



1 Samuel – Textbook Reading



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(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 13

- ☐ Setting
- ☐ Themes of 1 Samuel
- ☐ David's Struggles with Saul

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 13

Background of 1 Samuel

Setting

- How does the textbook connect this book with the book of Judges? What is the implication of this for the content of 1 Samuel?
- Who was the main enemy of God's people in this period? How did the people attempt to solve this problem in this book?

Themes of 1 Samuel

- What was wrong with Eli's leadership and family? How did Samuel fill the void?
- According to the textbook, the beginning of the monarchy signaled the end of what? Why is this significant? Was this a good thing or a bad thing? Why do you think so?
- Why did Saul not continue as Israel's king?
- What did Samuel's anointing of David accomplish? What did it not accomplish? What was God doing to accomplish this?

Message of 1 Samuel

David's Struggles with Saul

- Why did Saul become jealous of David? How did this affect his attitude toward David?
- What are the five major events the textbook lists in David's struggles with Saul? What does each of these contribute to the story? What does each of these episodes tell us about Saul's character? What does each of these tell us about David's character and preparation for leadership?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter