

## **5. 1 Samuel 13-15: Saul's Sins and Blunder**

**1 Samuel 9:16** "...he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines."

### **Saul's War with the Philistines Begins – 1 Sam. 13:1-7**

Saul was 30 years old when began his reign, reigned 42 years over Israel vs. 1

Saul/Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines vs. 2-3

Israel became odious to the Philistines. They assembled to fight. Israel fled and/or hid themselves. Saul was in Gilgal and the people followed him trembling.

### **Saul's Disobedience and the Consequences – 1 Sam. 13:8-15**

What was Saul to do at Gilgal according to 1 Sam. 10:8?

What DID Saul do at Gilgal according to 1 Sam. 13:8-10?

How did Saul justify his actions?

Consequences?

### **Preparation for War and Jonathan's Victory – 1 Sam. 13:15-14:23**

How many of the Philistines were there? (vs. 5)

What were the weapons of choice for the Israelites?

How would you summarize 1 Sam. 14:6-10?

Who did Jonathan attribute the battle/victory to? (vs. 12)

### **Saul's Foolish Order – 1 Sam. 14:24-46**

What was Saul's order in vs. 24?

What do you notice about the order and events there after? (vs. 24,35-37,39-40)

### **Wars of Saul – 1 Sam. 14:47-52**

### **Saul's Disobedience Again – 1 Sam. 15:1-9**

What was Saul told to do and why? (vs. 2-3)

What DID Saul do?

### **Samuel's Rebuke of Saul – 1 Sam. 15:10-23**

How did God view his actions? (vs. 11,17-19)

How did Saul view his actions? (vs. 13,20)

Who did Saul say was responsible for the disobedience?

### **Consequences of Saul's Actions – 1 Sam. 15:24-35**

"The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today..." vs. 28

What was Agag's disposition in vs. 32?

"...And the Lord regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel." Vs. 35

**Did God set Saul up to fail? He was upset with Israel for wanting a king. They had rejected him. He warned them of the burden a king would be financially. Told them how they continued to forget God from the time of Moses until that time. The position was getting a lot of bad press and negative connotation. He chose a Saul, a Benjamite, the least of the tribes with a checkered past. He had no experience leading. So was Saul set up to fail?**