ELI

SAMUEL – Start of his Ministry

Anointing of King Saul

- Acts 13:20 *And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of* ***four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.***

- Last two (2) Judges : **ELI and SAMUEL**

- Both **judges** and **priests** at the same time.



ELI - An Undisciplined Priest

- Two (2) sons of Eli: ***Hophni*** and ***Phinehas***

  They were **unsaved** (2:12).

Jud 2: 12 *Now the sons of Eli were **sons of Belial**; they knew not the LORD.*

1.. They **stole the offerings** from God (2:14).

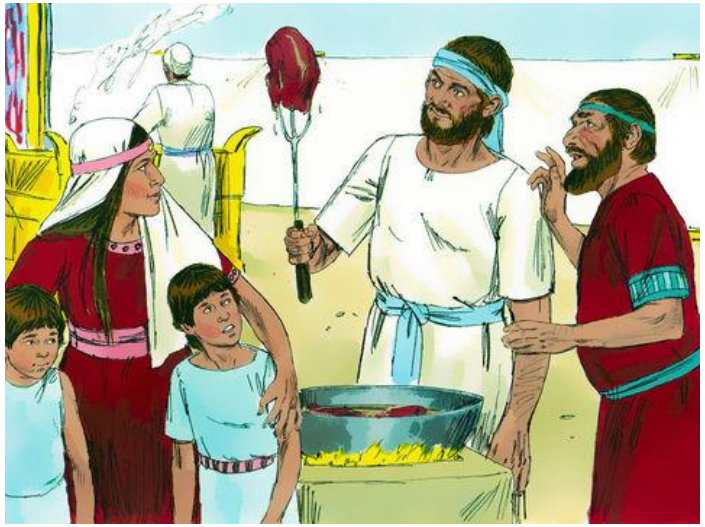
- Jud 2: 13 *And **the priest's custom** with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the **priest's servant came**, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;*

14 *Also **before they burnt the fat**, the priest's servants came, and said to the man that sacrificed,*

Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 *And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him,*
Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.





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2. They ***committed adultery*** right in the tabernacle (2:22).

Jud 2: 22 *Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they* ***lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle*** *of the congregation*.



3. They caused God's people to transgress (2:17, 24).

Jud 2: 17 *Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the* LORD: ***for men abhorred the offering of the*** LORD.

Weak reprimand by Eli on his evil sons:

- Eli attempts to correct this by a mild and weak "slap on the wrist," but his wicked sons remain unmoved and unrepentant (2:22-25).

Jud 2: 22 *Now **Eli was very old**, and **heard all that his sons did unto all Israe**l; ….*

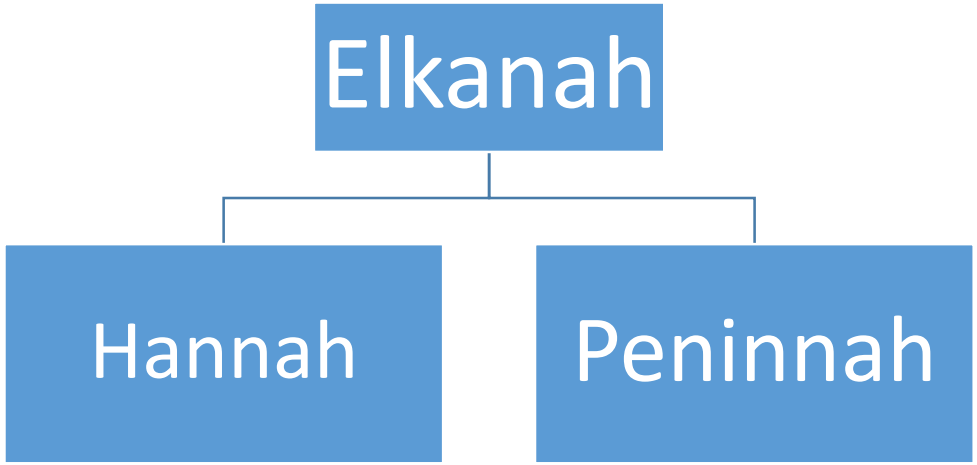
- *23 And he said unto them, **Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.***
- *24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: **ye make the LORD's people to transgress.***
- *25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him?*



Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, *because the LORD would slay them*

- SAMUEL - his name means *"asked for"*

- **Parents**: Elkanah and Hannah

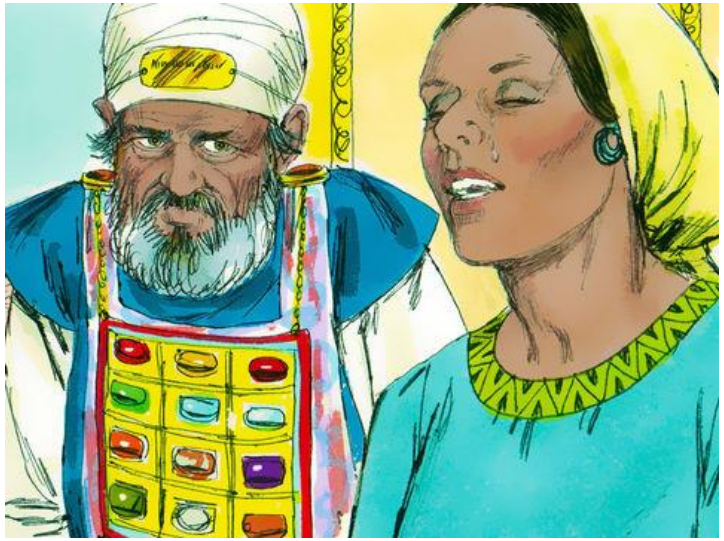


Hannah's Prayer:

- I Samuel 1: 10 *And she was **in bitterness of soul**, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.*

- *11 And she **vowed a vow**, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on **the affliction of thine handmaid**, and **remember me**, and not forget thine handmaid, but **wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child**, **then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head**.*





The BIRTH of Samuel:

- I Samuel 1: 20 *Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name* ***Samuel,*** *saying, Because* ***I have asked him of the LORD.***



- *21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.*
- *22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband,* ***I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.***



The BIRTH of Samuel:

- I Samuel 1:
- *27* ***For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:***
- ***28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD.*** *And he worshipped the LORD there.*



- I Samuel 2: 11
- ***And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.***

- I Samuel 2: 26 *And the child Samuel grew on, and was* ***in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.***

- I Samuel 3: 3 *And the* ***child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli.***

