

- v. What does Samuel tell him?
  - a. Samuel said, "Why do you consult me now that the Lord has turned away from you and become your enemy?"
    - 1) The Lord has rejected Saul as king.
  - b. Samuel goes onto say, "The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to one of your neighbors, namely to David, because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this today. The Lord will hand both you and Israel over to the Philistines and tomorrow, you and your sons will be with me."
    - 1) In other words, Saul and his sons were going to die.
- vi. The Philistines win the battle against the Israelites at Mt. Gilboa and Saul is fatally injured so that he asked his armor bearer to kill him. When he wouldn't do it, he committed suicide.
- vii. His three sons were killed and Israel was defeated by the Philistines.
- viii. Saul reigned for 40 years.

## **B. 2 Samuel**

1. David is in Ziklag and he hears that Saul and his three sons has been killed.
2. There was an Amalekite who was present in Mt. Gilboa and he brings this message to David and David mourns over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan and writes a lament for them.
3. Then the Lord tells them to go from Ziklag up to Hebron and the men of Judah make David the king of Hebron and of the tribe of Judah.
  - i. He became the king of Judah, not of all Israel.
4. Abner
  - i. He was Saul's general.
  - ii. He had to know that David was the next king.
  - iii. But what he did was to take the only surviving son of Saul, Ishbosheth, and he made him king over the other tribes and set him up as king with his capital in Mahanaim.
5. Then a civil war breaks out.
  - i. As they fight one another, the tribes under the leadership of Ishbosheth and general Abner get weaker and weaker.
  - ii. But the tribes under David get stronger and stronger.