

26. Saul has just been reaffirmed as king in Israel at Gilgal and right after this, the Philistines come up to ~~battle~~^{battle} Israel at Michmash.
- i. When the Philistines come and camp there, Saul gathers his men at Gilgal.
 - ii. Samuel had told Saul that in 7 days, he would come down and offer a sacrifice to the Lord.
 - iii. Saul begins to think, "Here are the Philistines and they are ready to attack. Here are the men that I have and these men are scared. They are beginning to flee and my numbers are dwindling."
 - iv. Then the 7 days go by and ~~Saul~~^{Samuel} doesn't show up and Saul thinks, "Now these Philistines may come and attack me and I haven't called on the Lord. I need the Lord's favor if I am going to go into battle."
 - v. So Saul decides to take things into his ~~own~~^{own} hands and offers a burnt offering to the Lord.
 - vi. As soon as he does, Samuel comes and he says, "Saul, what have you done? You have disobeyed the Lord. The Lord has made it clear that you are not to offer the burnt offering. I was to offer it."
 - vii. Because Saul disobeyed on this occasion, Samuel said, "You acted foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God. If you had he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time (in other words, he would have had descendants sit on his throne for all time). So now your kingdom will not endure. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people because you have not kept the Lord' command."
 - a. The Lord makes clear to Saul that because of his disobedience his kingdom was not going to endure and his descendants will not sit on the throne.
 - b. Saul will be allowed to remain on the throne.
 - viii. The Israelites go into battle and the Lord gives them victory over the Philistines.
27. In chapter 15, the Lord tells Samuel to go down and destroy the Amalekites.
- i. Saul was to wipe everyone person and every animal out.
 - ii. Saul goes down and destroys the Amalekites, but he doesn't do everything the Lord said.
 - a. He saves alive the best livestock.
 - b. He saved the king alive.
 - iii. The Lord speaks to Samuel and says, "Go confront Saul for he has disobeyed me."
 - iv. So Samuel goes up from Rama to Gilgal where Saul was.