- ***And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.***

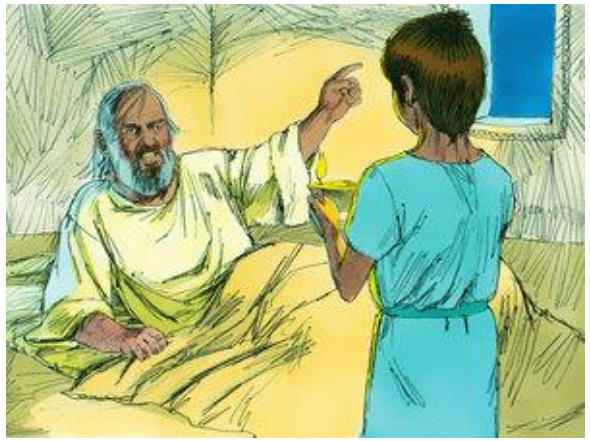


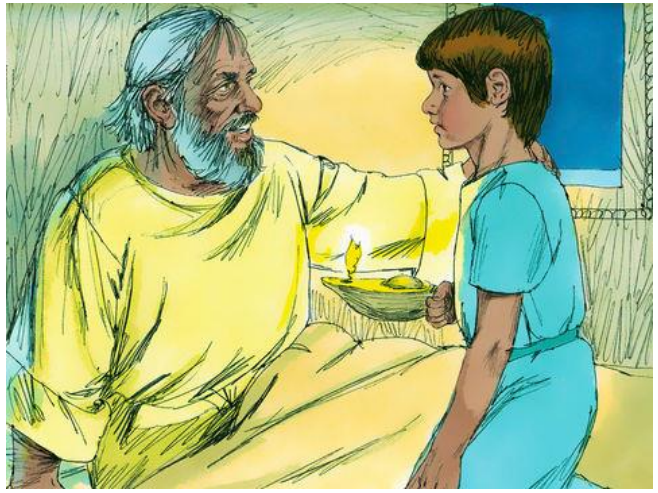


- **God revealed himself to Samuel one night as the boy lay in his bed in the Temple.**
- **On two (2) occassions, Samuel thought Eli was calling him:**

On the 3rd Call

- I Samuel 3: 7 *Now **Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him**.*
- *8 And the LORD called Samuel again the **third time**..... .... And **Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.***
- *9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, **Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth.** So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*
- *10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, **Samuel, Samuel**.*
- *Then Samuel answered, **Speak; for thy servant heareth**.*





Warning to Eli as Revealed to Samuel:

- ❑ The bulk of this divine message was the **future judgment of Eli's household.**
- ❑ The next morning a reluctant Samuel relates all this to Eli (3:1-18).

1. That his two wicked **sons would both die on the same day** (2:34).
2. That God **would raise up a faithful priest** (2:35).

Eli's Judgment from the Lord:

I Sam 3:.*13* ***For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.***

I Samuel 4: The Death of Hophni, Phinehas and ELI : Israel soundly defeated b the Philistines :

- *vs. 2* Philistines and Israel went to battle; 4000 Israelites killed

- **3** *And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said,* ***Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.***



I Samuel 4: The Death of Hophnii, Phinehas and ELI : Israel soundly defeated b the Philistines :



- *7 And **the Philistines were afraid**, for they said, **God is come into the camp.** And they said, **Woe unto us!** …*
- ***8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.***
- ***9 Be strong and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews,** as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.*



- 30,000 Israelite soldiers died that day. The survivors turned and fled to their tents. The Ark of God was captured, and Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were killed.

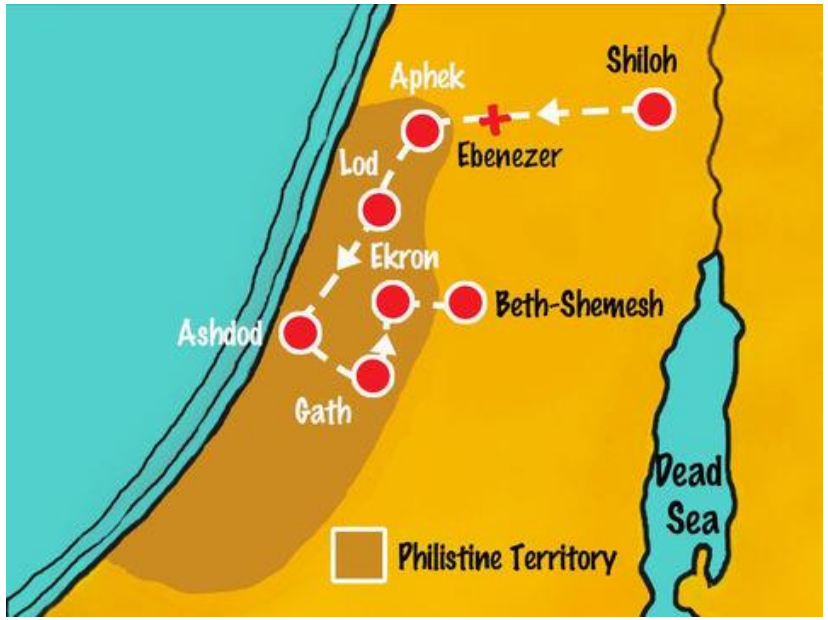
I Samuel 4: The Death of ELI :
Israel soundly defeated b the Philistines :

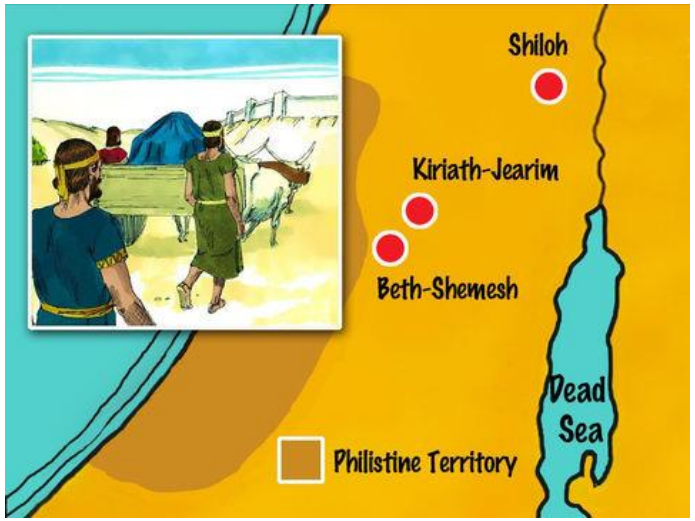
- 11 *And the **ark of God was taken;** and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.*
- 15 *Now **Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.***

- 17 *And the messenger answered and said, **Israel is fled before the Philistines**, and there hath been also **a great slaughter among the people,** and thy two sons also, **Hophni and Phinehas, are dead,** and the **ark of God is taken.***



18 *And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that **he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate**, and **his neck brake, and he died**: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.*





In each Philistine city that the Ark was taken the people were smitten by a plague of tumours.
The people of Ekron decided to send the ark back to Israel on a cart pulled by two cows. The cows pulled the cart carrying the ark to the nearby town of Beth-Shemesh. –



