

Lesson 4 – June 16

1 Samuel 4:1 – 7:17

KING?



LORD Sees the Heart



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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark ... oooops!
4.	<i>June 26</i>	<i>King?</i>	<i>8-11</i>	<i>Israel, "Give us a King!"</i>
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain ... to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord sees the heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

1 Samuel 8:1 – 11:15

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Ruler of His people and of His creation**

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**LOAD of Drama
in these 3 chapters**

Here's what we are going to do ...

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Briefly look at latter chapters FIRST

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good stuff informing lesson

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above informs on God's Work

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1 Samuel

Alternative Title

What Would Grandpa Do?

**Trusting all know the spirit, if not
the fact of being a Grandpa, Grandma
*yes, of course – Great-Grans too***

**Case shall be made that Samuel became
Israel's Most Beloved Grandpa**



1 Samuel

Key Verse 8:7

And the LORD told him:

**“Listen to all that the people are saying to you;
it is not you they have rejected,
but they have rejected me as their king.**

This Verse Turns EVERYTHING Around

**Not You, Samuel, But
They Rejected Me!**

1 Samuel

That is – if you read all of chapters 8-11
MINUS verse 8:7 ... it would NOT be as Striking

Four Chapters of King Making – PERIOD

ALL Reasonable ... Most Remarkable is **GOD WORKING!**

However, with verse 8:7 ...

**not you, Samuel, they have rejected,
but they have rejected me as their king.**

We see God ... what?

God Looking at the Heart of Israel

For God – It's ALL about the Heart!

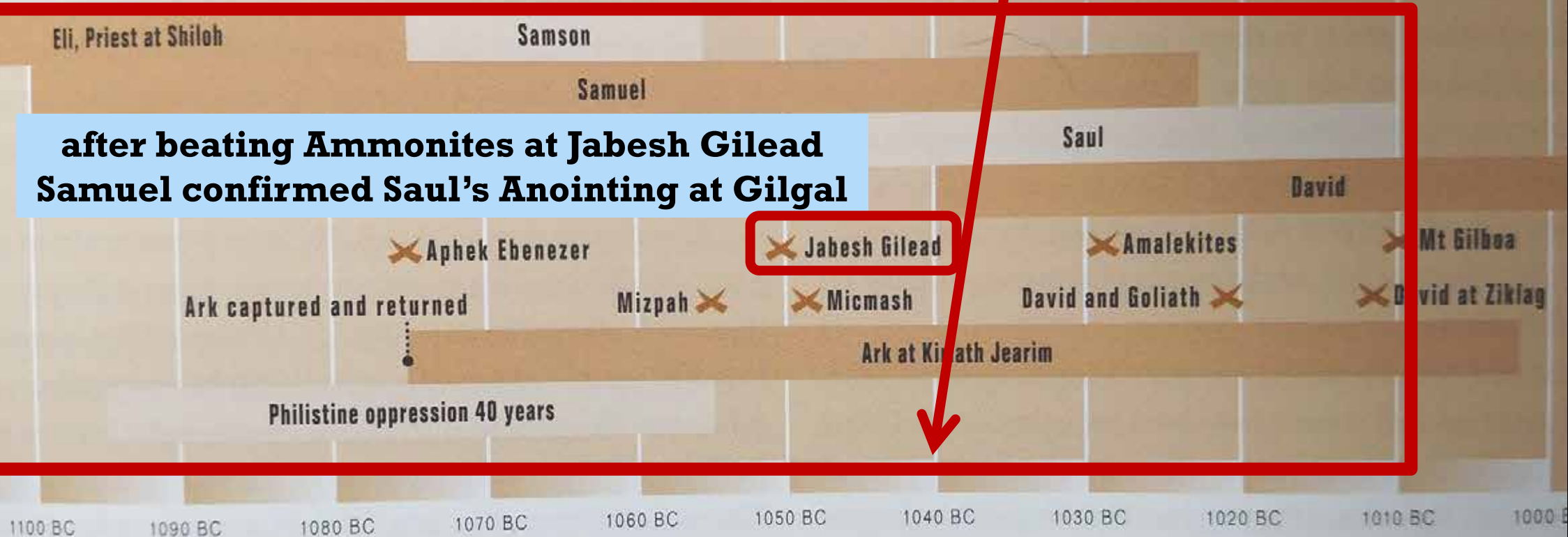
1 Samuel Intro

Samuel and Saul

Book of 1 Samuel – 130 yrs

Beginning of Monarchy
c. 1040 B.C.

