

# The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 14 – 15

*Sunday, November 12 & Wednesday, November 15*

## Chapter 14 (Sunday, November 12)

- From **1 Samuel 14: 1 – 7**, what did Jonathan intend to do, and why did he withhold his plans from his father? What did Jonathan's statement in **verse 6** indicate about his faith in God? (*Judges 3: 31; Romans 8: 31*)
- In **1 Samuel 14: 8 – 14**, how would Jonathan determine if God would deliver him and his armor-bearer a victory over the Philistines? How did the Philistines respond to Jonathan, and what was the result of the battle? (*1 Samuel 13: 6*)
- According to **1 Samuel 14: 15 – 19**, what effect did the noise from the battle have on the people who were encamped with Saul? How did Saul respond when he learned that Jonathan had left the camp? What did Saul ask Ahijah (the high priest) to do, and what made Saul change his mind?
- Describe the actions taken by Saul and the people of Israel, as recorded in **1 Samuel 14: 20 – 23**. What was the outcome of the battle?
- From **1 Samuel 14: 24 – 30**, what oath did Saul make? What was his motivation for making that oath, and how did Jonathan unknowingly violate it? How did Jonathan respond when he was informed of his father's oath?
- In **1 Samuel 14: 31 – 35**, what violation of the Old Law did the people commit, and how did Saul respond? Consider how Saul's oath had contributed to the people's sin. (*Deuteronomy 12: 23 – 25*)
- As indicated in **1 Samuel 14: 36 – 40**, what action did Saul intend to take against the Philistines, and how did the priest respond? When Saul and the priest did not receive an answer from God, what additional oath did Saul make? (*Exodus 28: 30*)

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- From **1 Samuel 14: 41 – 45**, describe the process used to determine who had violated the oath. What acknowledgment did Jonathan make, and how did Saul respond? How did the people react to Saul's intention to kill Jonathan?
- In **1 Samuel 14: 46 – 52**, why is a summary of Saul's reign included at this point?

## **Chapter 15 (Wednesday, November 15)**

- From **1 Samuel 15: 1 – 6**, what command did Samuel give to Saul? Explain the historical significance of the command regarding the Amalekites and the Kenites. (*Exodus 17: 8; Deuteronomy 25: 17 – 19*)
- In **1 Samuel 15: 7 – 9**, what was the outcome of the battle? How had Saul violated the command that he was given by Samuel?
- According to **1 Samuel 15: 10 – 15**, what did God say to Samuel regarding Saul's disobedience? How did Saul characterize the outcome of the battle? When Samuel confronted him about his report, what excuse did Saul make?
- Characterize the conversation between Samuel and Saul from **1 Samuel 15: 16 – 21**. What charge did Samuel make against Saul, and how did Saul respond?
- In **1 Samuel 15: 22 – 23**, how did Samuel respond to Saul's excuses? From Samuel's statement, what would be the consequence of Saul's disobedience? (*Hosea 6: 6; Matthew 9: 13*)
- From **1 Samuel 15: 24 – 31**, what specific request did Saul make to Samuel? How did Samuel initially respond to Saul's request, and how did Samuel respond after Saul appealed the initial decision?
- What action did Samuel take in **1 Samuel 15: 32 – 33**?
- As indicated in **1 Samuel 15: 34 – 35**, how did this event affect the relationship between Samuel and Saul? How did Samuel feel about Saul?