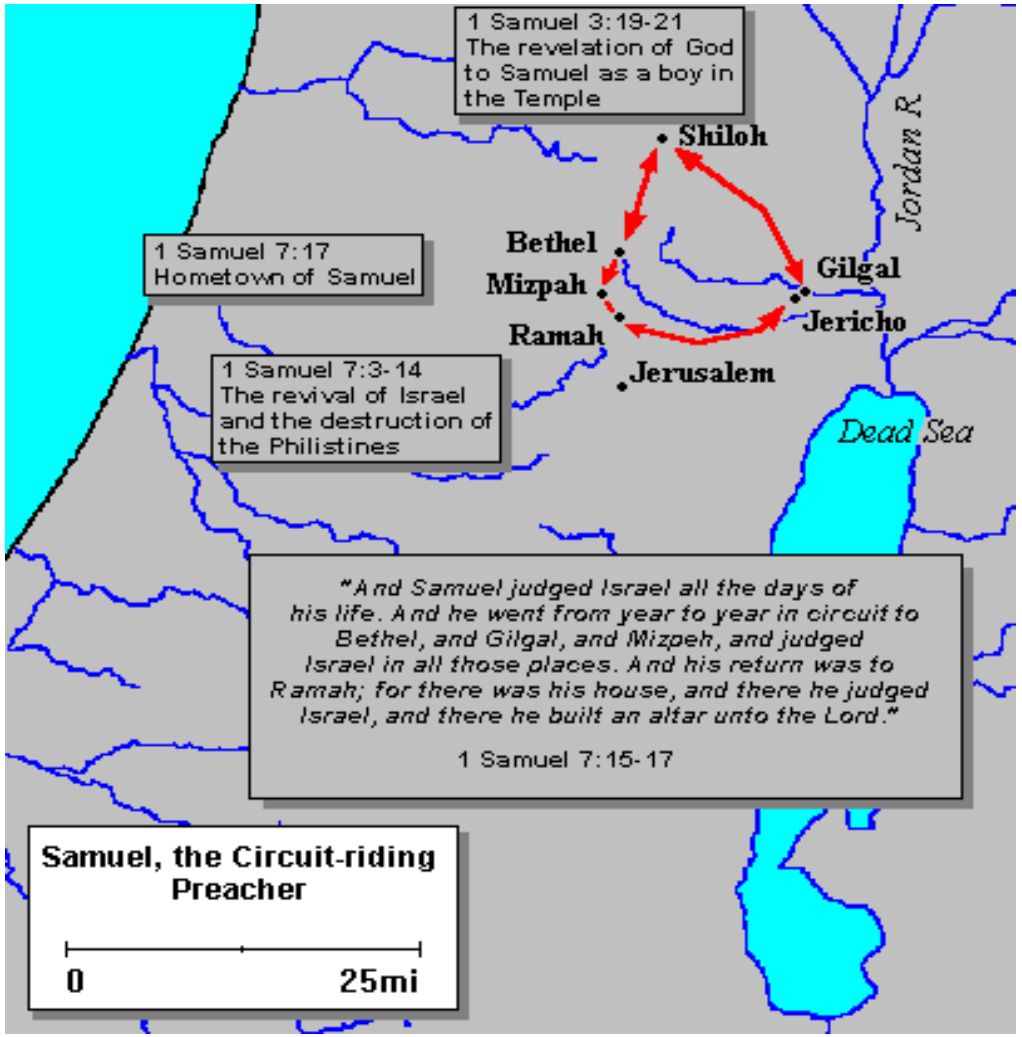
- **The Ministry of SAMUEL (priest, prophet, judge)**

- **Transition from the JUDGES Period to the KINGS Period**

"And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground (I Sam 3:19)

And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

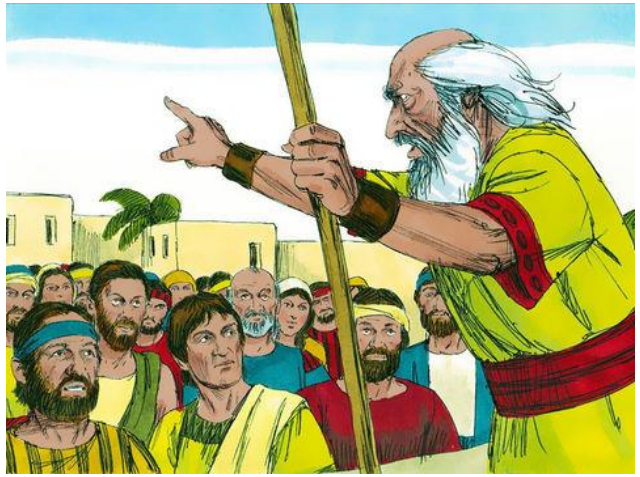
And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh…[and] revealed himself to Samuel" (1 Sam. 3:19-21)



- SAMUEL (1 Sam. 7) : **A Great REVIVAL**

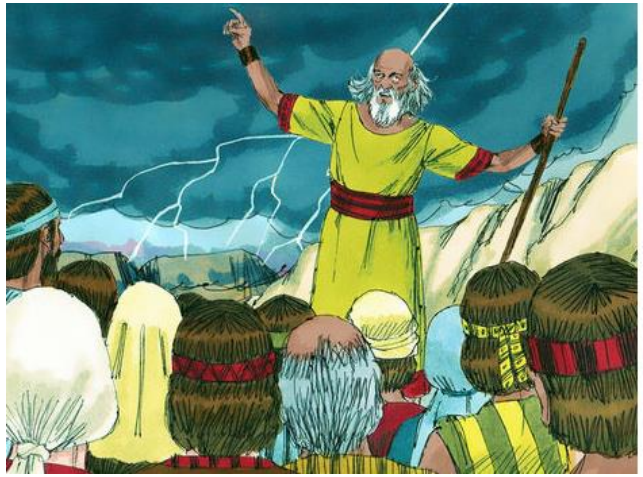
A. Israel invaded by the Philistines .

B. Samuel gathers all of Israel at ***Mizpeh*** (another town in Palestine) for a great revival (7:3-6).



SAMUEL : ***If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods*** *and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and* ***he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.***

Israelites : ***Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.***

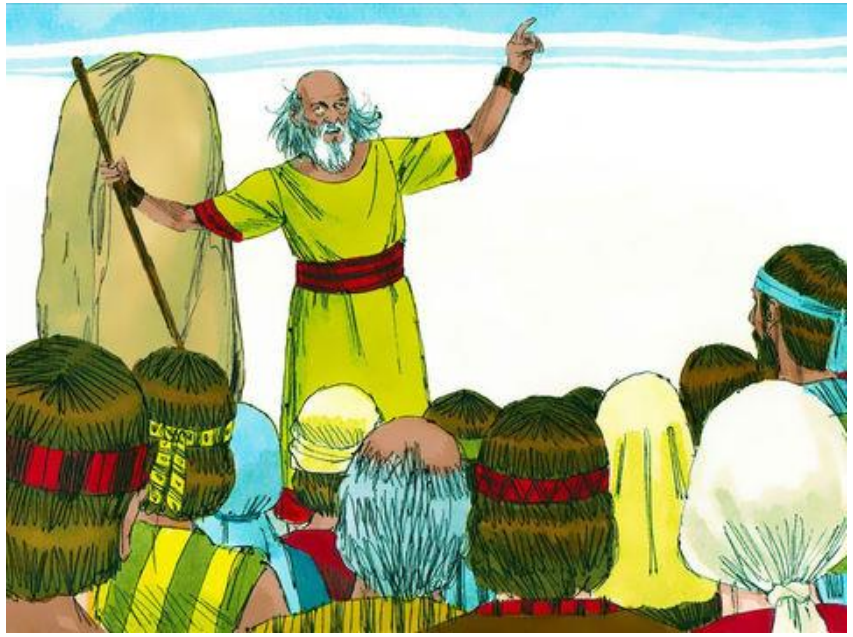


- **10** *And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the* ***Philistines drew near to battle against Israel****: but* ***the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them;*** *and they were smitten before Israel.*

