

The Rise and Fall of a Proud King



Refer to 1 Samuel 13 v 1-15



1) Describe Saul, Israel's first king

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2) At first Saul had success in battles. Instead of giving God all the praise for these successes, what happened to Saul's attitude?

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Read verses 6 & 7. 3) How did the soldiers feel when they saw the enormous Philistine enemy army?

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Saul got impatient. In his pride he decided to offer the burnt offering himself (not his role) instead of waiting any longer for Samuel. This disobedience had a massive impact on Saul's future. **Read verses 13 & 14** and write down:



4a) what would happen to his kingdom (beginning v 14).....

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4b) why God had chosen someone else to be king (end v 14)

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God hates pride. We need to learn from Saul's proud mistakes. God expects us to keep His commandments. We can only do this with His help, through the Lord Jesus.

God's Word comes true

What God says always happens. God had said He would give Saul's kingdom to another man who did love Him.

Circle any words which are correct:

This made Saul very sorry / angry / jealous / bad tempered.

Saul went on to disobey / obey God again.

Samuel said God had accepted / rejected Saul.

Later on Saul consulted a priest / witch / doctor.

Eventually Saul died / ran away / killed himself in a battle against the Philistines.

Saul is an example of what happens when we decide to do things our own way. God's way is always best. It leads to eternal life.

