

Our Beloved Karen Davis

Now Rejoicing in Heaven



1 Samuel 12-13

Lesson 7

Samuel as a Leader

- Really listened to his people (1)
- Served the people (2)
- Was faithful his whole life (2)
- Had moral integrity (2-5)
- Had a good reputation (2-5)
- Reminded people of God's righteous acts toward them
(7, 24)

Samuel as a Leader

- Rebuked their sin (12, 17, 20)
- Reminded them of God's sovereignty (13)
- Encouraged their obedience to God (14, 20, 24)
- Warned them against rebellion (15, 25)
- Stood for & with God no matter what anyone thought (17-18)

Samuel as a Leader

- Prayed faithfully for them (23)
- Taught them the good and the right (23)
- Didn't give up on the people (23)
- Didn't retire—continued to teach and encourage (23)

1 Samuel 13:1—Problematic

- Saul was **forty** years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **thirty-two** years over Israel (NAS95).
- Saul was **thirty** years old when he became king, and he reigned for **forty-two** years (NLT).

1 Samuel 13:1—Problematic

- Saul reigned **one** year; and when he had reigned **two** years over Israel (NKJV)
- Saul lived for **one** year and then became king, and when he had reigned for **two** years over Israel (ESV)
- A son of **a year** [is] Saul in his reigning, yea, **two** years he hath reigned over Israel (YLT).

Acts 13:21

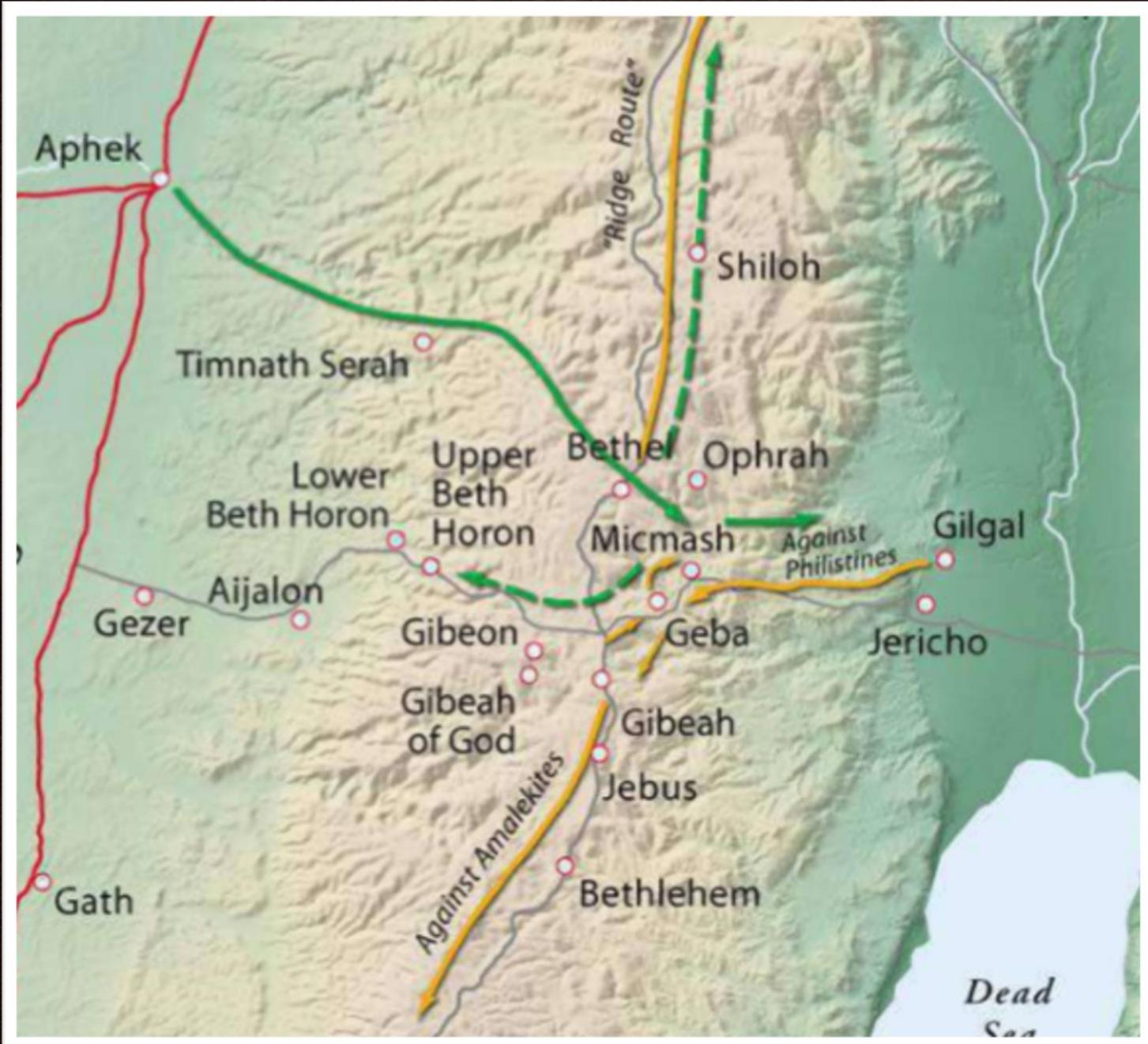
- Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, **for forty years.**
- Consider also the fact that his son Jonathan is old enough to be a military leader.

Saul's Excuses

- Samuel hadn't come as expected.
- The people were deserting.
- The Philistines were gathering.
- Feeling that battle was imminent, he “forced” himself to ask for the Lord’s blessing by making the offering himself.

Consequences of Saul's Action

- Saul has knowingly disobeyed.
- God has taken the kingdom from his family.
- He has chosen “a man after His own heart” (David) to become the next king.



The Israelites' Disadvantages

- Samuel had declared God's judgment on Saul & had left without making offerings & without giving him God's direction or blessing.
- So many had deserted that Saul had only 600 soldiers left.

The Israelites' Disadvantages

- The Philistines had a huge army & had sent out 3 raiding parties in 3 different directions.
- The Israelites lacked real swords or spears due to the Philistines' monopoly on metalworking.
- The Philistines were occupying a key pass at Michmash.

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Pray for Bill & the Family

