

Lesson 4-Homework The Coronation and Early Acts of Saul

1st Samuel Chapters 10-12

Directions: Use your study bible, internet, or any other study source to help you with these questions.

1. List three confirmations Samuel gave to prove his predictions.

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2. Samuel called Israel together at Mizpah.

- What significance did Mizpah have (1st Samuel 7:5-10).
- Why do you think God chose Mizpah to anoint Saul as king?
- How did Gibeah become significant in Israel's history?

3. Locate Jabesh-gilead

- What challenge did the Ammonites give to the people of Jabesh-gilead?
- Why do you think the Ammonites gave the people of Jabesh-gilead seven days to decide their answer?

- How did Saul respond to this challenge?

4. Read 1 Samuel 12

- How did Samuel react when Israel requested a King?
- How did God respond to Israel's request for a king (1 Samuel 12:20-22)?
- How did Samuel finally respond to Israel's request for a king (1 Samuel 12:23-25)?

5. How do you think Israel will behave after God gives them a king?

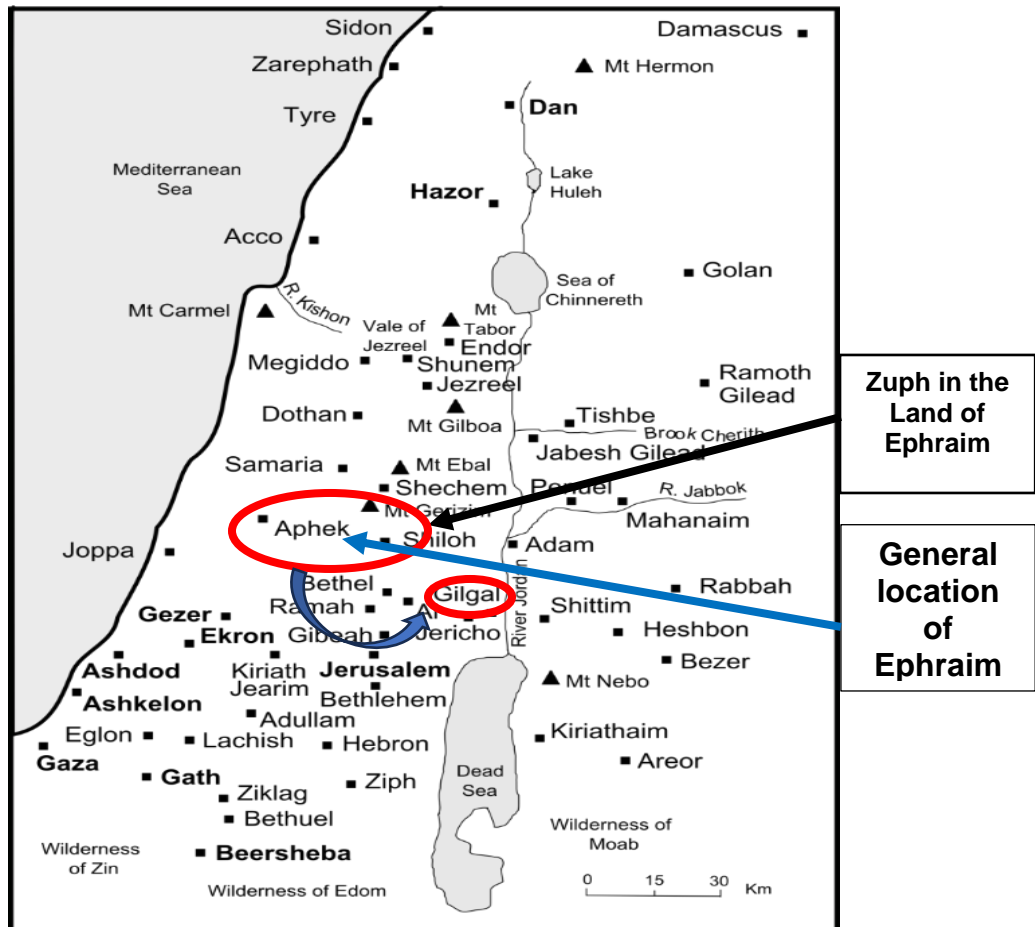
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Chapter 10-The Coronation of Saul

Vs. 1-16-Saul is Anointed king



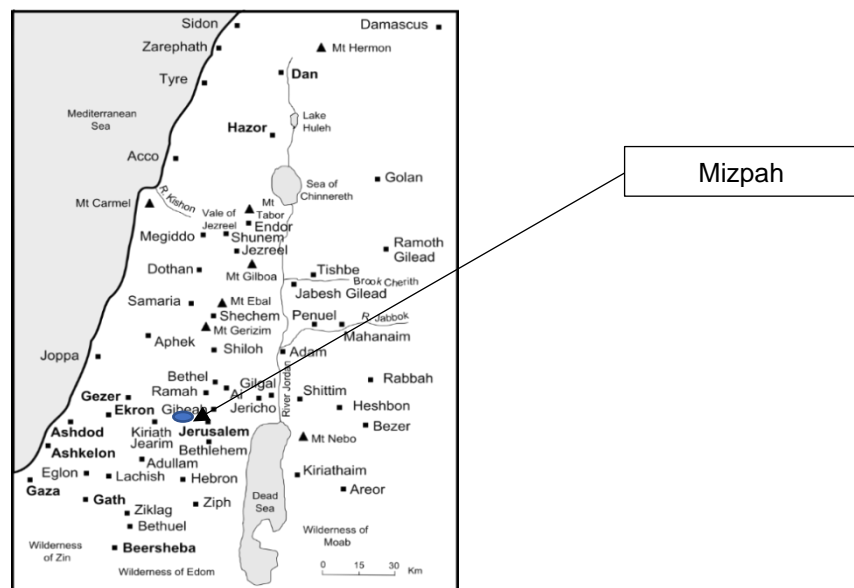
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- When Saul left Zuph, Samuel had Saul's servants go ahead of them. Samuel poured oil upon Saul's head, kissed him, and said the Lord had anointed him **ruler** over Israel.
- Samuel gave three proofs for the prophecy as prescribed in Deuteronomy 19:15.
- To prove the Lord had spoken, Samuel told Saul he would find two men close to Rachel's tomb. These men would tell him about the safety of the donkeys and the concern of his father.

- Samuel prophesied Saul would meet **three** men at the oak of Tabor.
- He would find one man carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine.
- Samuel stated the men would give him two loaves of bread.
- As a third proof, Samuel told Saul he would come upon a group of **prophets**-prophesying with a harp, a tambourine, a flute, and a lyre.
- Samuel said the Spirit of the Lord would fall upon Saul, he would prophesy with the prophets, and God would change him into another man.
- Verse 7 states the Spirit of the Lord would give Saul wisdom.
- After meeting the prophets, Samuel instructed Saul to go to **Gilgal** and he would meet Saul (**see map on pg. 33**). Samuel planned to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord.
- Samuel instructed Saul to wait seven days for his arrival.
- As Saul turned to leave, God changed his **heart** and all these signs came to pass.
- When Saul returned home, his uncle approached him and inquired of his journey.
- Saul told his uncle he tried to find the donkeys and requested Samuel's help.
- The uncle asked what Samuel said. Saul only relayed the message concerning the donkeys.

