

April 19, 2020
Death of a King 1 Samuel 31

In what ways has King Saul influenced David's character?

- Ch 29-30: Summary leading to chapter 31 . . .
- 31:1-3 The Philistines make war with Israel.
 - 29:1 Forces gather at Aphek/Jezreel (see map).
 - Mt. Gilboa (small range, not single peak)
- Jonathan killed in battle, Saul is wounded.
 - Saul's death foretold (28:16-19).
 - Why does God allow His people to suffer defeat/death?
- What if David had been in battle against Saul?

- V.4-6 Why does the servant disobey orders?
- Saul commits suicide – your thoughts.

- 1 Samuel 2:6; Psalm 31:15; John 14:6; Romans 6:23.

- V.7-10 Philistines victorious. Desecrate Saul's body
 - Beth Shan, city near Jordan River.
- Armor taken to temple of Ashtoreths
- V.11-13 Faithful men from Jabesh-Gilead retrieve Saul's body, burns it, bury the bones.

- Thoughts on cremation?

Approximate Timeline of King Saul:

- ~1082 BC, Saul is born.

- Saul at age 30 is anointed as king (1 Samuel 13:1) -- (David was born about 10 years after Saul is king, 1040/41BC)

- Saul age 57 when Samuel anoints David as king

- Saul has David serving in his palace approximately 7 years

- Saul tries to kill David, then pursues him for 8 years

- Saul age 68 when Samuel dies.

- Saul dies in the battle at Gilboa age 72 (~1010 BC)

Saul's Death	Jesus' Death
Appeared to be the end of national hope of Israel	Appeared to be the end of spiritual hope
Seemed that the adversary had won the final victory	Seems that Satan won the final victory
Paves the way for an entire new plan of operation	Paves the way for an entire new plan of salvation
Throne is now opened to David	Throne is opened to sinners
Ends an era of dissatisfaction and failure	Ends an era of law and guilt
Displays the foolishness of man	Displays the foolishness of God (1 Corinthians 1:25)