**after beating Ammonites at Jabesh Gilead
Samuel confirmed Saul's Anointing at Gilgal**



1 Samuel

Looking Briefly at Saul's Call

Looking at Chapter 9-11 *first* ... See the Heart

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Notice: Saul is innocent and CALLED

Notice: Samuel CONTINUALLY asking God

Notice: Spirit of God CLEARLY on Saul

9:1-27 Saul looks for Donkey, finds Man of God

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Chapter 9 – Looking for Donkeys ... Finds Man of God!

Saul sent to look for donkeys.

Saul is worried about his father ... who sent him

God reveals to Samuel *day before* that Saul was coming

Servant points Saul to “Seer” or Man of God’s house.

9:18 Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked,
“**Would you please tell me where the seer’s house is?**”

19 “**I am the seer,**” Samuel replied. “Go up ahead of me to the
high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the
morning I will send you on your way and will

tell you all that is in your heart.

Looking for Donkeys – Finds Man of God!

ohhh ... btw ... Samuel tells Saul
that his donkeys are okay

**Saul looking for donkeys ...
finds Man of God**

You and I know this, too

Today People Look
for a Man of God

But instead they find

Rev. Donkey



Looking for Donkeys – Finds Man of God!

**Often Very LOUD
with LITTLE to say!**

HeeHaawww

Only ... NOT so funny to God ...

God's Word is a rich treasure

to be “rightly” divided

***not vainly screamed
or cheaply spoken***



10:1-27 Saul Anointed ... Donkeys Found

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Chapter 10 – Spirit of the Lord Clearly on Saul

10:1-24 Saul told where to go by Samuel ... after donkeys found

You have to read the passage to see Saul's RESPONSIBILITY

His father WAS worried ... Saul to Bethel to worship ... then to Gibeah

10:6 **The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and ...**

encounter with God

you will be changed into a different person.

