

CHOSEN then REJECTED ~ 1 Samuel 13-15

→Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 14:47, 15:19, 20-22

INTRODUCTION

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV) ¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and ALL peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Judges 2:10 (NLT) After that generation died, another generation grew up who did NOT acknowledge the LORD or Remember the mighty things He had done for Israel.

Judges 17:6 (NLT) In those days Israel had no KING; ALL the people did whatever seemed right in their OWN eyes.

Judges 21:25 (NLT) In those days Israel had NO king; ALL the people did whatever seemed right in their OWN eyes.

A King Would...

- 1- Hold them all ACCOUNTABLE for Obeying God's Law.
- 2- Help the Tribes of Israel to join together to FIGHT their enemies.

Israel is in TRANSITION from a group of Tribes ruled by Judges -TO- a Unified Kingdom ruled by King David in Jerusalem. bibleproject

IMPLICATION

Hebrews 10:14 (NIV) ...by ONE sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

→Picture Canoe

FAREWELL to the Nation ~ 1 Samuel 12:12-15, 20-25

¹² "But when you were afraid of Nahash, the king of Ammon, you came to me and said that you wanted a king to reign over you, even though the LORD your God was already your KING. ¹³ All right, HERE is the king you have CHOSEN. You asked for him, and the LORD has granted your request. (NLT)

¹⁴ "Now IF you fear and worship the LORD and listen to His voice, and if you do not rebel against the LORD's commands, then both you and your king will SHOW that you recognize the LORD as your God. (NLT)

¹⁵ But IF you rebel against the LORD's commands and refuse to listen to Him, then His hand will be as heavy upon you as it was upon your ancestors.

²⁰ "Don't be afraid," Samuel reassured them. "You have certainly done wrong, but make sure now that you worship the LORD with all your heart, and don't turn your back on Him. ²¹ Don't go back to worshiping worthless idols that cannot help or rescue you - they are totally useless! (NLT)

²³ "As for me, I will certainly not sin against the LORD by ending my PRAYERS for you. And I will continue to TEACH you what is good and right. ²⁴ But be sure to FEAR the LORD and FAITHFULLY serve Him. Think of all the wonderful things He has done for you. ²⁵ But IF you continue to sin, you and your king will be SWEPT AWAY."

IMPLICATIONS

²³ As for me, I will certainly not SIN against the LORD by ENDING my prayers for you. And I will continue to teach you what is good and right.

PRAYER...

- Make a Prayer List of those God brings to your mind
- Pray for NEEDS you are aware of
- Pray when you HEAR someone ask for prayer
- Use prayer TRIGGERS
- Calendar REMINDER or Timer
- Pray for things that HAPPEN During day

Israel's FIRST King ~ 1 Samuel 13:1 - 14:47

1 Samuel 13:1 (NLT) Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned for forty-two years.

1 Samuel 14:47 (NLT) ⁴⁷ Now when Saul had secured his grasp on Israel's throne, he fought against his enemies in every direction - against Moab, Ammon, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. And wherever he turned, he was victorious.

FINAL Rejection by God - 1 Samuel 15:1-8

¹ One day Samuel said to Saul, "It was the LORD who told me to anoint you as king of his people, Israel. Now listen to this message from the LORD!" ² This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies has declared: I have decided to settle accounts with the nation of Amalek for opposing Israel when they came from Egypt. ³ Now go and completely destroy the entire Amalekite nation... (NLT)

⁹ Saul and his men spared Agag's life and kept the best of the sheep and goats, the cattle, the fat calves, and the lambs - everything, in fact, that appealed to them. They destroyed only what was worthless or of poor quality. ¹⁰ Then the LORD said to Samuel, ¹¹ "I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has NOT been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command." Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the LORD all night. (NLT)

¹³ When Samuel finally found him, Saul greeted him cheerfully. "May the LORD bless you," he said. "I have carried out the LORD's command!" ¹⁴ "Then WHAT IS all the bleating of sheep and goats and the lowing of cattle I hear?" Samuel demanded. (NLT)

¹⁹ Why haven't you obeyed the LORD? Why did you RUSH for the plunder and do what was evil in the LORD's sight?" ²⁰ "But I did obey the LORD," Saul insisted. "I carried out the mission he gave me. I brought back King Agag, but I destroyed everyone else." ²¹ Then my troops brought in the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and plunder to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." (NLT) ²² But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. ²³ Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, HE has REJECTED you as king." (NLT)

²⁷ As Samuel turned to go, Saul tried to hold him back and tore the hem of his robe. ²⁸ And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has TORN the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to someone else - one who is better than you." (NLT)

1 Samuel 15

- God REGRETTED He made Saul King vs 11
- God REJECTED Saul completely vs 23
- God TORE the kingdom away vs 28
- Samuel grieved over Saul NEVER saw him again vs. 35

IMPLICATIONS

1 Samuel 15:24-25 (NLT) Then Saul admitted to Samuel, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded." ²⁵ But NOW, please forgive my sin and come back with me so that I may worship the LORD."

TAKE AWAY

Saul's Life is a Warning and a Reminder that... bibleproject

- God opposes DISHONESTY and lack of integrity
- God hates PRIDE and Jealousy
- God wants OBEDIENCE from the HEART
- we do NOT have to give in to FEAR or IMPULSIVE behavior
- God is NOT looking for RITUALS and Rules
- Obedience involves SACRIFICE
- God can use our WEAKNESS