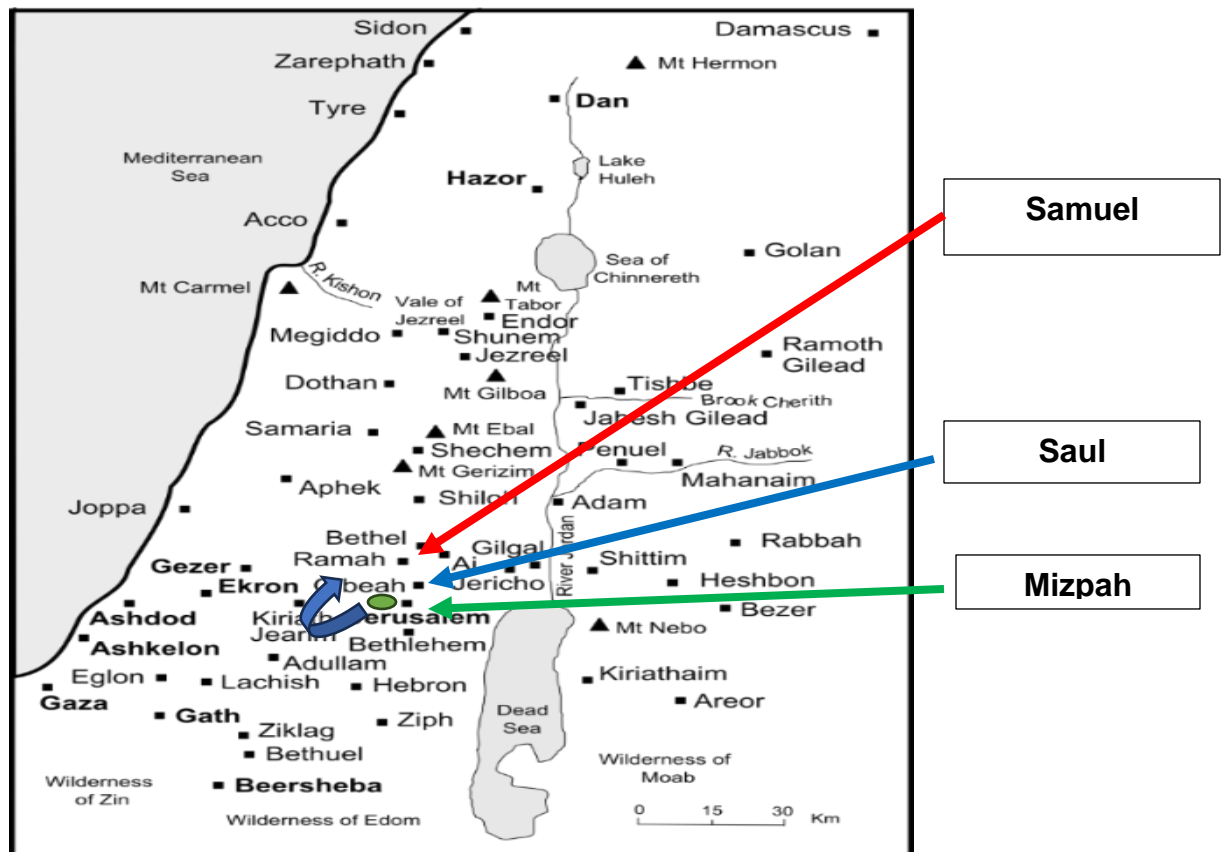
Vs. 17-27-Saul Anointed King

- Samuel called Israel together at **Mizpah**.
- Mizpah had significance since Israel's spiritual revival took place there prior to their victory over the Philistines.



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- Samuel reiterated how God delivered their ancestors from Egypt and from all the kingdoms that oppressed them. Unfortunately, they turned from the Lord and sought an earthly king. Compare this to Deuteronomy 20:1-4.
- The Israelites cast lots to choose a king. The lot went to the Tribe of **Benjamin**, then it went to individual families, and then to Saul.
- They tried to find Saul, but he hid by the **baggage**.
- In appearance, Saul stood taller from his shoulders on up, he portrayed the perfect physical specimen, and a perfect candidate as king.
- The people shouted, "**Long live the king!**" This must have broken the heart of God.
- Samuel wrote down the duties of a king. These duties possibly came from Deuteronomy 17:14-20.
- Samuel sent the people home and Saul went to his house at Gibeah.

