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### Message Outline

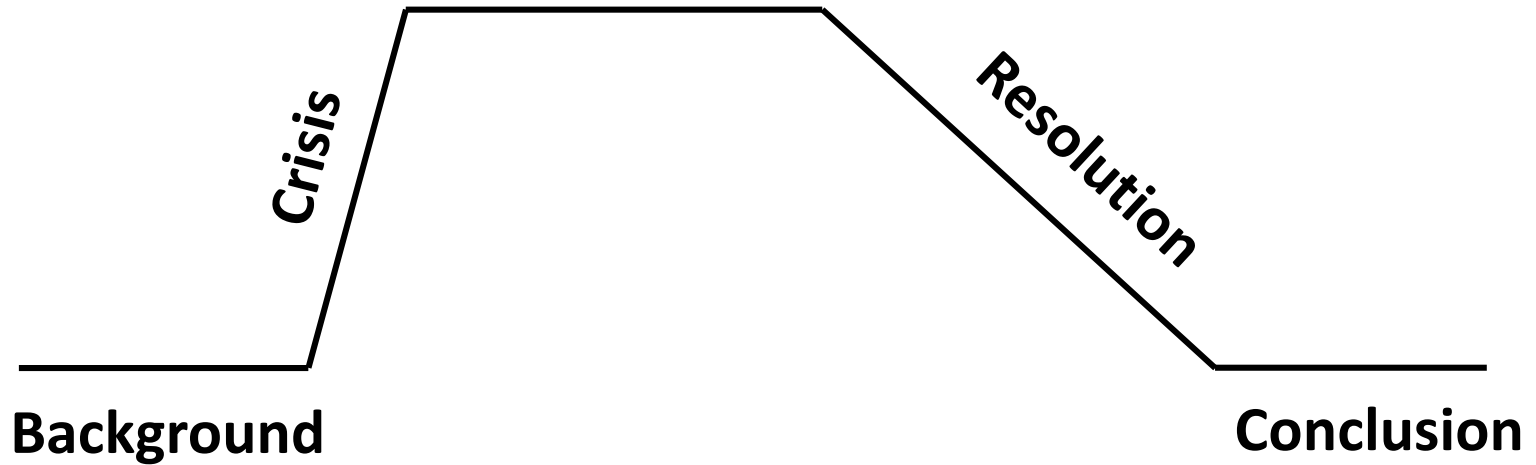
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### **Introduction**

- Samuel is the last judge of Israel
- Israel requests for a king against God's will
- God chooses Saul as the first king of Israel



**Background** (13:2-7a)

Saul & his frightened army

**Crisis** (13:7b-13):

Saul's unbelief & disobedience

**Resolution** (13:14):

God rejects Saul and raises a new King

**Conclusion** (13:15):

Samuel leaves Saul

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### 13:1 King Saul

- Saul becomes king at age 30
- He reigns Israel for 42 years

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Who Is King Saul?

- A family of fighting warriors
- A tall , handsome, young and strong man
- His humility

No one in Israel can compare to Saul to be king of Israel

How can king Saul fall from grace ?

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The issue that led to his fall is

**Unbelief**

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### Background

Samuel's Command to King Saul

1 Samuel 10:8

“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.”



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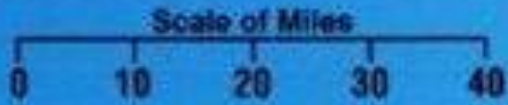
### **Background 13:2-7**

13:2

- Saul with 2,000 men at Michmash
- Jonathan his son with 1,000 men at Gibeah

13:3a-4 Jonathan attacked the Philistine at Geba

- The Philistines hear about attack
- Saul summons all Israel to meet at **Gilgal**



Mediterranean Sea



PHOENICIA

CANAANITES

AMMON

PHILISTIA

Gad  
Gilead

Hazor

Aphek

Sea of Chinnereth

Yarmuk R.

• Endor

• Jezreel

Ramoth-gilead

• Bethshan

• Bezek

• Jabesh-gilead

• Mahanaim

• Shechem

Jabbok R.

★ Rabbath-ammon

• Ophrah

• Bethel

• Michmash

• Geba

• Ramah

• Nob

• Jerusalem

• Bethlehem

Bethoron

• Ekron

• Mizpah

• Gibeon

• Gibeah

• Gilgal

Elat

• Azekah

• Gath

• Eglon

• Adullam

• Keilah

• Ashkelon

• Gaza

• Hebron

• Ziph

• En-gedi

• Ziklag

• Carmel

• Maon

Dead Sea

Arnon R.

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### Background 13:2-7

#### 13:5 Army of Philistine

- 3,000 Chariots
- 6,000 Charioteers
- Soldiers as numerous as sand on seashore
- Army all-ready for attack



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### **Background 13:2-7**

13:6-7 Frightened army of Israel goes into hiding

- Army is hard-pressed
  - Hides in caves , thickets, among rocks, in pits and cistern
  - Cross border to the land of Gad and Gilead

13:7b Saul remains in **Gilgal** with a troop of frightened men

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### **Crisis** 13:7b-10

Saul waits for 7 days

- Samuel does not appear
- Saul sacrifices burnt offering and fellowship offering

When he has finished the sacrifices, Samuel appears.

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13:11-12 Samuel rebukes Saul

- Foolish in disobeying God's command
- Saul's lame excuses
  - Men are scattered
  - Samuel does not appear
  - Fear that Philistines will attack
  - Compelled to offer the sacrifices

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### 13:13 The fall of King Saul

- Saul has done a foolish thing
- Saul has not kept the command of God
- If he had, God will establish his kingdom
- God ends his kingship because of his disobedience of God's command

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### **Resolution 13:14:b**

God will appoint a man after his own heart Man

- With faith in God
- With same mind as God
- Who follows God and obeys His commands



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### **Conclusion 13:15**

- Samuel leaves Gilgal, signifying the departure of God from Saul
- Saul's army is reduced from 2,000 to 600 men signifying the start of his fall after his disobedience of God's command.

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### Thoughts for Reflection

- Let there be no unbelief in our hearts
- Let us be a man of faith
- Believes and takes God's Word as it is.
- Whatever God says, let us have a heart of belief
- Let us not doubt and reject God's Word.
- In us rejecting God and His Word, God will also reject us and bring about our downfall
- May we learn from Saul's failure so that we can avoid the pitfall.
- Let us emulate David to be a man after God's own heart.
- Let us end well and not falter in our Christian faith