**Should be
Different**

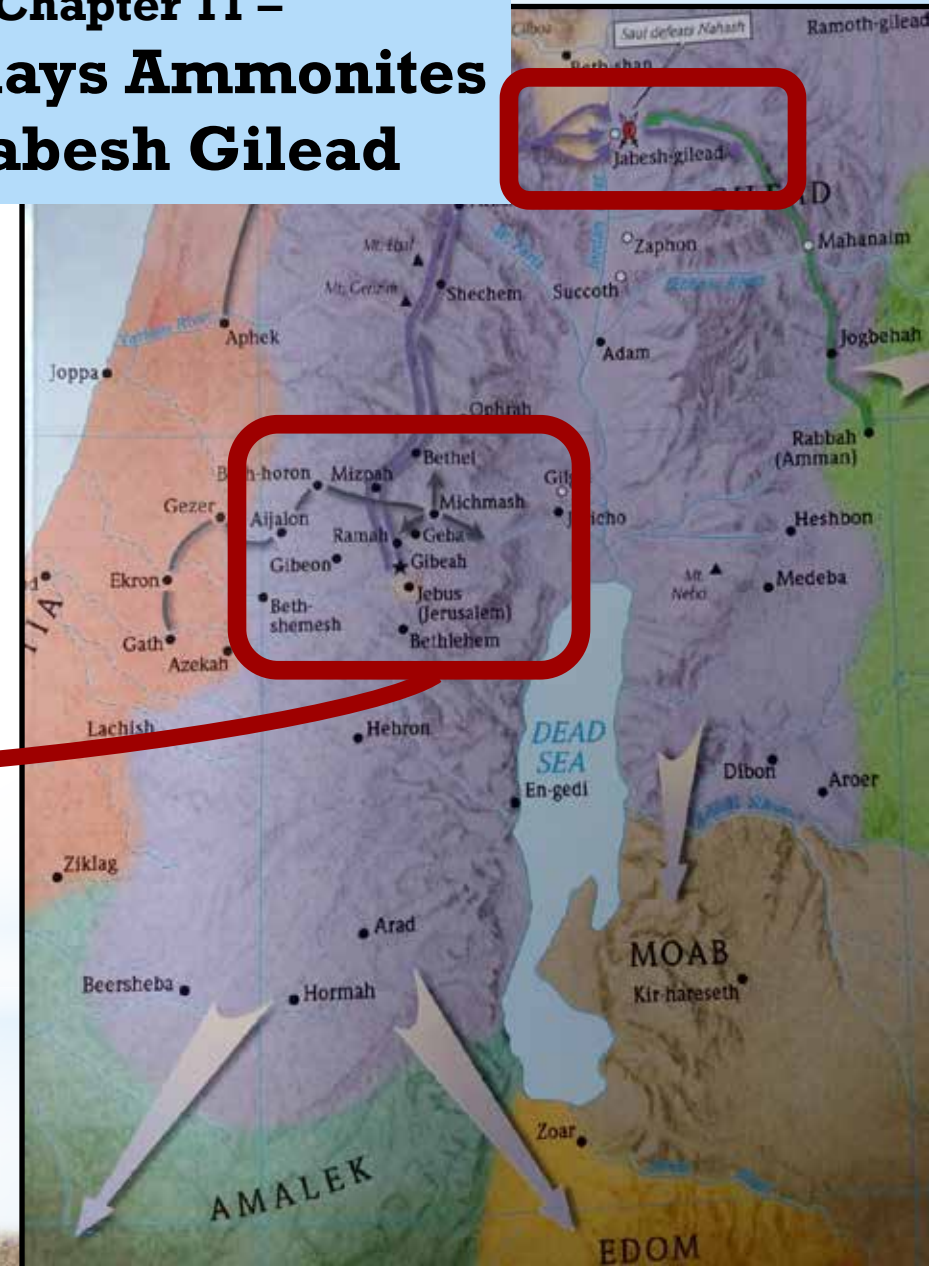
10:7 **Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. Go down to Gilgal ... Samuel meet him there**

10:9 **As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.**

17 **Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the LORD at Mizpah**

Chapter 11 – Saul slays Ammonites at Jabesh Gilead

Samuel Calls all to Mizpah



10:1-27 Saul Anointed ... Donkeys Found

10:24-27 Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.”

**Then the people shouted,
“Long live the king!”**

They had their king ...

No turning back now ...

Never—ever return to “judges”

Samuel Anoints David

Ink engraving – 1556

by Maerten Van Heemskerck



10:1-27 Saul Anointed ... Donkeys Found

Take for Himself!

²⁵ Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He **wrote them down on a scroll** and deposited it before the LORD. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

Our Pastor Dr. Bullard gave a message on Duet. 17

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 tells a lot about King

KING



What comes to YOUR mind?

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 on Future King



¹⁴When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you ... you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,"

- ✓ Appoint over you a king the LORD your God chooses
- ✓ Only an **Israelite** and **No foreigner** over you
- ✓ Must not acquire great numbers of **horses** or large amounts of **silver/gold**
- ✓ Must not take **many wives**, or his heart will be led astray
- ✓ When he takes the throne, he is to **write** for himself a copy of this law and read it all the days of his life
- ✓ Not consider himself **BETTER** than his fellow Israelites
- ✓ Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.



Notice – prophecy of sorts – just a matter of when

if they would have just done it the way God had wanted ...

10:1-27 Saul Anointed ... Donkeys Found

Take for Himself!

²⁶ Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched.

²⁷ But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts.

But Saul kept silent.

He what? . . . He kept SILENT at scoundrels' despising him

He's a humble man ...

Later, when about to be anointed, he HIDES

**He was taller and better looking than all, and most HUMBLE
*at the start anyway***

11:1-27 Ammonites Attack ... Saul wins

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Chapter 11: Samuel Renews Saul's Kingship

Nahash the Ammonite besieged Jabesh Gilead

11:6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger.

11:8 mustered at Bezek, Israel 300, Judah 30,000 ...

11:11 Saul ... last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day.

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the LORD.

There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

REMEMBER
Ammonites are Slain

1 Samuel

Recap ...

