

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 11-13

1 SAMUEL 11 - THE ATTACK ON JABESH-GILEAD & SAUL'S RESPONSE

V. 1-3 - NAHASH THE AMMONITE ATTACKS CITY IN THE NATION OF ISRAEL'S TERRITORY. THE INHABITANTS OF JABESH-GILEAD SEND MESSAGE TO SAUL AND OTHER TRIBES.

V. 4-7 - SAUL HEARS OF THE SITUATION AND IS ANGRY. HE DRAMATICALLY CALLS FOR THE NATION TO UNITE TO DEFEND THEIR BROTHERS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE JORDAN

V. 8-11 - SAUL LEADS ISRAEL TO DECISIVE VICTORY

V. 12-15 - THE PEOPLE REAFFIRM SAUL AS THEIR KING. THE DOUBTERS ARE SILENCED THROUGH THIS EVENT.

1 SAMUEL 12 - SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

V. 1-5 - SAMUEL REMINDS THEM OF HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE AND INTEGRITY

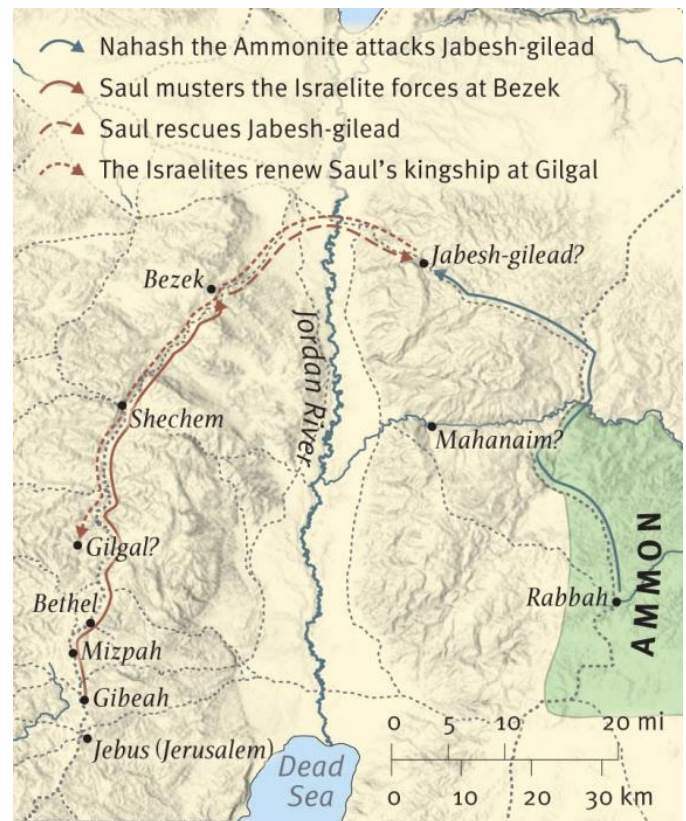
V. 6-13 - RETELLING OF ISRAELITE HISTORY TO CURRENT DAY

V. 14-18 - BLESSING FOR OBEDIENCE, CONSEQUENCE OF DISOBEDIENCE, THUNDERSTORM GETS THEIR ATTENTION

V. 19-25 - THE PEOPLE RESPOND, SAMUEL'S FINAL CHARGE TO NATION

- THE NATION OF ISRAEL NOW HAS A HUMAN KING RATHER THAN THE LORD ALONE AS KING. IF THE KING AND THE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE LORD AND HIS WAYS, THERE WILL BE BLESSING AND PEACE, FOR IN THAT WAY THE LORD WILL REMAIN THEIR KING. BUT IF THE KING OR THE PEOPLE TURN AWAY FROM OBEYING THE LORD, HE WILL BE AGAINST THEM.
- GOD IS LOOKING FOR A PEOPLE THAT WILL TRUST HIM, LOVE HIM AND OBEY HIM. NOT A PEOPLE THAT THINK THEY KNOW BETTER THAN HIM OR WANT TO GO THEIR OWN WAY. TRUE OF ISRAEL THEN, TRUE OF US NOW.

1 SAMUEL 13:1-4 - SAUL'S REIGN. 3000 SPECIAL TROOPS SELECTED. 2000 WITH SAUL, 1000 WITH JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON. THEY BEGIN TO HAVE VICTORY OVER THE PHILISTINES, JUST AS THE PEOPLE HAD HOPED THEIR KING WOULD BRING TO THEM.



1 SAMUEL 13:5-8 - THE LARGER GROUP OF SOLDIERS ASSEMBLE TO FACE OFF AGAINST THE PHILISTINES. THE SOLDIERS BEGIN TO SCATTER AND HIDE. APPARENTLY SAUL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SAMUEL TO WAIT FOR HIM 7 DAYS.

Q - CAN YOU RELATE TO THE ANXIETY THAT BUILDS WHEN YOU ARE FACING A DEADLINE WHILE THINGS AROUND YOU ARE STARTING TO FALL APART? WHAT DO YOU THINK SAUL IS FEELING AS HE SEES HIS SOLDIERS BEGIN TO "SCATTER" (V. 8)

1 SAMUEL 13:9-10 - SAUL DECIDES TO MAKE THE OFFERING HIMSELF. AFTER ALL, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? ISN'T AN OFFERING TO THE LORD STILL BEING MADE? AS SOON AS HE DOES, SAMUEL ARRIVES, WITHIN THE 7 DAY PERIOD HE SAID HE WOULD.

1 SAMUEL 13:11-12 - SAUL'S REPLY AND REASONING

1 SAMUEL 13:13-14 - SAMUEL'S RESPONSE. APPARENTLY GOD WAS WILLING TO MAKE HIS KING-BASED COVENANT WITH SAUL, BUT NOW THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

1 SAMUEL 15:22 - SAMUEL SAID, "HAS THE LORD AS MUCH DELIGHT IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES AS IN OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD? BEHOLD, TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND TO HEED THAN THE FAT OF RAMS.

GOD'S DESIRE FOR A KING WAS THAT THE KING WOULD HAVE A HEART DEVOTED TO GOD. REMEMBER THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR KING:

DEUTERONOMY 17:19-20 19 "IT SHALL BE WITH HIM AND HE SHALL READ IT ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, THAT HE MAY LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD HIS GOD, BY CAREFULLY OBSERVING ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW AND THESE STATUTES, 20 THAT HIS HEART MAY NOT BE LIFTED UP ABOVE HIS COUNTRYMEN AND THAT HE MAY NOT TURN ASIDE FROM THE COMMANDMENT, TO THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT, SO THAT HE AND HIS SONS MAY CONTINUE LONG IN HIS KINGDOM IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL.

1 SAMUEL 13:15-23 - ISRAEL PREPARES FOR BATTLE (MORE INFO ON THIS IN CHAPTER 14)

1 SAMUEL 13:19-22 - BECAUSE THERE WERE NO BLACKSMITHS IN ISRAEL, NONE OF THE SOLDIERS HAD SWORDS OR SPEARS, EXCEPT SAUL & JONATHAN. USUALLY THE ISRAELITES WOULD GO TO PHILISTINE BLACKSMITHS, BUT THAT OBVIOUSLY WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS CASE.