- SAMUEL (1 Sam. 7) : **A Great REVIVAL**

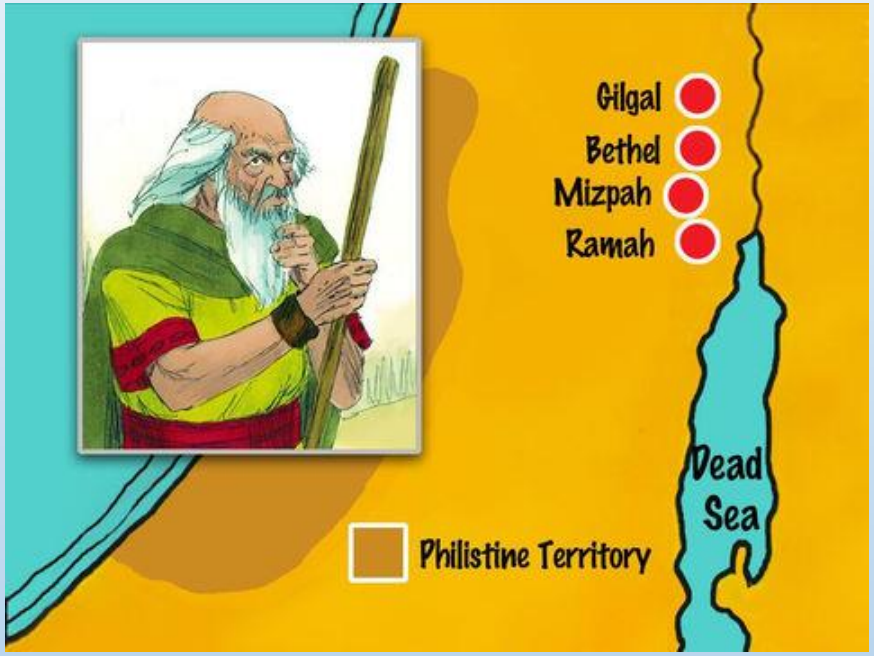
- **12** *Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it* ***Ebenezer,*** *saying,* ***Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.***

- **13** *So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and* ***the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.***



- **SAMUEL (1 Sam. 7) : <u>The Judge</u>**

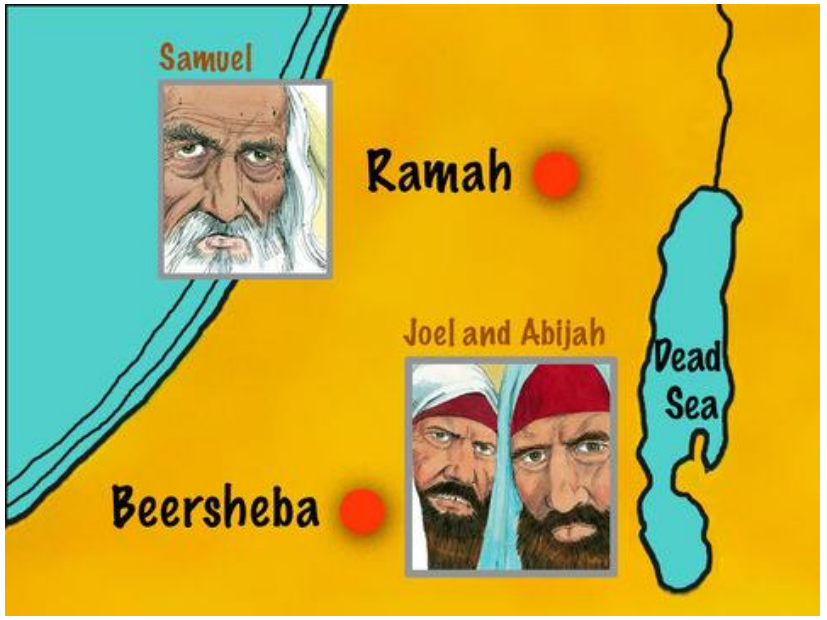
- *"And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.*
- *And he went from year to year in circuit to <u>Bethel,</u> and <u>Gilgal,</u> and <u>Mizpeh</u>, and judged Israel in all those places.*
- *And his return was to <u>Ramah;</u> for there was his house; and there he judged Israel*; and there he built an altar unto the Lord" (7:15-17).



Transition from the JUDGES Period to the Kings Period:

- **1 Samuel 8**
- 8 *And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that* ***he made his sons judges over Israel.***

- *2 Now the name of his firstborn was* ***Joel****; and the name of his second,* ***Abiah****: they were judges in Beersheba.*
- *3* ***And his sons walked not in his ways****, but turned aside* ***after lucre,*** *and* ***took bribes****, and* ***perverted judgment****.*



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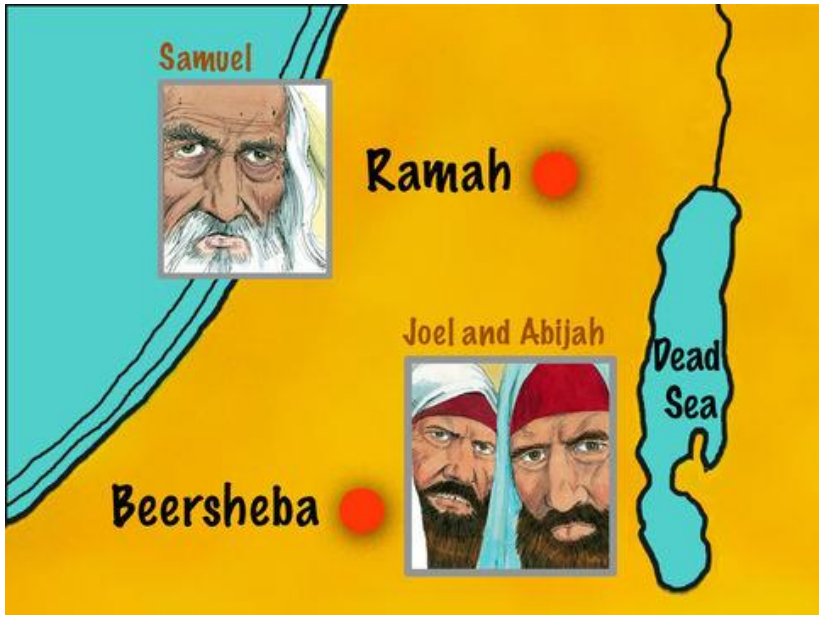
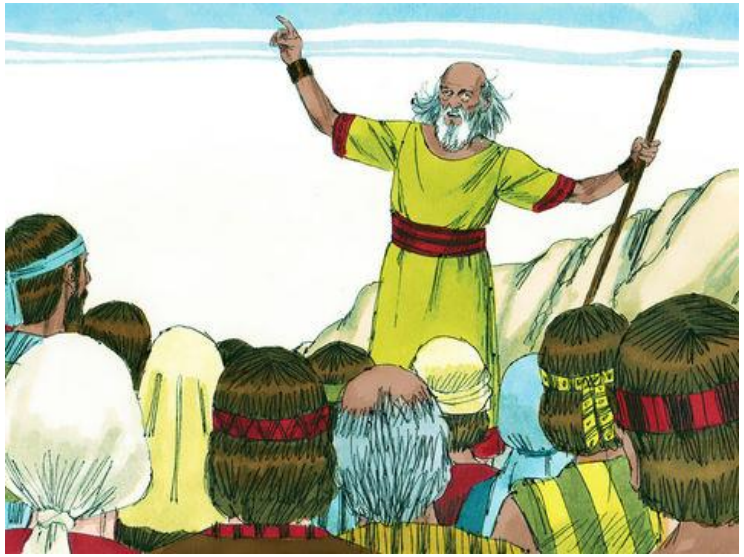


