

## Chapter 13

*Saul and Ionathas preuaile in battel againft the Philifthijms. 5. Who increafing their forces, the Ifraelites for feare flee away and hid themfelues. 8. Samuel not coming to the campe, Saul prefumeth to offer facrifice, 11. for which Samuel reproueth him, and declareth that his kingdom fhall be tranflated to an other. 17. The Philifthijms opprefle the Ifraelites, and depriue them of armour.*

**A** child of <sup>a)</sup>one yeare was Saul when he began to reigne, and <sup>b)</sup>two yeares he reigned ouer Ifrael. <sup>2</sup> And Saul chofe to him felfe three thoufand of Ifrael: and there were with Saul two thoufand in Machmas, and in the mount of Bethel: and a thoufand with Ionathas in Gabaa of Benjamin, moreouer the reft of the people he fent backe euerie man into their tabernacles. <sup>3</sup> And Ionathas ftroke the garrifon of the Philifthijms, which was in Gabaa. Which when the Philifthijms had heard, Saul founded with the trumpet in al the land, faying: Let the Hebrewes heare. <sup>4</sup> And al Ifrael heard this maner of bruite: Saul hath ftriken the garrifon of the Philifthijms: and Ifrael tooke courage againft the Philifthijms. The people therfore cried after Saul in Galgal. <sup>5</sup> And the Philifthims were gathered together to fight againft Ifrael, thirtie thoufand chariotes, and fix thoufand horfemen, and the reft of the common people, as the land which is in the fea shore very much. And going vp they camped in Machmas at the Eaft of Bethauen. <sup>6</sup> Which when the men of Ifrael had feene them felues put in a ftreict (for the people was afflicted) they hid them felues in caues, and in fcrete places, in rockes alfo, and in dennes, and in cefternes. <sup>7</sup> And the Hebrewes paffed Iordan into the Land of Gad and Galaad. And when Saul was yet in Galgal, al the

<sup>a</sup> Saul beginning to reigne was innocent and humble as a child of one yeare.

<sup>b</sup> And in that ftate reigned the firft two yeares. *S. Greg. in hunc locum.*

people was fore afrayd, which folowed him. <sup>8</sup> And he expected feuen daies according to the appointment of Samuel, and Samuel came not into Galgal, and the people flipt away from him. <sup>9</sup> Saul therfore faid: Bring me the holocauftes, and the pacifiques. And he offered the holocauftes. <sup>10</sup> And when he had finifhed offering the holocauftes, behold Samuel came: and Saul went forth to mete him & falute him. <sup>11</sup> And Samuel fpake to him: What haft thou done? Saul answered: Becaufe I fawe that the people flipt from me, and thou waft not come according to the dayes appointed, moreouer the Philifthijms were gathered together into Machmas, <sup>12</sup> I faid: Now wil the Philifthijms come downe to me into Galgal, & I haue not pacified the face of our Lord. Compelled by neceffitie, I offered the holocauftes. <sup>13</sup> And Samuel faid to Saul: Thou haft <sup>a)</sup>done folifhly, neither haft thou kept the commandementes of our Lord thy God, which he commanded thee. Which <sup>b)</sup>if thou hadft not done, euen now had our Lord prepared thy kingdom ouer Ifrael for euer, <sup>14</sup> but thy kingdom shal no farder arife. Our Lord hath fought him a man according to his hart: and him hath our Lord commanded to be prince ouer his people, becaufe thou haft not obserued the thinges which our Lord commanded. <sup>15</sup> And Samuel arofe and went vp from Galgal into Gabaa of Benjamin. And numbered the people, which were found with him, as it were fix hundred men. <sup>16</sup> And Saul and Ionathas his fonne, and the people that were found with them, was in Gabaa of Benjamin: moreouer the Philifthijms had pitched in Machmas. <sup>17</sup> And there iffued forth to praye from the campe of the Philifthians three companies. One companie went on againft the way of Ephra to the Land of Saul. <sup>18</sup> Moreouer an other went by the way of

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<sup>a</sup> He offended in offering facrifice being neither a priefte, nor extraordinarily allowed to do that office, and for this and other faultes was depofed.

<sup>b</sup> Gods foresight of finne, and perordination to punifh it, taketh not away freewil, nor poffibilitie of wel doing, nor of reward. *S. Aug. li. 3. c. 4. de lib. arbit.*

Bethoron, & the third had turned it self to the way of the border, in the valley Seboim againft the defert. <sup>19</sup> Moreover there was not found an yron fmith in al the Land of Ifrael. For the Philifthijms had fo provided, left perhaps the Hebrewes should make fword or fpeare. <sup>20</sup> Al Ifrael therefore went downe to the Philifthijms, that euerie man might whette his plough culter, and fpade, & axe, and rake. <sup>21</sup> Therefore the edges of the shares, and fpades, & forkes with three teeth, and axes, were blunt, euen to the godeprick, which was to be mended. <sup>22</sup> And when the day was come to fight, there was not found fword and fpeare in the hand of al the people, that was with Saul and Ionathas, except Saul and Ionathas his fonne. <sup>23</sup> And the ftation of the Philiftijms went forth, to paffe vp into Machmas.