Chapter 9 – Looking for Donkeys ... Finds Man of God!

Chapter 10 – Spirit of the Lord Clearly on Saul

Chapter 11 – Samuel Renews Saul's Kingship at Gilgal

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Some say Saul was late 30s to mid 40s

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To the Lesson of the Half-Hour

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8:1-3 Samuel Old

Sons Do Not Follow His Path

8:1-3 When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders.

2 ... his firstborn was Joel, his second Abijah ... served at Beersheba.

3 But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after

- dishonest gain and
- accepted bribes and
- perverted justice.

***ALMOST like Eli's sons
Except Eli's sons were worse***

Few things hurt a parent more . . .

Of all the animals, humans invest so much more time raising

Given we are made in God's image, too, parents LOVE deeper

and LOVE more profoundly

8:4-5 A King Demanded

Israel Comes to Samuel

8:4 - So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

*all came
to him*

NOTE: Samuel is **ONLY** judge nationally recognized

⁵They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now **appoint a king to lead us**, such as all the other nations have.”

NOTE: 20 years had passed before Saul was anointed

Some say Saul was about 40 when anointed

Enough years pass for Israel to **SEE** how bad
Samuel's sons were ...

Samuel was a Senior Citizen

8:6-9 Rejection Declared

Lord tells Samuel to Warn them

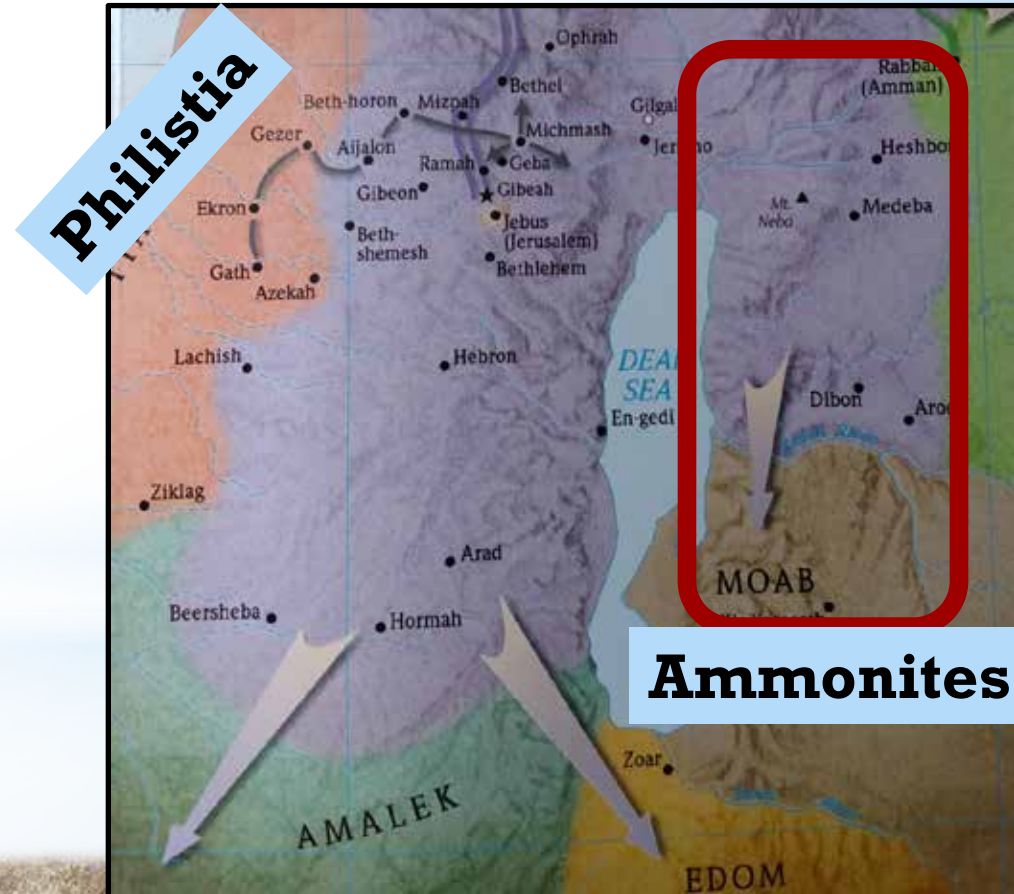
8:6 But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