- **1 Samuel 8**

- *4 Then all the **elders of Israel gathered themselves** together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,*

- *5 And said unto him, **Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations**.*



- [6] *But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said,* ***Give us a king to judge us****. And Samuel prayed unto the* LORD*.*

- [7] *And* ***the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.***

- [8] ***According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.***

- I Sam 8: 9 *Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and **shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them**.*

❑Samuel said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: The Disadvantages: **The King will take away :**

1) **your sons**, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots, captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

2.) **your daughters** to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

3) **your fields**, and your **vineyards**, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

4) the **tenth of your seed**, and of your vineyards, of your sheep , and give to his officers, and to his servants.

5) **your menservants, and your maidservants**, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

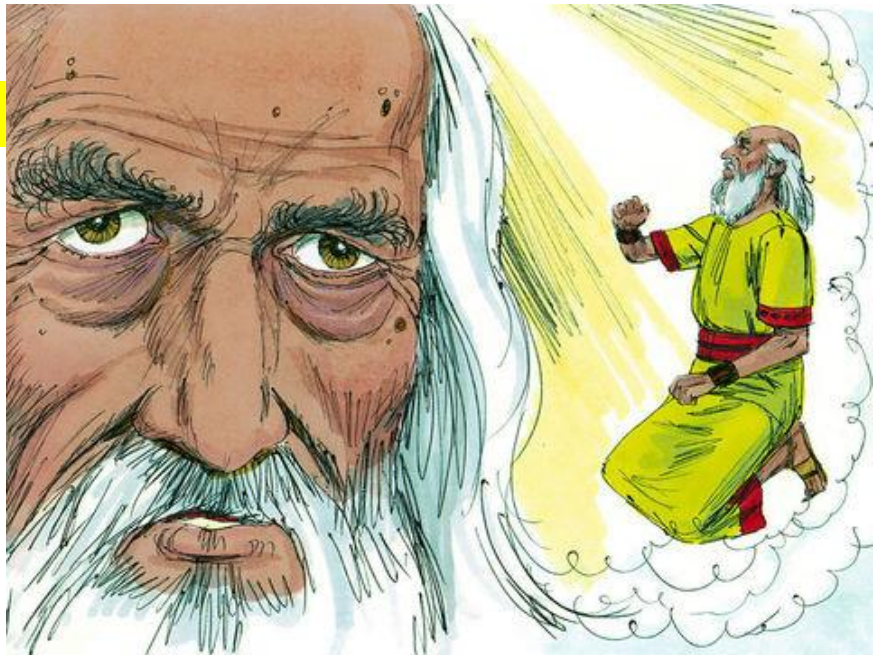
- I Samuel 8: 18 ***And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.***

- 19 ***Nevertheless*** *the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said,* ***Nay; but we will have a king over us;***
- 20 ***That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.***

- 21 *And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.*
- 22 *And* ***the LORD said to Samuel,*** ***Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king.***
- *And Samuel said unto the men of Israel,* ***Go ye every man unto his city***.

How Samuel would Meet the New King:

- God informs Samuel of his decision to give Israel a king and that he can expect the new leader at his doorstep in twenty-four hours (1 Sam. 9:16).

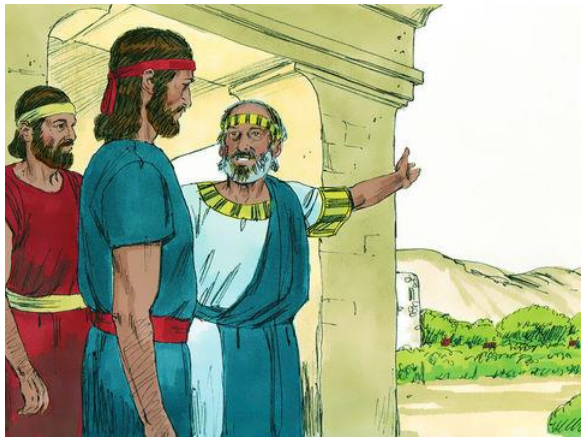


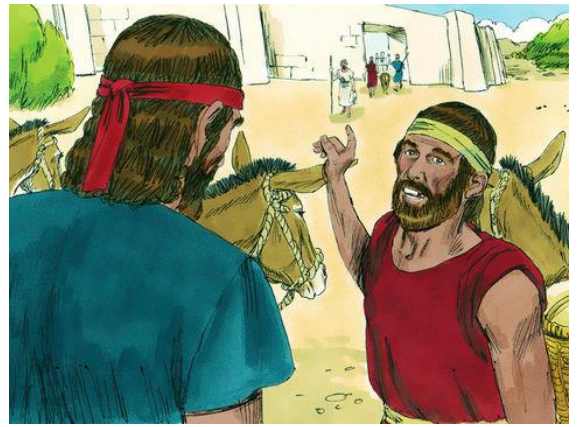
- I Samuel (: 16 ***To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin****, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.*

- *17 And when Samuel saw Saul,* ***the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people****.*

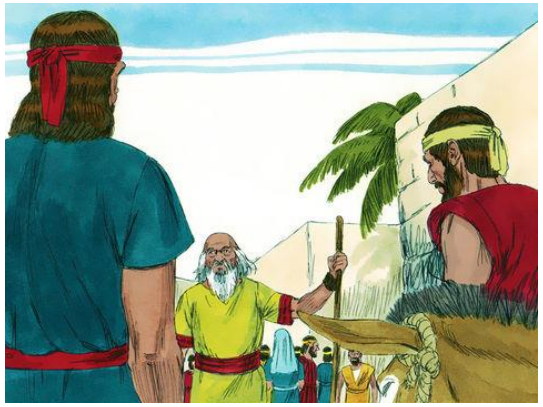
SAUL:

