



## **Thunder, Panic & a Demand for a King:**

**1 Samuel 7-11**

### **Lesson 59 Visuals**

- **The Ark of the Lord's Covenant was moved to an Israelite town and set up in Abinadab's house.**
- **The Ark stayed there for 20 years.**
- **During that time, Israel turned to the Lord to save them from the Philistines.**
- **Samuel told Israel to get rid of their false gods and idols to show that they were really returning to the Lord with all their hearts.**
- **Samuel gathered all of Israel together to fast and confess that they had sinned against the Lord. But the Philistines thought they were gathering to war against the Philistines.**
- **Samuel cried out to the Lord to save Israel and the Lord heard his prayer.**



- **The Lord made it thunder very loudly. That thunder threw the Philistines into a panic and made them run away in fear.**
- **If you are doing the right thing and obeying the Lord but are falsely accused, you should keep trusting the Lord and obeying Him.**
- **Samuel's sons were not fair judges like their father. They accepted bribes.**
- **The Israelites did not want either of Samuel's sons to ever be chief judge over Israel. So they asked Samuel to appoint a king over Israel.**
- **God said that they weren't rejecting Samuel. They were rejecting God as their king.**
- **God told Samuel to warn Israel about all the bad things that a king will do to them. But Israel did not listen to that warning. They still demanded a king.**



- **Saul was impressive looking because he was a head taller than everyone else.**
- **Saul and his servant were searching for their lost donkeys.**
- **Saul was ready to give up the search, but the servant recommended they go see a man of God. Samuel was that man of God.**
- **God had told Samuel the day before that He will send a man from Benjamin who Samuel must anoint King and he will deliver Israel from the Philistines.**
- **When Samuel looked up and saw Saul, the Lord said, “This is the man I told you about.”**
- **Samuel anointed Saul as king by pouring a flask of oil on his head.**
- **After Saul saw several signs that were foretold by Samuel, the Spirit of the LORD came on Saul.**



- **Saul prophesied. The Spirit of the LORD spoke through Saul. This showed the Spirit of the LORD was on him.**
- **Saul was hiding among the baggage when Samuel called for him.**
- **Samuel declared that Saul was the one that the LORD has chosen. Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!”**
- **After Samuel went over the instructions for the king and wrote them down in a scroll, everyone including Saul went back home.**
- **While walking home, some men asked “How can this man save us?” But God had a plan to show that Saul was God’s chosen man.**
- **Nahash, the Ammonite, told the Israelites in Jabesh Gilead that he would only make a peace treaty with them on the condition that he could gouge out the right eye of every one of them.**



- **When Saul heard what Nahash had said, the Spirit of God came on Saul and he called for all the Israelite soldiers to gather.**
- **300,000 Israelites united as one man and defeated the Ammonites. All the Israelites then respected Saul as their king.**
- **Some called for the death of those who had questioned Saul being their king. But Saul said, “No one shall be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel. Saul gave the Lord credit.**