

SAUL'S WORK AS KING 1 Samuel 11 - 15

After Saul had been chosen as king, he stayed at his own home until an emergency arose in Israel. Read the following to see what he did about this emergency, and what kind of king he became after that:

A. The War Against the Ammonites: Read 1 Samuel 11:1-15

1. Against what city of Israel did the Ammonites threaten to make war?

1 Samuel 11:1 (see a map)

2. What happened to Saul when he heard about this threat? 1 Samuel 11:6

3. What happened as a result of Saul's leadership at this time? 1 Samuel 11:11

4. What happened after this crisis was past? 1 Samuel 11:14, 15

5. What did Samuel promise the people at this time? 1 Samuel 12:14

6. What did Samuel prove to the people? 1 Samuel 12:16-19

7. What was Samuel's warning to the people? 1 Samuel 12:15, 25
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B. The War Against the Philistines: Read 1 Samuel 13:1-14

1. What happened after Saul had been reigning over Israel two years?

1 Samuel 13:3

2. How did this make the people of Israel feel? 1 Samuel 13:6, 7

3. What happened when Samuel did not come as soon as Saul expected him?

1 Samuel 13:8b

4. What did Saul do as a result? 1 Samuel 13:9, 12

5. What happened as soon as he had done this? 1 Samuel 13:10

6. What did Samuel say about Saul's actions? 1 Samuel 13:13a

7. Who alone was supposed to offer the sacrifices to God? (*THINK!*)

8. What did Samuel say would happen to Saul's kingdom because of this?
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1 Samuel 13:1a, 14a

9. What kind of man would God choose to lead His nation in the future?

1 Samuel 13:14b

C. The War Against the Amalekites: Read 1 Samuel 15:1-35

1. What was God's command to Saul through Samuel? 1 Samuel 15:3

2. In what two ways did Saul fail to carry out this command?

a. 1 Samuel 15:8a _____

b. 1 Samuel 15:9a _____

3. What did Saul say to Samuel when Samuel came to see him?

1 Samuel 15:13b

4. When Samuel proved that this was not true, on whom did Saul blame his sin?

1 Samuel 15:15, 21

5. To what terrible sins did Samuel compare the sin of Saul? 1 Samuel 15:23a

6. What did Samuel say would happen because of Saul's sin? 1 Samuel 15:23b, 26b, 28

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Do you think Israel was happy with the king they had insisted on having?

2. What will happen to me if I am rebellious and stubborn, and insist on having my own way instead of letting God have His way with me? (See Psalm 106:15)