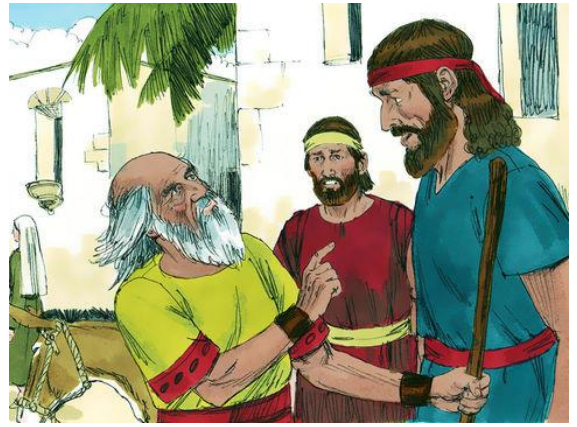
- Father was Kish, from the tribe of **Benjamin**
- A **choice young man**, and **a goodly**: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he**: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.**





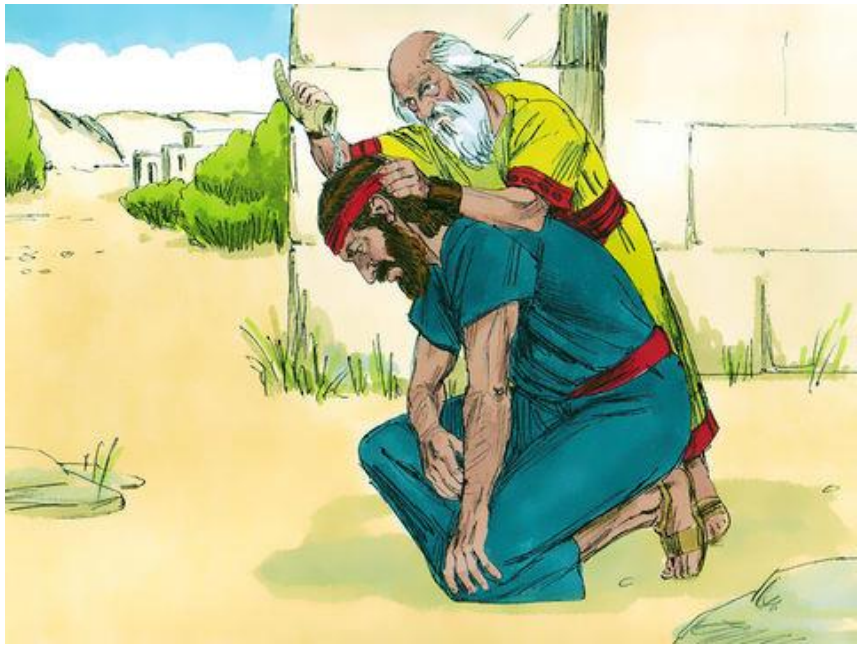
- Showed **humility** initially:
- **Samuel:** ***And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?***
- *21* **Saul :** ***Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?*** *wherefore then speakest thou so to me*?





SAUL : His Private Anointing by Samuel

I Samuel 10: 1 *Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said,* ***Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?***

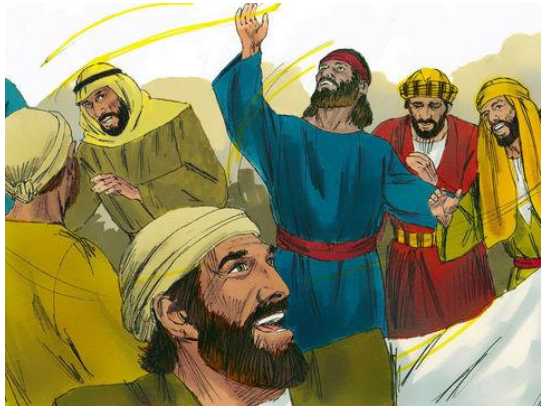


Two (2) signs to confirm his anointing:

1. Vs. 3 will receive two (2) loaves from 3 men who will salute him
2. Vs. 5-6, he will meet a company of prophets , and he, too, will prophesy

(*And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man*.

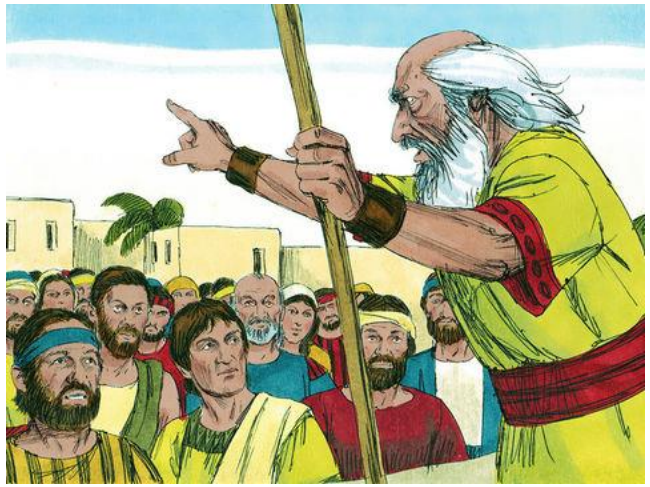


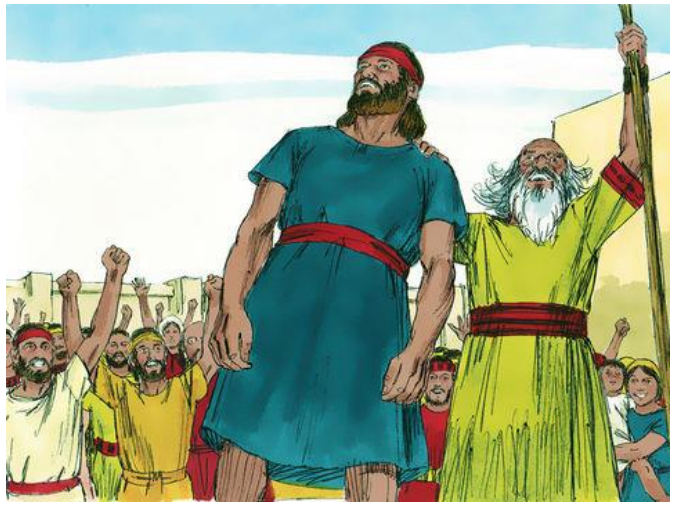


7 ***And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee***.

