

***The Story* — Chapter 11**

From Shepherd to King

Magic Square

A magic square is a square array of numbers in which each column, row, and diagonal has the same sum (called the Magic Sum).

In this puzzle, you must first determine the number for each of the eight clues below – all of the numbers can be found in the eleventh chapter of *The Story*.

Then follow the instructions to determine the values for A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, and replace those eight letters in the Magic Square with their corresponding numbers.

You must then determine the value of X, the middle square, so that you have a magic square.

What is the Magic Sum and what is the significance of the Magic Sum to the Old Testament?

- Clue #1 Determine the number of shekels that Goliath's coat weighed. Divide this number by 312.5 and assign this value to A.
- Clue #2 Find the weight in shekels of the iron point on Goliath's spear. Divide this number by 60, then subtract one. Assign the result to B.
- Clue #3 How many days did Goliath come forward and challenge Israel? Subtract 26 from this number and assign that value to C.
- Clue #4 Take the number of children that Michal gave birth to and add 11 to it. Assign this value to D.
- Clue #5 Find the number of stones that David took from the stream before he went to meet Goliath. Multiply this number by 5 and assign it to E.
- Clue #6 Find the height of Goliath in cubits (disregard the span). Double this number and assign it to F.
- Clue #7 Find the number of priests who had given David shelter and that Saul ordered to be slaughtered. Divide this number by 5 and assign it to G.
- Clue #8 Find the number of loaves of bread that Jesse gave to David to take to his Brothers. This is the same number of cheeses that Jesse gave to David to take to the commander of his brother's unit. Assign this number to H.

Now replace each of the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H by their respective numbers in the magic square below:

A	B	C
D	X	E
F	G	H

Place your answers here:

What is the value of X to make this a Magic Square? _____

What is the Magic Sum? _____

What is the significance of this Magic Sum to the Old Testament? _____

Answers to the Magic Square for Chapter 11 of *The Story*

16	9	14
11	13	15
12	17	10

What is the value of X that will make this a Magic Square? 13.

What is the Magic Sum? 39.

What is the significance of this Magic Sum to the Old Testament?
It is the number of books in the Old Testament.