

THE CONFIRMATION OF SAUL AS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING
(1 Samuel 11-12)

I. ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING (1 Samuel 7-10)

A. God's Rule of Israel Through Samuel (7)

B. Israel Demanded A King (8-10)

1. Their **Plea** for a king (8:1-10)
2. The **Price** of a king (8:11-22)
3. The **Private Anointing** of Saul as Israel's First King (9:1-10:16)
4. The **Public Appointment** of Saul as Israel's First King (10:17-27)

II. THE _____ OF SAUL AS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING (1 Samuel 11-12)

A. The Challenge to _____ Israel by Nahash, the Leader of the Ammonites (11:1-10)

1. The people of Jabesh-Gilead _____ offer to make a covenant to _____ themselves to this Ammonite king!

2. Nahash "*only*" demands the _____ of every person in Jabesh-Gilead as the basis of a _____ covenant with them.

- What would this supposed covenant mean?

3. Israel wisely requested a ____ day period to consider the terms. During this time, they sought a _____ to rescue or help them from this dreaded threat!

4. When the news reaches Saul, the newly appointed king of Israel has gone back to _____!

- Now why is Saul doing this?

5. Upon hearing the threat to Israel, Saul is _____, but the _____ of God comes on Saul & gives him the _____ to _____ Israel together as _____

- people to deliver Jabesh-Gilead.
- Is it ever “righteous” to be angry?

6. Within a few days, Saul had assembled an army of _____ fighting men.

7. Saul sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-Gilead, that the next day they could expect _____ or _____!

8. So the Ammonites were told that the next day the people of Jabesh would come out to them _____ their slaves.

B. The Answer to the Ammonites by Saul (11:11)

1. Saul used the delay by Jabesh-Gilead to the Ammonites, to _____ his army many miles to rescue them.

2. Once there, he wisely divided his men into _____ companies & attacked them from the _____ watch until the heat of the day. He routed & soundly _____ them until there was no _____ left to Israel.

C. The Wisdom of the New King Demonstrated (11:12-15)

1. Because of this great victory by Saul, some in Israel wanted to _____ those who had previously opposed the king!

2. But Saul used the victory as an opportunity to _____ the nation, and he wisely gave _____ all the _____ for saving Israel!

3. Samuel then gathers the people together at Gilgal where they _____ , _____ & _____ Saul as their king!

- What can we learn from our study tonight?