**Lot going on during this time ...
many reasons for a king**

**Economically, the Philistines to west,
monopoly on iron ... no easy alliance**

Ammonites to east – kinsmen gone wild

- Descendants of Ammon, son of Lot
- Close assoc. Moabites
- In land during Conquest by Joshua



8:6-9 Rejection Declared

Ammonites to east

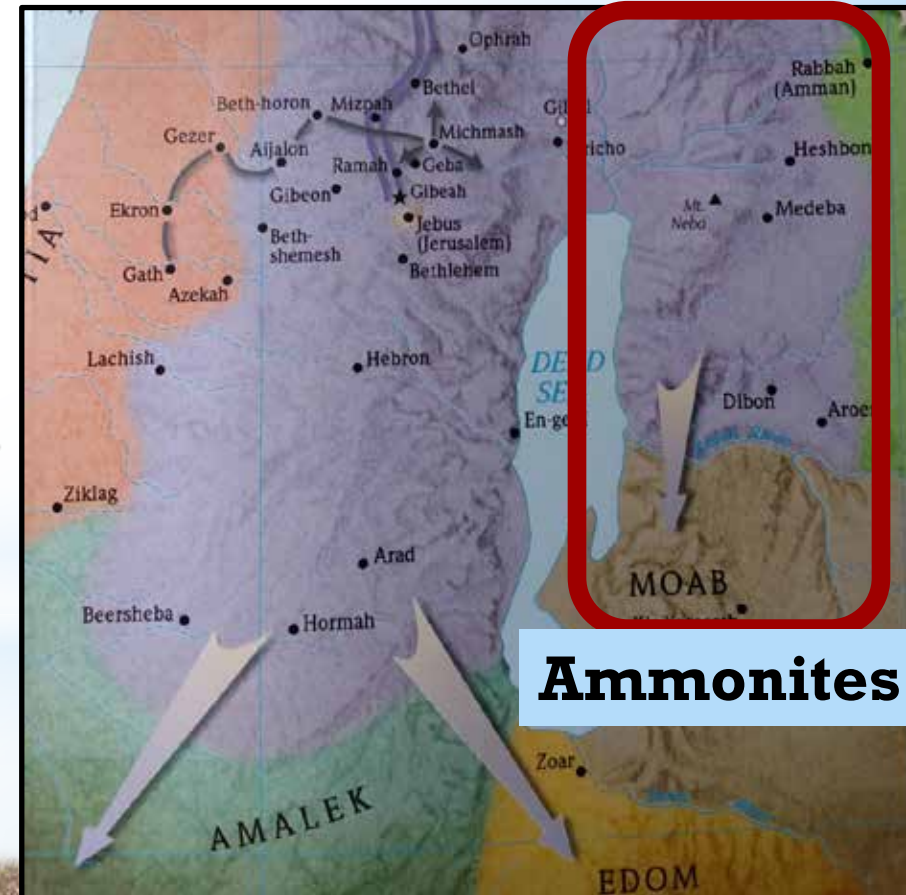
Deut. 23:3 - No Ammonite or Moabite or descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, not even in the tenth generation.

Deut. 23:4 - For they did not come to meet you with bread and water on your way when you came out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Aram Naharaim to pronounce a curse on you.

REMEMBER – in chap. 11, Saul Slays Ammonites

Israel has **NO** centralized government ...
priests inherited their jobs as Levites

Judges ... no successors, except for Samuel
and Samuel's sons are not doing well



Ammonites

EDOM

8:6-9 Rejection Declared

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8:7 And the LORD told him:

**“Listen to all that the people are saying to you;
it is not you they have rejected,
but they have rejected me as their king.**

Precious verse – God comforting Samuel

God goes into great detail to comfort Samuel

8:8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

God comforting – how cool is that?

8:10-18 What the King Will Do

Take for Himself!

8:10 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights:

¹²⁻¹³ sons serve with his chariots and horses ... some commanders ... some plow and reap ... some to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. Daughters perfumers and cooks and bakers.

