

Saul Rejected as King 1 Samuel 13-15

I. Saul Begins Well – 9-12

1. He was selected by God to Reign
2. He was anointed by Samuel to be king
3. He was given God's Spirit
4. His heart was changed by God
5. God gave him victory over Ammonites
This unified Israel under Saul
6. It was to be a Theocratic Monarchy
Samuel made it clear in 12:13-15, 24-25

II. Saul leads Israel in battle – 13:1-7

1. Early in his reign he gathers an army – 1-4
Saul & Jonathan begin with a small unit
Saul had 2,000 men & Jonathan had 1,000
Jonathan had a victory over Philistines
Saul used this to rally more troops in Israel
2. Philistines gathered their forces – 5-7
A huge army with horses & chariots
Israel was terrified and hid or deserted
Those who stayed followed Saul trembling

III. Saul's First Crisis – 13:8-14

1. Set a time to ask God's help – 8
Samuel agreed to come & offer sacrifices
But Samuel did not arrive on time
The people were beginning to leave Saul
2. Impatient, Saul makes a bad choice – 9
He offers the sacrifice to God
He thus presumes to enter the priestly office
3. When Saul finished Samuel came – 10-12
Samuel asked him what he had done
5. God sent Samuel to Saul – 10-12 Saul explained
why he was forced to act
Saul's army was scattering
Samuel was late in coming
Philistines were gathered for battle
And they had not yet offered up to God
4. Samuel told him the consequences – 13-14
You acted foolishly against God's command
Your kingdom will not continue
God will look for a man after His own heart
5. Samuel and Saul parted – 15
Saul was left with about 600 men
6. Philistines, strong against Israel – 16-23
Only Saul and Jonathan had swords

IV. Jonathan's Great Victory – 14:1-45

1. Jonathan & armor-bearer attack 1-14
They go alone unknown to Saul & others 1-3
2. Jonathan is confident of God's help – 4-7
Our God can give victory whether many or few
3. Jonathan asks for a sign – 8-12
We will let the enemy see us

- If they say come & fight we will go
4. God gave them a great victory – 13-15
They slew about 20 men
This victory frightened the Philistines - 15
 5. This victory gave hope to Israel – 16-23
Saul discovered it was Jonathan – 16-17
With the priest he sought God's help – 18-19
He rallied all the troops to fight – 20-22
God graciously saved Israel that day – 23
 6. In spite of Saul's foolish oath – 24-30
He forbid his men to eat during battle – 24
Would not even take honey available – 25-26
But Jonathan did not hear the oath – 27
When told he said oath was foolish – 28-30
This would have given you strength to fight
 7. After battle they went wild eating – 31-32
They ate meat with the blood – 32
 8. Saul made them aware of sin – 33-35
They brought their meat to Saul to drain blood
Offered a sacrifice to God
 9. Saul planned a night attack – 36-37
Priest suggested that they ask God
But God did not answer
 10. Saul gathers army to find cause – 38-45
Jonathan is taken by lot
Saul is ready to execute his son
But the men refuse to let Saul do it

V. Saul Disobeys God – 15:1-23

1. Samuel reminds Saul he must obey God - 1
2. He gives him an assignment from God – 2-3
Amalek must be destroyed for attack on Israel
Found in Exodus 17:8-14
3. Saul with his army defeated Amalek – 4-7
4. But he spared the king & animals – 8-9
He spares what God told to destroy
5. God sent Samuel to Saul – 10-12
Told him that Saul cannot continue as king
Samuel cried unto the Lord all night
Samuel rose early to go find Saul
6. Saul greets Samuel with praise – 13
"I have performed the commandment of the Lord"
7. Samuel challenges him on that – 14
What about the noise of animals I hear
8. They saved them for sacrifices – 15
Tries to justify himself on religious grounds
9. God has a message for you 16-23
When you were humble God made you king
God gave you an assignment to obey
Incomplete obedience is disobedience
To obey is better than sacrifice
Rebellion is like witchcraft, iniquity, idolatry

VI. God Rejects Saul as King – 15:23-35

- You rejected God's Word – 23
So God now rejects you as king

2. Saul acknowledges his sin – 24
But blames the people
3. Samuel withdraws his support – 25-26
Saul seeks a pardon but Samuel withdraws
4. Torn clothing speaks of torn reign – 27-29
God will not change His mind on this
5. Samuel relents & goes with Saul – 30-31
So Saul can worship
6. King of Amalekites is killed – 32-33
7. Samuel does not see Saul again – 34-35
But mourns for him