

**THE END OF SAUL' REIGN
(LESSONS WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED)
(1 Samuel 31)**

I. THE END OF SAUL'S REIGN (31)

1. This battle commences with the Philistines, putting the Hebrews to _____ & _____ many of them on Mt Gilboa. Just as Samuel predicted, God's _____ falls & three of Saul's sons are _____ during the battle!
2. Saul is pursued & severely _____ by Philistine archers. Knowing his time has come, he fears torture & abuse by his captors, so he asks his armor-bearer to _____.
3. Like Eli & his family, Saul's & most of his family _____ by God's _____ in one day!
4. The result of this great Philistine victory was the _____ of many _____ in Judah by the Philistine conquerors!
5. Typically, leaders who were slain in battle were _____, as this act demonstrated the _____ of their defeat & threat!
6. Word spreads throughout the Land that Israel has been _____ & King Saul is _____ & the Philistines attribute the victory to their _____ & celebrate in their pagan _____!
 - Why did they burn the bodies before burial?
 - Why were to people of Jabesh Gilead willing to go to this extreme for Saul & his family?
7. Amazingly, Saul had begun so _____, but finished so _____.
 - Why had this been the case? (1 Chronicles 10:13-14)

II. THE LESSONS WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED FROM 1 SAMUEL

- A. Lessons on _____ from Hannah & Elkanah as well as Eli and later Samuel!

B. Lessons concerning Israel's first king—_____!

C. Lessons concerning Israel choice king—_____!

- Why did Saul fail so miserably, when he had every chance to succeed?