

“Through the Bible: I Samuel 13-17”

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I. Saul Sins; Jonathan Nearly Dies (I Sam. 13-14)

- A. In the second year of Saul’s reign, Israel was once again doing battle with the Philistines. “_____ smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba” (I Sam. 13:3). The Philistines had “_____ thousand chariots, and _____ thousand horsemen, and _____ as the _____ on the seashore” (I Sam. 13:5).
- B. How did the people of Israel respond to the Philistines’ activity (I Sam. 13:6)?

- C. Not long after, Samuel had pronounced Saul “hast done _____” (I Sam. 13:13). Read I Sam. 13:8-16 and make note of what unwise action Saul had undertaken. _____
- D. As battle loomed, what great difficulty faced the Israelites, and why (I Sam. 13:19-23)? _____
- E. Jonathan decided to “go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his _____” (I Sam. 14:1). Later, he uttered “there is no _____ to the LORD to save by _____ or by _____” (I Sam. 14:6).
- F. Jonathan’s raid was successful. Discover how in the following verses.
1. I Sam. 14:14 _____
 2. I Sam. 14:15 _____
 3. I Sam. 14:21 _____
 4. I Sam. 14:22 _____
- G. What mandate did Saul issue in I Sam. 14:24? Was Jonathan present for the issuing of this command (I Sam. 14:27)? _____

- H. Jonathan put his hand “in a _____, and put his _____ to his _____” (I Sam. 14:27). This nearly led to Jonathan’s death (I Sam. 14:39-45), but the “people _____ Jonathan, that he _____ not.”

II. Saul Sins Again; A New King is Anointed (I Sam. 15-16)

- A. What mission did God task Saul with according to I Sam. 15:1-5?

- B. “But Saul and the people spared _____, and the best of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____, and the _____, and all that was _____, and would not utterly _____ them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly” (I Sam. 15:9).
- C. What unbelievable statement did Saul utter to Samuel in I Sam. 15:13?

- D. Read I Sam. 15:15,21,24. Who does Saul seem to lay the blame upon for the sin?

- E. "Behold, to _____ is _____ than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (I Sam. 15:22).
- F. This sad episode ended when "Samuel _____ Agag in _____" (I Sam. 15:33). "And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his _____: nevertheless Samuel _____ for Saul: and the LORD _____ that he had made Saul king over Israel" (I Sam. 15:35).
- G. Samuel is sent to _____ (I Sam. 16:4) to anoint Israel's next king. The Lord counseled Samuel "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the _____ appearance, but the LORD looketh on the _____" (I Sam. 16:7).
- H. Jesse made _____ sons pass before Samuel prior to _____ being anointed as next king of Israel (I Sam. 16:10-13).
- I. What role did David immediately fill, and why, according to I Sam. 16:14-23?

III. David Battles a Giant (I Sam. 17)

- A. I Sam. 17 houses one of the most famous accounts in the Bible. Answer the following questions based upon your reading of this narrative.
1. What champion did the Philistines send out, and how tall was he (I Sam. 17:4)? _____
 2. Goliath challenged "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may _____ together." How did Saul and Israel respond to this threat (I Sam. 17:10-11)? _____
 3. David, visiting his brothers, witnessed Goliath conduct his daily challenge (I Sam. 17:17-25). David asked, "What shall be done to the man that _____ this Philistine, and taketh away the _____ from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should _____ the armies of the living God" (I Sam. 17:26)?
 4. After being chided by his brother, what announcement did David make to Saul (I Sam. 17:32)? _____
 5. What evidence did David present to Saul to demonstrate he was strong, courageous, and faithful to God (I Sam. 17:34-37)?

 6. David "chose him _____ smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his _____ was in his hand" (I Sam. 17:40).
 7. David _____ over the Philistine (I Sam. 17:50) and "took the _____ of the Philistine, and brought it to _____" (I Sam. 17:54).