

SAUL FORFEITS A DYNASTY

(1 Samuel 13)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

A. VICTORY OVER THE AMMONITES (11:1-15)

B. SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS (12:1-25)

C. WAR WITH THE PHILISTINES (13:1-14:46)

1. Jonathan, son of Saul, attacked a Philistine garrison (13:1-4)

- a. Because of an apparent _____ from the Philistines, King Saul and his son began to _____ troops in the hill country of Bethel.
- b. Jonathan's preemptive strike against the Philistines caused Saul to blow the _____ and call the army together at Gilgal, and prepare for _____.

2. While the Philistines gathered men and horses, Saul was held up at Gilgal (13:5-7)

- a. The Philistine army consisted of "_____ chariots and _____ horsemen, and people as the _____ which is on the seashore in multitude."
- b. When Israel _____ the size of the army the people were _____, they even _____ themselves in various places from the Philistines.

3. When Samuel did not appear, Saul offered a sacrifice (13:8-10)

- a. Saul did not think that Samuel was going to _____ at the appointed time of seven days, and the army around him was beginning to _____.
- b. Rather than wait on the Lord, Saul walked by _____, and he _____, and then took matters into his _____ hands.
- c. King Saul _____ the role of a _____ priest, and sacrificed a burnt offering.

4. Samuel finally arrived and condemned Saul (13:11-14)

- a. Saul listed three _____ for his horrific sin, and then put a “spiritual twist” on it so as to _____ his guilt, and place the _____ on others.

- b. Samuel’s rebuke was severe, as he informed Saul that the kingdom had been _____ from him, and that the Lord already had his _____, “*a man after His own heart.*”

- c. The real issue here was Saul’s _____ from service, not _____ of sin, as forgiveness is always _____ to the repentant heart!

5. While Saul was at Gibeah; the Philistines encamped at Michmash and raided Israelite villages (13:15-18)

- a. Saul and his men apparently _____ Samuel from Gilgal to Gibeah to _____ Jonathan’s stronghold there.

- b. The Philistines wisely deployed _____ company of soldiers to _____ the roads which led to their base camp in Michmash, while at the same time cutting off Saul’s camp at Gibeah from any possible reinforcements from the _____ tribes.

6. The Philistines denied Israel weapons of war (13:19-23)

- a. The Philistine’s monopoly on metal even meant that Israel needed to have their agricultural farming tools _____ for an _____ fee.

- b. There was a huge disparity between the Philistines’ armament of _____ weapons and Israel’s _____ weapons made merely from _____.

* How does this chapter apply to you?