asked the person who hid the two men, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan"?

- A. Absalom C. Absalom's men
- B. Nushai D. Ahithophel

17.36A David went to _____, and Absalom crossed the _____ with all the men of Israel.

- A. Mahanaim ... Jordan C. Jabesh Gilead ... Amnon River
- B. Barzillai ... Lake of Tiberias D. Rogelim ... Gershom River

17.37A Who was Amasa's father?

- A. Jether C. Reuel
- B. The text does not say. D. David

17.38A Which of the following food items were NOT brought for David and his people?

- A. honey and curds C. wheat and barley
- B. pressed figs and corn D. beans and lentils