SAUL : Introduced to the people

- **I Samuel 10 : 17** *And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to **MIZPEH** ;*
- *18* **Samuel:** *, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:***
- *19 **And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us.***
- ***Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.***
- *20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near,* ***the tribe of Benjamin was taken.***

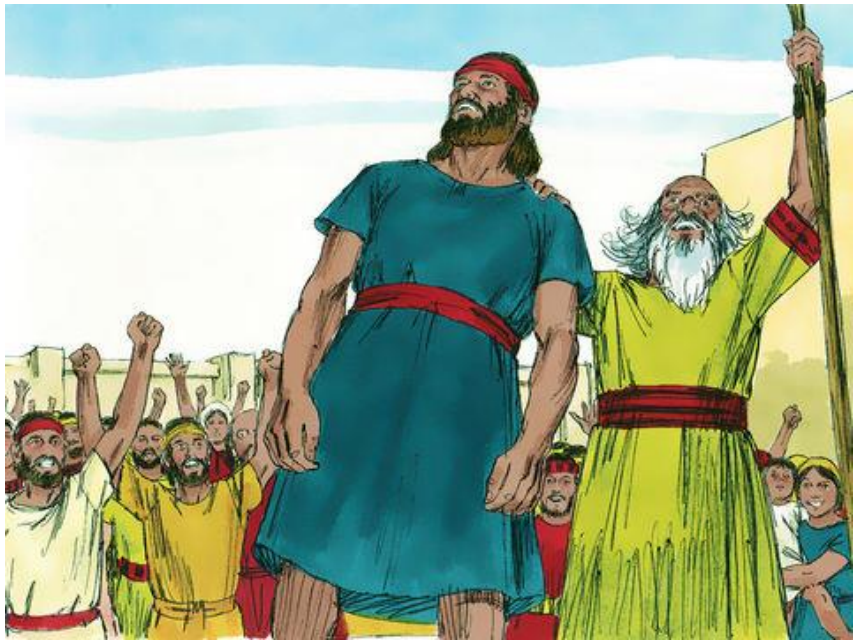




I Samuel 10: 24

Samuel : ***See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?***

And all the people shouted, and said, ***God save the king.***



- **26** *And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.*

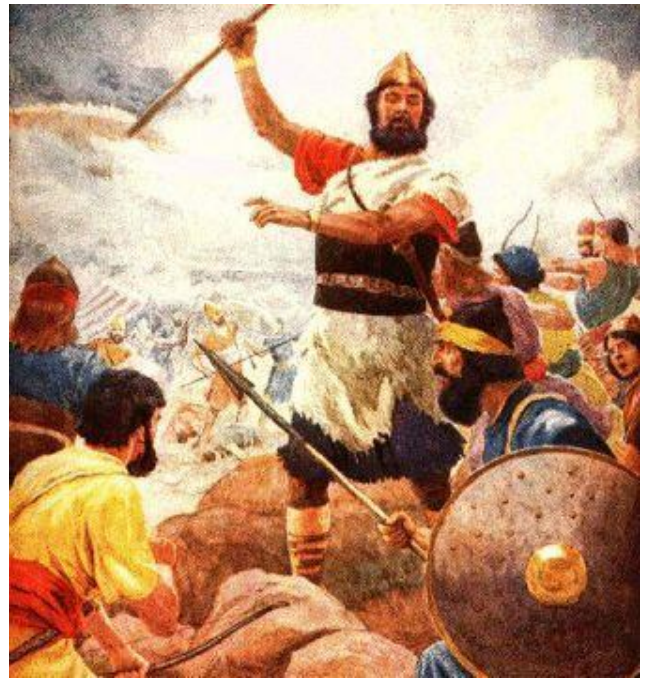
- **27** *But* ***the children of Belial*** *said,* ***How shall this man save us?***
- ***And they despised him, and brought no presents****.*

- *But he (Saul) held his peace.*

The Anointing of Saul: I Samuel 10-11

	By Whom	Location	REMARKS
PRIVATELY	Samuel	Ramah (top of the house of Samuel)	
PUBLICLY Introduced	Samuel	MIZPEH	At this stage Saul was a very humble man. He felt he was unworthy of being king (9:21) and actually had to be brought out of hiding when Samuel officially proclaimed him king (10:21).
			I Samuel 10: 26 *And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.* *27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents.* *But he held his peace.*

SAUL : The confirmation of his kingship : I Sam 11



A. **JABESH-GILEAD** were compassed about by King Nahash of the Ammonites; the people of Jabesh asked the new king for help.

B. How King Saul gathered an army:

6 *And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.*

7 *And* ***he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers,***

- **SAUL:** ***Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen.***

C. He raised an army of 330,000 and rescued Jabesh-Gilead from a cruel enemy .

D. Thus. This establishes his ability to lead the kingdom (11:8-15).

PUBLICLY Confirmed	**Samuel**	**Gilgal**	Raises an army of 330 thousand to rescue a surrounded Israelite city called Jabesh-Gilead from a cruel enemy and thus establishes his ability to lead the kingdom (11:8-15). In Gilgal, Samuel renewed the kingdom of Saul.

- And the people said unto Samuel, ***Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.***
- [13] **SAUL** : ***There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.***

- I Sam 11: [14] *Then said Samuel to the people,* ***Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.***
- [15] *And all the people went to Gilgal; and* ***there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal****; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly*.

Samuel Calls on Israel to Witness to his Integrity: I Samuel 12

I Sam 12: 1 *Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.*

- *[2] And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and **I am old and grayheaded**; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.*

- *[3] **Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed:***
  -whose ox have I taken?
  -or whose ass have I taken?
  -or whom have I defrauded?
  -whom have I oppressed?
  -or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

- [13] **SAMUEL** : ***Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, …***
- ***[14] If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:***

- [17] **SAMUEL:** ***….I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.***

- [18] So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

- **KINGS of the United Kingdom of ISRAEL:**

- **The Rule of King Saul**
- **The Transgressions/Sins of King SAUL**

The 1st Transgression of King Saul:

- I Samuel 13:2 *Saul chose him* ***three thousand men of Israel;*** *whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.*

- *3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it.* ***And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.***

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: (after 2 years of his rein)

1. **By offering the sacrifice of a priest** (I Sam 13:9).



- The Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, 30,000 Philistines plus 6,000 chariots
- Waiting for Samuel at Gilgal , but Samuel was delayed 7 days.

- I Sam 13: [6] *When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits*.

❑ I Sam 13: [9] ***And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering***.

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: Confronted by Samuel

- **SAMUEL :** ***What hast thou done?***

- **SAUL :** ***Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;***
- *12* ***Therefore said I****, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the* LORD*:* ***I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.***



- ❑ Saul's army still was reduced to 600 (v. 15)

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: Confronted by Samuel

- I Samuel 13: 11

- **SAMUEL** : ***Thou hast done foolishly****: thou hast not kept the commandment of the* LORD *thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the* LORD *have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.*



- 14 ***But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,*** *and the* LORD *hath commanded him to be captain over his people,* ***because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.***

The Transgressions of King Saul:

1. **By offering the sacrifice of a priest** (I Sam 13:9).
2. **By issuing a foolish decree: (*no food to be eaten by his troops until the Philistines were defeated.)* - *which caused the people to transgress***

- I Samuel 14: 24 *And the men of Israel were **distressed** that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, **Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies**. So none of the people tasted any food.*
- *25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was **honey upon the ground**.*
- *26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the **honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth**:*

The 2nd Transgression of King Saul:

- Jonathan did not hear the king's decree and ate some honey:

I Sam 14: *9 Then said Jonathan,* ***My father hath troubled the land****: see, I pray you, how* ***mine eyes have been enlightened****, because* ***I tasted a little of this honey.***

30 ***How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found****? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines*?

The 2nd Transgression of King Saul:

- **Saul would have ordered the death of his own son, Jonathan**, had not the people refused to let Saul carry out his foolish law .

