

Week # 21 Casual Observations

5-23-2022 1Sam.6:1-9:27

- Back in 1Sam.5:1 we learned that the Ark of The Lord was captured and taken from Ebenezer to Ashdod - in 6:1-21 we learn the Ark is returned
- 7:1-2 we see the Ark is not where it belongs for the next 20 years or so.
- 7:3-17 Samuel is the last Judge of Israel, and God does deliver through him.
- 8:1-9 Israel demands a king and in doing so rejects God as their King
- 8:10-18 Samuel required by God to warn Israel of what would happen if they had a king
- 8:19-22 The Lord grants Israel's request.
- 9:1-27 Saul, a Benjaminite is selected by God for anointing King.

5-24-2022 1Sam.10:1-13:22

- 10:1-16 Saul anointed king but not proclaimed to Israel, yet.
- 10:17-27 Saul now publicly proclaimed King
- 11:1-11 Saul defeats the Ammonites
- 11:12-15 Saul's Kingship recognized/renewed
- 12:1-25 Samuel gives his farewell address to Israel in his old age after giving Israel their wish, a king
- 13:1-7 Saul prepares to fight the Philistines
- 13:8-23 Saul's unlawful sacrifice - it cost him his future kingship and his sons

- 13:14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

5-25-2022 1Sam.13:23-14:52; 1Chron.8:1-9:1a

- 14:1-23 Jonathan brings about a defeat for the Philistines
- 14:10 A proof for Jonathan that God was with them
- 14:24-46 Saul makes a rash vow - what was he thinking?
- 14:47-52 Saul fights Israel's enemies
- 1Chron.8:1-9:1a Saul's ancestral lines

5-26-2022 1Chron.9:35-44; 5:7-10; 5:18-22; 1Sam.15:1-16:23

- 1Chron.9:35-44 Saul's Genealogy recapped
- 1Chron.5:7-10 A reference to some genealogy of Reuben and their activities during Saul's kingship
- 1Chron.5:18-22 Some history of Reubenites, Gadites and 1/2 tribe of Manasseh
- 1Sam.15:1-35 The rejection of Saul as King by God
- 1Sam.22:22 "To obey is better than sacrifice"
- 1Sam.16:1-13 David's first anointing as king
- 1Sam.16:14-23 David sent to play music to sooth Saul's spirit

5-27-2022 1Sam.17:1-58; Psa.144

- 1Sam.17:1-58 David and Goliath
- 1Sam.17:32 David declares his willingness to go and defeat the giant

- 1Sam.17:34-37 David's logic - God delivered before, He will again (The Spirit moved him?)
- 1Sam.17:45-47 David's words to Goliath - it is all about God
- 1Sam.17:55-57 How does Saul not know David? Doesn't David already play music for the king?

Questions and answers:

Ebenezer means _____ and was for what reason?

1Sam.7:12 Ebenezer means: "Rock of Help" "Until now (Thus far) the Lord has helped us". The txt does not give an explanation except that it served as a reminder of God's deliverance

What were the signs given to Saul so that he would believe what Samuel told him?

1Sam.10:1-7 he will meet two men by Rachel's grave with word on the donkey; at the oak tree of Tabor you will meet three men who are bearing gifts, accept what is given; at the hill of God you will encounter a troop of prophets prophesying, then you will receive the Spirit and become a different person and prophecy with them.

Saul renders a curse (foolishly) that almost costs him what? (Explain)

1Sam.14:24 "Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies."

1Sam.14:25-30 Jonathan does not hear about the curse and eats honey.

1Sam.14:37-45 Saul seeks answers from God, the Urim and Thummim and the casting of lots make things clear about guilt. (be careful about rendering a curse, God hears!)

Explain the reason for this question: "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?"

1Sam.15:14 is Samuel's question - Saul was told to totally destroy everything and everyone but he and the people kept the best of the flocks and herds, for sacrifice. The now famous saying arises from this story: " "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

What does David tell Goliath before they begin to do battle?

1Sam.17:45-47 (read it) God will deliver Goliath into David's hands and he will die. "I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head."