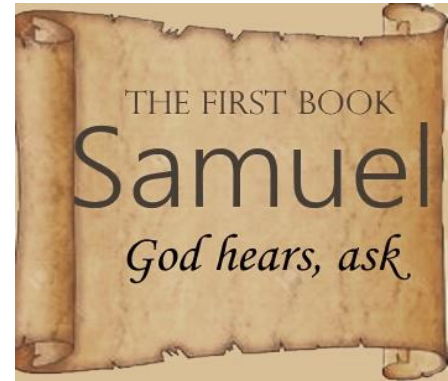


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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit. This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



The dynasty of Saul rejected due to his presumption,

**<sup>1</sup> Saul reigned one year; and after he had reigned two years over Israel,**

**<sup>2</sup> Saul chose 3,000 men of Israel; of it 2,000 were with Saul in Michmash in the hill country of Bethel, while 1,000 were with Jonathan at Gibeah of Benjamin: but he sent away the rest of the people, each to his tent.**

**<sup>3</sup> And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.**

**<sup>4</sup> And all Israel heard the news that Saul smote a garrison of the Philistines, and Israel had become an abomination with the Philistines. So the people assembled with Saul at Gilgal.**

**<sup>5</sup> Now the Philistines assembled to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots, and 6,000 horsemen, and a multitude of people like the sand on the seashore: and they came up, and camped at Michmash, east of Beth-aven.**

**<sup>6</sup> When the men of Israel saw that they were confined, (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, and thickets, and cliffs, and high places, and in pits.**

**<sup>7</sup> And some of the Hebrews went over the Jordan into the land of Gad and Gilead. But as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.**

**<sup>8</sup> Now he waited seven days, according to the set time that Samuel appointed: but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people scattered from him.**

**<sup>9</sup> So Saul / foolishly, arrogantly, presumptuously said, Bring to me the burnt offering, and peace offerings. And he / this chief fool of a govt official, offered the burnt offering.**

**<sup>10</sup> And it happened, as soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.**

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**11 And Samuel said, What have you done?** / which was rhetorical, not to inform Samuel the prophet, he already knew, but to see if Saul had a clue about what stupidity he just demonstrated.

**And Saul said, Because I saw the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the time appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;**

**12 therefore I said, The Philistines will come down now on me to Gilgal** / which doesn't sound like much faith in God was going on with Saul, so he continues to cover his ass, saying, **and I have not made supplication to the LORD: so I forced myself, and offered a burnt offering.**

**13 And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly: you did not guard** the instruction of the LORD your God, that He commanded you: for then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

**14 But now your kingdom will not endure. The LORD Himself searched for a man after His own heart, and the LORD to appoint him an exemplary ruler over His people, but you have not kept** what the LORD commanded you.

**15 And Samuel arose, and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.**

**16 And Saul, and his son Jonathan, and the people who were present with them, remained at Gibeah of Benjamin: while the Philistines encamped at Michmash.**

**17 And the raiders came from the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one group turned to the way that leads toward Ophrah, to the land of Shual:**

**18 and another group turned the way of Beth-horon: and another group turned the way of the border that overlooks the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.**

**19 Now no blacksmith was found in all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears:**

**20 so all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, and his blades, and his axe, and his hoe.**

**21 Yet they had a file for the pickax, and for the blades, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.**

**22 So it happened on the day of battle, that neither sword nor spear was found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan:**

**but there they were, with Saul and his son Jonathan** / just sitting on their butts, doing nothing.

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<sup>23</sup> And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.