

Bible Study
1 Samuel 13

1. How old does the text say Saul was when he began reigning? How long does Saul wait before he gathers the men of Israel? How many were assembled? Where do these men come from?
2. Who should Saul have consulted before gathering the men? Why does he fail to do this?
3. Who is Jonathan? What did he do at the garrison of the Philistines at Geba? What does Saul announce throughout the land? Why?
4. How many Philistines muster to fight against Israel? Where do they set up camp? How do the fighting men of Israel react when they see how many Philistines have gathered? Where is Saul when the Philistines are gathering?
5. How long does Saul wait for Samuel? Who had previously appointed that time? What do the people do when they see Samuel is delayed? What does Saul tell them to do?
6. Who is authorized to offer the burnt offering? What does Saul do when Samuel arrives? What does Samuel ask? What is Saul's excuse for violating God's command? Why would he think this would honor God?
7. How does Samuel answer Saul? What would have happened if Saul had kept God's command? What will happen as a result of Saul's disobedience? Who has the LORD been seeking? Why?
8. How many men are present with Saul? Where do Saul and Jonathan stay? How many raiding companies are sent by the Philistines?
9. Why do the Israelite fighting forces have no swords or spears? What do they take to fight? Where do they go to sharpen their tools?