
Old Testament Israel: Law, Judges, **Kingdoms**

Story of Saul

Overview:

Samuel, The last judge, priest and prophet, anoints first kings

Saul, The first king

David, The king after God's own heart

Solomon, The golden age of Israel

Divided Kingdom, Solomon's son and Solomon's General

Chronology, Kings, and Prophets

Canaanites & Philistines

Assyrians

Babylonians

Restoration

Scripture I Samuel 1-12

I Samuel 10:23-27 General acceptance of Saul

I Samuel 11 Saul vs. Amorites,
Genuine acceptance and formal coronation of Saul

I Samuel 12 Samuel warns Israel to obey God

I Samuel 13:1-7 Saul as military leader

I Samuel 13:8-14 Saul devalues the priesthood and intercessory ministry
loses kingship for descendants

I Samuel 13:15-23, 14:1-23 Jonathan's victory

I Samuel 14:24-46 Saul demonstrates Judges-period mentality, aborts battlefield

I Samuel 14:47-52 Summary of warfare and household of Saul

I Samuel 15:1-9 Destruction of the Amalekites

I Samuel 15:10-35 Samuel declares God's rejection of Saul as king

Discussion:

Note at the beginning of chapter 13, there is obviously some missing history – the summary statement of situation tells us that Saul had an established military presence.

Note the presence of the Ark in with the Army

Discuss the probable ages: Saul is 40, Jonathan is probably 20, David is an infant.

Discuss in I Samuel 14, there was no reason for the oath, and it was egotistically severe.

Discuss the summary execution of Agag in I Samuel 15:32-33, is this righteous