

# The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 12 – 13

Sunday, November 5 & Wednesday, November 8

## Chapter 12 (Sunday, November 5)

- In **1 Samuel 12: 1 – 3**, what was the purpose of Samuel's comments as he began his address to the people? What were the main points that Samuel presented, and what was the significance of him mentioning his sons in **verse 2**?
- From **1 Samuel 12: 4 – 5**, how did the people respond to Samuel's comments? What point did Samuel make in his response?
- Describe the significance of the historical perspective that Samuel presented to the people, as recorded in **1 Samuel 12: 6 – 12**. What was the significance of his reference to Nahash in **verse 12**?
- Describe Samuel's comments from **1 Samuel 12: 13 – 15**. What did Samuel teach about faith and obedience? Why was this message important, given the context of the situation leading up to that point?  
(*Deuteronomy 4: 39 – 40; John 14: 23 – 24*)
- In **1 Samuel 12: 16 – 19**, why did Samuel call on the Lord to send a storm? What message did this convey, and what acknowledgement did the people make as a result?
- From **1 Samuel 12: 20 – 22**, what encouragement and warning did Samuel give to the people in response to their acknowledgement that they had sinned against God in asking for a king? (*Exodus 19: 5 – 6; Colossians 3: 5 – 7*)
- What commitment did Samuel make to the people, as recorded in **1 Samuel 12: 23 – 25**? What commandment and warning did he provide at the conclusion of his speech? (*Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 5; Mark 12: 28 – 30*)

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## Chapter 13 (Wednesday, November 8)

- As recorded in **1 Samuel 13: 1 – 4**, what action did Israel take against the Philistines? Who was Jonathan, and how did the people respond when they heard what had happened? (*1 Samuel 13: 16*)
- From **1 Samuel 13: 5 – 7**, how did the Philistines respond to the attack by the army of Israel? What effect did the Philistine response have on the people of Israel? Where was Saul located at this time? (*1 Samuel 7: 13*)
- In **1 Samuel 13: 8 – 10**, how long did Saul wait for Samuel at Gilgal? When Samuel didn't arrive in that amount of time, what action did Saul take? (*1 Samuel 10: 8*)
- What question did Samuel ask of Saul when he arrived at Gilgal (as recorded in **1 Samuel 13: 11 – 12**)? How did Saul attempt to justify his actions?
- In **1 Samuel 13: 13 – 14**, how did Samuel respond to Saul's actions? What would be the consequence of Saul's disobedience, and how did Samuel describe the future king of Israel? (*Acts 13: 22; 1 Samuel 15: 27 – 28*)
- According to **1 Samuel 13: 15 – 18**, where did the people of Israel go from Gilgal? What action did the army of the Philistines take?
- From **1 Samuel 13: 19 – 23**, what predicament did the people of Israel face as they prepared for battle against the Philistines?