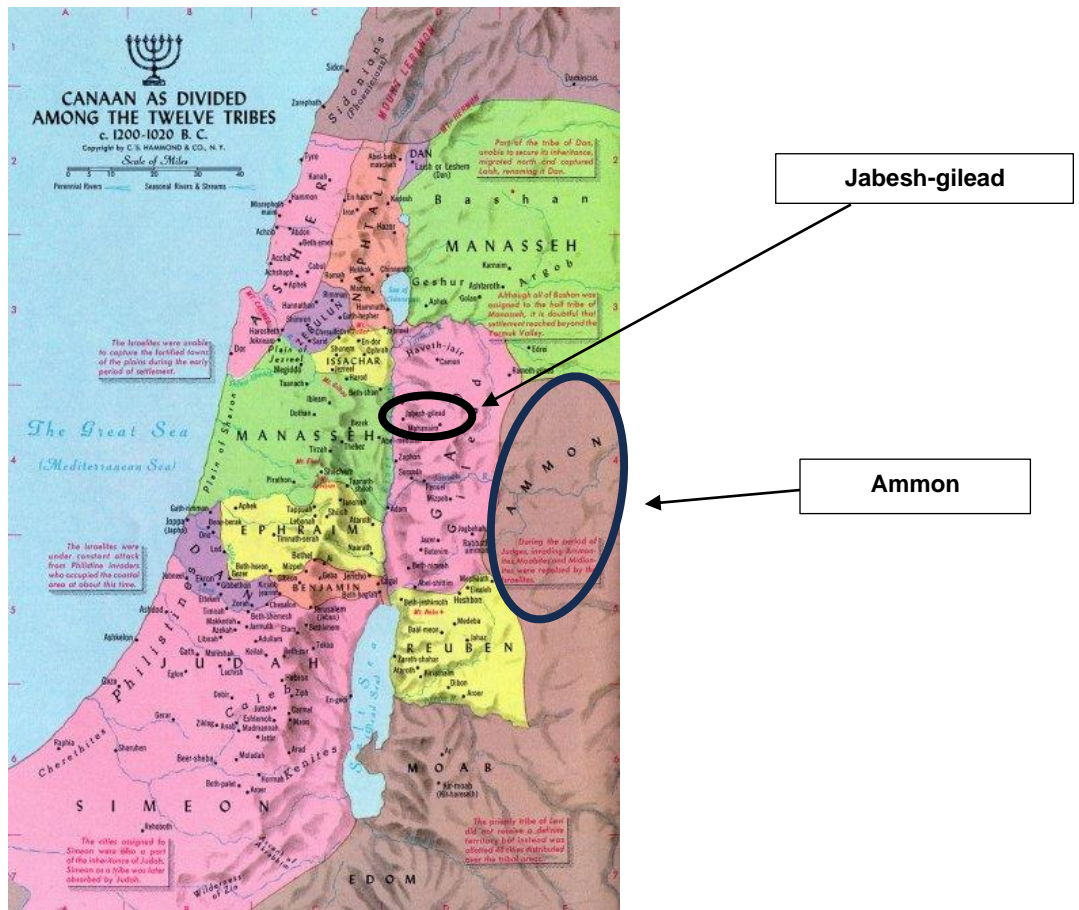


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- **Gibeah** became the first capital of the monarchy.
- God touched the hearts of valiant men to accompany Saul.
- Some worthless men despised Saul and would not recognize him as King.
- Verse 27 states Saul kept silent about those who would not recognize him as King.