¹⁴ Take the best of your fields, vineyards ... give it to his officials

¹⁶ Male/female servants, best cattle/donkeys ... take for his own use.

¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

8:19-22 Rebellion Determined

Israel Comes to Samuel – Lord Grants a King

8:19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel.

“No!” they said. “We want a king over us.

20 Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

**8:21 When Samuel heard all that the people said,
he repeated it before the LORD.**

8:22 The LORD answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.” Then Samuel said to the Israelites, “Everyone go back to your own town.”

**As chapters 9-11 unfold to victory over Ammonites
chapter 11 ends as Samuel confirms Saul King of Israel
Never, ever be the same—NEVER EVER again**

8:19-22 Rebellion Determined

Who Was Samuel to Israelites—**JUDGE**

Senior Gentleman when they came to him at Ramah

He was their Judge ... who had appointed his sons to succeed him
and they were not doing right

We **MUST ASK** about “Judge?” ... What does “Judge” mean?

- ✓ Judge civil and criminal violations of the law & sentence
- ✓ Wise man with authority ... and the “people’s” confidante
- ✓ Few things **Worse in World** than a corrupt, bribe-taking judge
- ✓ Few things **More Beautiful in the World** than a wise, merciful
incorruptible and fearless **JUDGE**
- ✓ Samuel – the Best they would **EVER** have – *I believe they knew it*

Judge in Ancient Israel

Judge? ... strangely, in the Book of Judges, only Deborah *Judges*

Judges 4:5 Deborah held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.

**Rest of the Judges are Heroes
in one form or another**

**Book of Judges is a history of flip-flop.
Generation after Joshua, Israel to *idols*.
God sends trouble.**

People cry out. God sends “Judge”

Book of Judges

1:1 – 2:5 **Completion of Conquest**

2:6 – 3:6 **Intro to Careers of Judges**

3:7-30 **Othniel**

3:31 **Shamgar**

4:1 – 5:31 **Deborah & Barak**

6:1 – 8:35 **Gideon (also Jerubbaal)**

9:1-57 **Abimelech**

10:1-5 **Tola and Jair**

10:6-16 **Intro to later Judges**

10:17 – 12:7 **Jephthah**

12:8-15 **Ibzan, Elon and Abdon**

13:1 – 16:31 **Samson**

17:1 – 21:25 **Migration of Dan to north
and war against Benjaminites**

8:19-22 Rebellion Determined

Who Was Samuel to Israelites

Senior Gentleman when they came to him at Ramah –

a judge plus some

He was the best they would ever have ... from his youth to retirement

Look ... they came to Samuel, all of Israel – ALL came to him

If he had said, “No,” they would have accepted it, all be it reluctantly.

In God’s plan, as God worked, God allowed ... but Samuel hurt.

All or nearly ALL who came had GROWN UP with Samuel as their

National Grandfather – the wisest one in the land

THE ONE ALL went to for guidance and counsel

Grandpa – Tell Me ‘Bout the Good Ol’ Days

by The Judds – Country Duo 1986

Naomi Judd and daughter Wynonna Judd

Grandpa ...

Tell me 'bout the good old days.

Sometimes it feels like ...

This world's gone crazy.

**Grandpa, take me back to yesterday,
Where the line between right and wrong
Didn't seem so hazy.**



Samuel Through God Gives Israel a King

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he repeated it before the LORD.**

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Samuel said to the Israelites, “Everyone go back to your own town.”**

Never ... ever again ... be the same

After Ammonite victory in 11 ... the Next Lesson 5 in Chapter 12

Samuel addresses all—see my integrity and faithfulness

Samuel NEVER did anyone ANY wrong

Now—Saul is Your King – yet, be warned

Serve with all your heart

Samuel knew ... as all Grandpas do

This was permanent ... forever

No Return to the Good Ol' Days

The children of Israel did NOT know how good they had it—so sad

Under Samuel – WAS the Good Ol' Days

But the World Comes Knocking, Rushing

Pushing, Threatening ... What Shall We Do?

So then, as irrevocable changes come over
O U R horizon fast and furious—

What kind of Grandpa or
Grandma will Y O U be?

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