

- c. The people of Jabesh Gilead said, "We want to make a treaty with you."
 - d. The Ammonites say, "We'll make a treaty with you but with one condition. We'll make a treaty provided you let us put every single person's right eye out."
 - e. And so the people of Jabesh Gilead say "Give us 7 days and we'll let you know."
 - f. They contact Israel and Saul is informed of it.
 - 1) Saul gets angry and takes a pair of oxen and cuts them up.
 - 2) He ~~ends~~^{sends} different pieces throughout the land and says, "If you people don't get up here and go to battle against the Ammonites who are attacking Jabesh Gilead, this is what is going to happen to you."
 - 3) They didn't argue with that.
 - 4) They gathered 330,000 men and defeated the Ammonites.
 - g. When Saul comes back victorious, the people say, "Who were these people who said Saul shouldn't be king. Let's kill them."
 - h. Saul said, "No. It's time for a celebration and not for killing."
25. They celebrate and Samuel has all the people meet at Gilgal and there they reaffirm Saul as the king of Israel.
- i. Samuel makes it very clear, "If you and your king obey the Lord, you'll be blessed. But if you don't obey the Lord, the Lord is going to bring judgment upon you. Now you didn't obey the Lord in asking for a king. Now this is a time for the wheat harvest. Normally there is no rain. But what is going to happen, suddenly it is going to rain right now. And that's to punish you for sinning against the Lord by rejecting him and wanting a king and to show you what is going to happen if as a king and people, you disobey the Lord."
 - ii. And so the rain came down and the people say to Samuel, "We are all going to die even though you are not going to die."
 - iii. Then Samuel said, "Because of His reputation, the Lord is going to spare you. But I'll tell you this, if you and your kind disobey the Lord, the Lord will bring judgment upon you on account of that. As for me, I will not sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you. I will pray that God's blessing will be upon you and continue to teach you the ways of the Lord."
 - a. Samuel says this even though they had rejected him as judge.
 - b. That speaks loads concerning Samuel's character.