

# The Early Prophets - One Book, One Theme - class # 19

## Ha'Melech Shaul - good King or bad King?

Source sheet for TIM shiur by Menachem Leibtag/

### I. Review of previous units:

#### Shmuel chapters 1->7 / Shmuel the Prophet & Judge

Review key proofs, especially based on final psukim of chapter 7

#### Chapters 8-> 12

The people's request a King/ & Shaul's coronation

#### New Unit Chapter 13 -> 14 Shaul's Kingdom

Note header format in chapter 13 and concluding verses of chap. 14

Next Unit:

**Chapters 15-16 - The war with Amalek / & Shaul's punishment**

Next unit – beginning in chapter 17

Note new introduction & who is the protagonist

### II. Discussion:

What is the primary topic of each unit-

Then – how they relate to the previous unit

### III. Shaul – a great King / military leader – see end of chapter 14

**מו** וַיַּעַל שָׁאוּל, מֵאַחֲרֵי פְּלִשְׁתִּים; וּפְלִשְׁתִּים, הָלְכוּ לְמָקוֹמָם. **46** Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place.

**מז** וְשָׁאוּל לָכַד הַמְּלוּכָה, עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיִּלָּחֶם סָבִיב בְּכָל-אֹיְבָיו בְּמוֹאָב וּבְבְנֵי-עַמּוֹן וּבְאַדּוּם וּבְמִלְכֵי צוּבָה, וּבְפָלִשְׁתִּים, וּבְכָל אֲשֶׁר-יָפְנָה, יִרְשִׁיעַ. **47** So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and whithersoever he turned himself, he put them to the worse.

**מח** וַיַּעַשׂ חֵיל, וַיִּדָּ אֶת-עַמְלֵק; וַיִּצַּל אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִיַּד שִׁסְהוּ. {פ} **48** And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them. {P}

**מט** וַיְהִיו בְּנֵי שָׁאוּל, יוֹנָתָן וִישְׁבִּי וּמַלְכִּישׁוּעַ; וְשֵׁם שְׁתֵּי בָנָתָיו--שֵׁם הַבְּכִירָה מֶרַב, וְשֵׁם הַקָּטָנָה מִיכָל. **49** Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchi-shua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal;

**נ** וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ שָׁאוּל, אַחִינוֹעַם בַּת-אַחִימֶעַז; וְשֵׁם שֶׁר-צָבָאוּ אֲבִינֵר, בֶּן-נֵר דּוֹד שָׁאוּל. **50** and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

**נא** וְקִישׁ אָבִי-שָׁאוּל וְנֵר אָבִי-אַבְנֵר, בֶּן-אַבִּיאל. {ס} **51** And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. {S}

**נב** וַתְּהִי הַמִּלְחָמָה חֲזָקָה עַל-פְּלִשְׁתִּים, כָּל יְמֵי שָׁאוּל; וַרְאָה שָׁאוּל כָּל-אִישׁ גִּבּוֹר, וְכָל-בֶּן-חֵיל, וַיֹּאסֶפְהוּ, אֵלָיו. **52** And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him. {P}

