

# I SAMUEL 13.1-14.23

1. Go back and read 9:15-16. The Lord told Samuel that Saul's mission was to save Israel specifically from who?
2. As chapter 13 opens, Saul gathers an army and divides them into two companies. Who leads Israel in defeat of a Philistine garrison?

When the Philistines heard about this defeat, how did they view the Israelites (v. 4)?

The Philistines then mustered for battle. They were so imposing that what did the people of Israel do in response (vv. 6, 7)?

3. Go back and read 10:8. What instructions had Samuel given Saul regarding what Saul should do when he was at **Gilgal**?
4. What is at least one lesson or application that we can learn from 13:8-14?
5. Consider how **desperate** the situation was for Israel in 13:15-23. The size of Saul's army had been reduced to what number?

What were the Philistines doing in verses 17 & 18?

What problem is described in verses 19-22?

6. Read about Jonathan in 14:1 and Saul in 14:2. What **contrast** between them do you see?
  
7. A priest named **Ahijah** was with Saul. Ahijah's uncle was Ichabod. Who was Ichabod (see chapter 4)? His grandfather was Phinehas. Who was Phinehas (see chapter 2)?
  
8. What is one lesson or application that we can learn from **Jonathan** from 14:1-23?
  
9. What plan did Jonathan devise to see if God wanted him to attack the Philistines?
  
10. When Saul was told that the Philistines were in a panic (v. 16), what did he do first (v. 17?)

What did he do next (v. 18)?

Why did he change his mind about the decision he'd made in verse 18 (v. 19)?

11. When Saul and his men went to join in the battle against the Philistines, who was surprisingly fighting against the Philistines in 14:20b?

Who was fighting against them in v. 21?

Who was fighting against the in v. 22?