Chapter 11- Conquest of the Ammonites

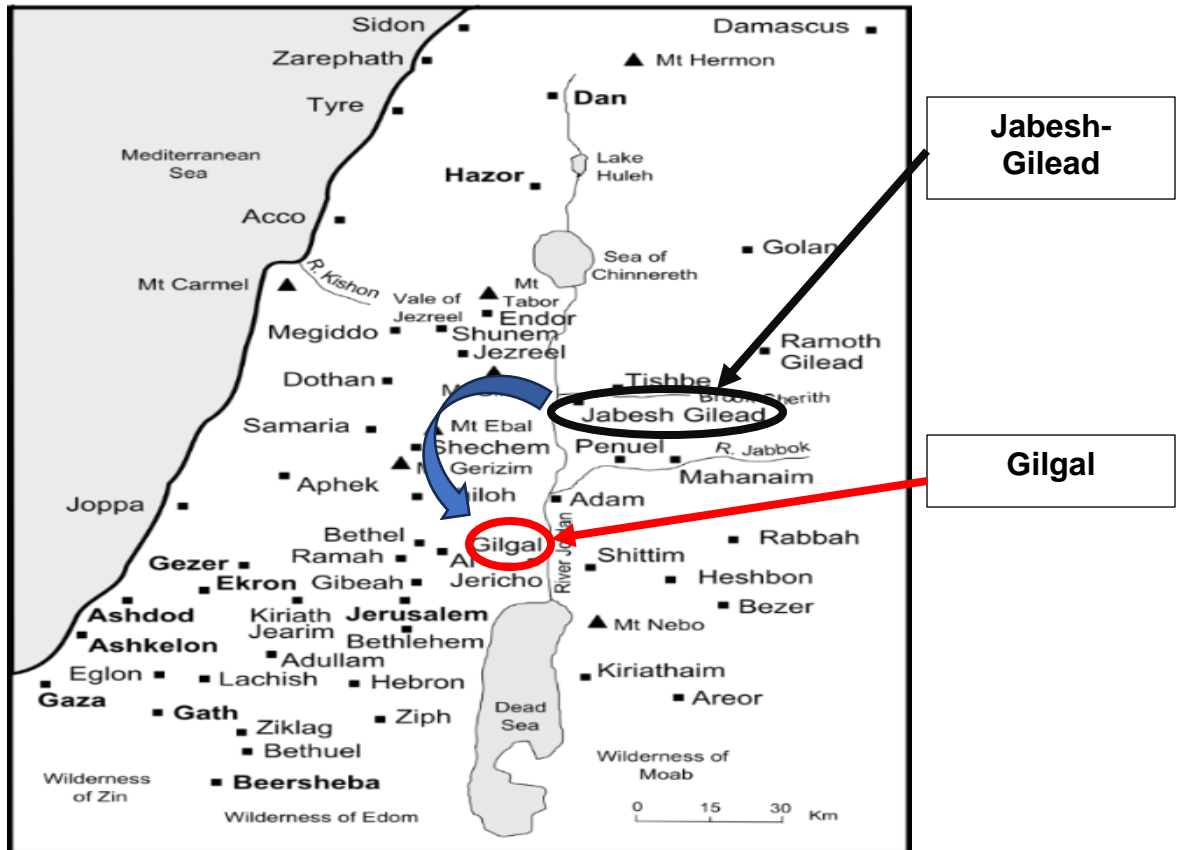
Vs. 1-15-Ammonites Defeated



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- Nahash, the Ammonite, came up and besieged **Jabesh-gilead**.
- The people of Jabesh-gilead, not prepared for war, wanted to make a covenant with the Ammonites.
- The **Ammonites** did not want an agreement, instead, they wanted to gouge out the right eye of everyone in Jabesh-gilead. In battle, a soldier would focus his attention from the right eye since the shield covered the soldier's left eye.
- The elders stated they wanted seven days to give an answer. Since the Ammonites agreed, it probably indicated the Ammonites unpreparedness for war.
- Saul came in from the fields when he received word of this challenge.
- The Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul, and he became extremely **angry**.
- Saul took a yoke of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent them throughout Israel. Saul threatened if anyone did not follow him, he would do the same to their oxen.
- The dread of the Lord fell upon the people and **330,000** followed Saul.
- The next day, Saul's army defeated the Ammonites (keep in mind the people of Jabesh-gilead, for they will show their gratitude at the end of 1st Samuel).

- After the battle, Samuel told the Israelites to go up to Gilgal and renew the kingdom of Saul.
- Saul and all the people greatly rejoiced at **Gilgal**. This incident apparently does not take place until 13:8.



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Chapter 12-Samuel Reminds the People About the Conditions of a King

Vs. 1-25-Samuel Rebukes the People for Wanting a King

- It appears that 12:1 follows 11:14.
- After the celebration, Samuel had some very harsh warnings for the people.
- Samuel reiterated: how God delivered their ancestors from the hand of the Egyptians and from all other enemies; how God raised Judges to deliver Israel from their enemies; and how in each instance, Israel turned away from God which resulted in calamity.
- God showed His **mercy** toward the Israelites by promising to stay with them if they would fear Him and serve Him. However, the hand of the Lord would come against the Israelites if they refused to listen and obey.

- God confirmed His word by sending thunder and rain. This resulted in all the people fearing both Samuel and the Lord.
- God reiterated His love for the people despite them asking for a king (1Samuel 12:21-22).
- Samuel said he would not cease to pray for them.

Summary

God wants to bless everyone. We will never understand His love. He lovingly calls each person to accept His Son, Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior. However, every person must make their own decision for receiving Christ.

God gives us only one chance in this world to make that eternal decision. Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

When should an unbeliever accept Jesus as Lord and Savior? Hebrews 4:7 states, "...Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

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Discussion Questions

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1. Samuel gave Saul three signs to prove God had spoken.
 - a. Does God give us signs today to prove His presence? Explain.
 - b. Can we miss God's signs? Explain.
 - c. Have you ever asked God for a sign?
 - d. Did He give you that sign? Explain.

2. Scripture tells us God changed Saul's heart.
 - a. What do you think scripture meant when God changed Saul's heart?
 - b. How does God change a person's heart after receiving Christ?
 - c. Do you think Saul's behavior changed after his experience with Samuel?
 - d. How should we act after we receive a blessing from God?

3. God chose Saul as king.
 - a. Why do you think God anointed a king from the smallest tribe?
 - b. Why did the people accept Saul so quickly?
 - c. Do we sometimes favor the outward appearances of others?
 - d. What lessons can we learn from outward appearances?

4. Some worthless men despised Saul as king?
 - a. Why do you think these men despised Saul?
 - b. How does jealousy cloud our judgment?
 - c. Do you find it difficult to rejoice in other's success?
 - d. How can we learn to develop a gracious heart toward others?

5. The Ammonite demands terrified the people of Jabesh-gilead.
 - a. Have you ever experienced a terrifying obstacle? Explain.
 - b. What did you do? Did you overcome the obstacle?
 - c. Do we find it difficult to trust God in tough situations? Explain.
 - d. Can we trust God in all situations? Psalm 91 is a great chapter to read in times of fear.