I Samuel 14: 45 *And the people said unto Saul,* ***Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel****? God forbid: as the* LORD *liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day.*

So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

The Transgression of King Saul: He made the people to transgress (when they ate with the blood

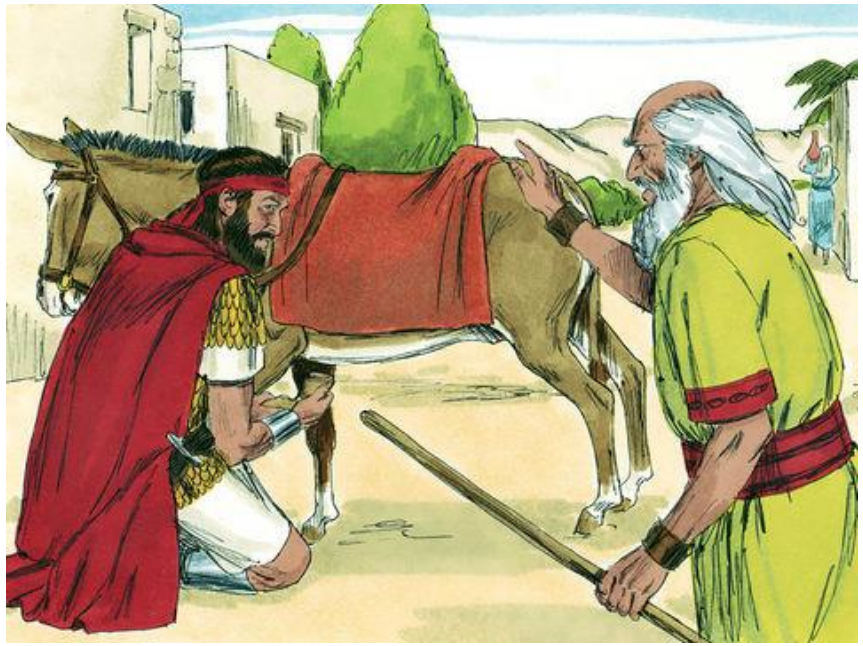
- I Samuel 14:31 *And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and* ***the people were very faint****.*

- *32 And* ***the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves****, and* ***slew them on the ground****:* *and* ***the people did eat them with the blood.***

- *33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold,* ***the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood*** *…*

The 3rd Transgression of King Saul:

3. **By opposing the command of God to destroy a pagan named Agag and his city** (I Sam 15:9).



❑ **God's command:**

I Sam 15: [2] *Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.*

- [3] *Now* ***go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass***.

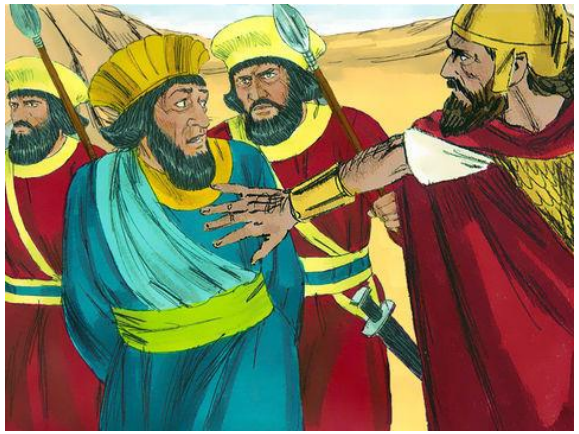
God's Command to Moses regarding the Amalakites:

Deut 25:17-19

- *17 Remember what **Amalek** did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;*
- *18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.*

- *19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, **that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.***

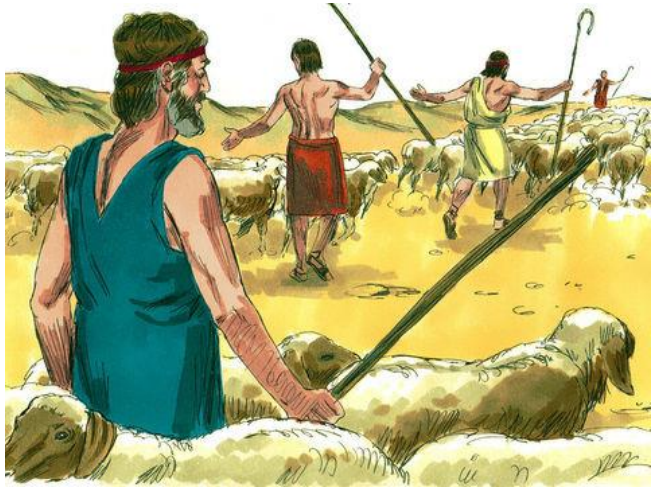
3. By opposing the command of God to destroy a pagan named Agag and his city:



❑**Saul's action**:

- I Sam 15: 7 *And* ***Saul smote the Amalekites*** *from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.*

- 8 *And* ***he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive****, and* ***utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword****.*



9 *But* ***Saul and the people spared Agag****, and the* ***best of the sheep****, and of the* ***oxen****, and of the* ***fatlings,*** *and the* ***lambs****, and* ***all that was good,*** *and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.*

- **<u>Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,</u>**
- 11 *It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments*.
- And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.



- **<u>SAUL</u>** : ***Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD***.



- **<u>SAMUEL</u>** : ***What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear***?

- **SAUL :** *They have brought them from the Amalekites: for* ***the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.***

- **SAUL** :, *Yea,* ***I have obeyed*** *the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.*

- 21 ***But the people*** *took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.*



- **SAMUEL :** *Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?* ***Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***



- ***23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.***

- ***Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.***



The Transgression of King Saul:



- *And as Samuel turned about to go away,* ***he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.***

- ***28*** *And Samuel said unto him,* ***The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.***

This event was significant because:

It marked the total rejection of Saul by God (15:11).

AGAG

I Sam 15 [18] *And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said,* ***Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites,*** *and fight against them until they be consumed*.

- Agag Executed before the Lord:

I Sam 15: [32] *Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.*

- [33] *And Samuel said,* ***As thy sword hath made women childless****, so* ***shall thy mother be childless among women****.*

- ***And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.***

AGAG – a type of sin

- **AGAG** – represents **SIN** that has to be dealt with - lest *"sin will find you out"*

- In I Samuel 30, the remnants of the Amalakites invaded David.

- During the time of Esther (Hadassah) while in Persia, a man named **HAMAN** conspired to terminate all the Jews in Persia (about 486 BC>)

Esther 3: 1 *After these things did king Ahasuerus promote* ***Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite,*** *and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him*

Rise and Fall of Saul:

- **Summary of Saul's Transgressions**:

1. By offering the sacrifice of a priest (I Sam 13:9).
2. By issuing a foolish decree: (*no food to be eaten by his troops until the Philistines were defeated.)*
   a. *Thereby, causing the people to transgress (they ate blood)*
   b. *Would have killed his own son, Jonathan, would it not for the people.*
3. Disobedience in the command to smite the Amalakites entirely.

❑ It was the last meeting between Saul and Samuel until Samuel died,

- I Sam 15: 35 *And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: **nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul**: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel*.

- I Sam 16:1 *And the LORD said unto Samuel, **How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel**? fill thine horn with oil, and **go,** I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: **for I have provided me a king among his sons***.