

Give Us A King



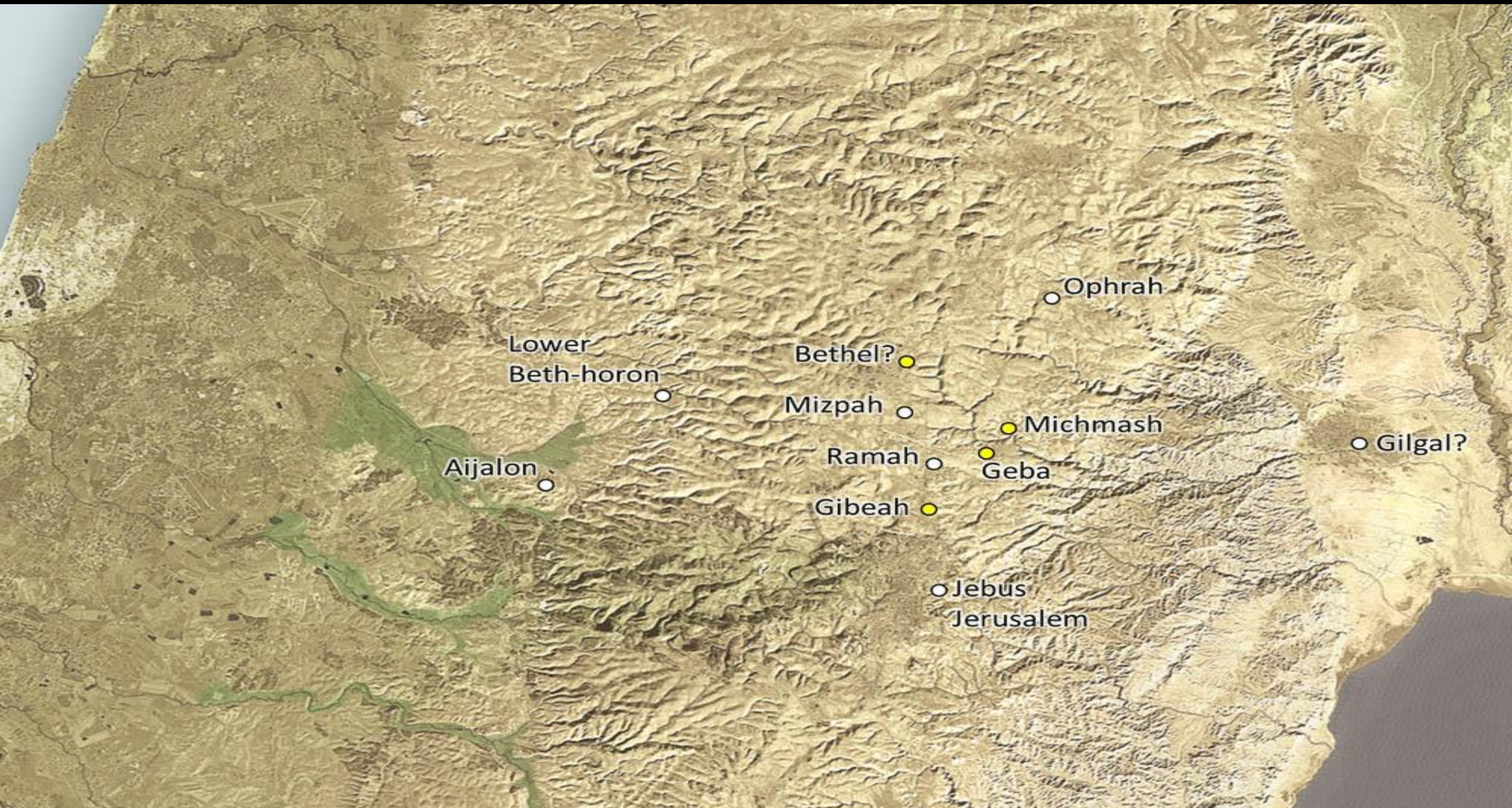
A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 1

1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

Samuel, Saul, and the Lord

1 Samuel 12 (Gilgal)	1 Samuel 13 (Gilgal)	c. 22 years	1 Samuel 15 (Gilgal)	NT References
Obedience (12:14, 20, 24)	1. Clear command given by God (13:8)		1. Clear command given by God (15:1-3, 18)	1 Corinthians 7:19; 1 John 5:3
	2. Partial obedience (13:8-10)		2. Partial obedience (15:4-9, 13, 20)	Revelation 2-3
Disobedience (12:14-15, 21, 25)	3. Sin of commission (13:11-12)		3. Sin of omission (15:9)	1 John 3:4; 5:17; James 4:17
	4. Accountability: What? (13:11, 13)		4. Accountability: What? (15:10-14, 16-19, 22-23)	Acts 8:20-24
	5. Excuses offered (3:11-12)		5. Excuses offered (15:15, 20-21)	Mt. 22:1-14; Lk. 14:18-19; Romans 1:20; 2:1
Punishment (12:15, 25)	6. Punishment pronounced (13:14)		6. Punishment pronounced (15:23,26,28)	1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Timothy 1:20
	7. Ideal person identified (13:14)		7. Ideal person identified (15:28)	Revelation 1:3; 14:12; 17:14; 22:7



Lower
Beth-horon

Bethel?

Ophrah

Mizpah

Michmash

Aijalon

Ramah

Geba

Gilgal?

Gibeah

Jebus

Jerusalem

Map of the area around Gibeah and Michmash

And Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba



Geba, the Pass, and Michmash (aerial view from the southwest)

Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin



Way of Zeboim

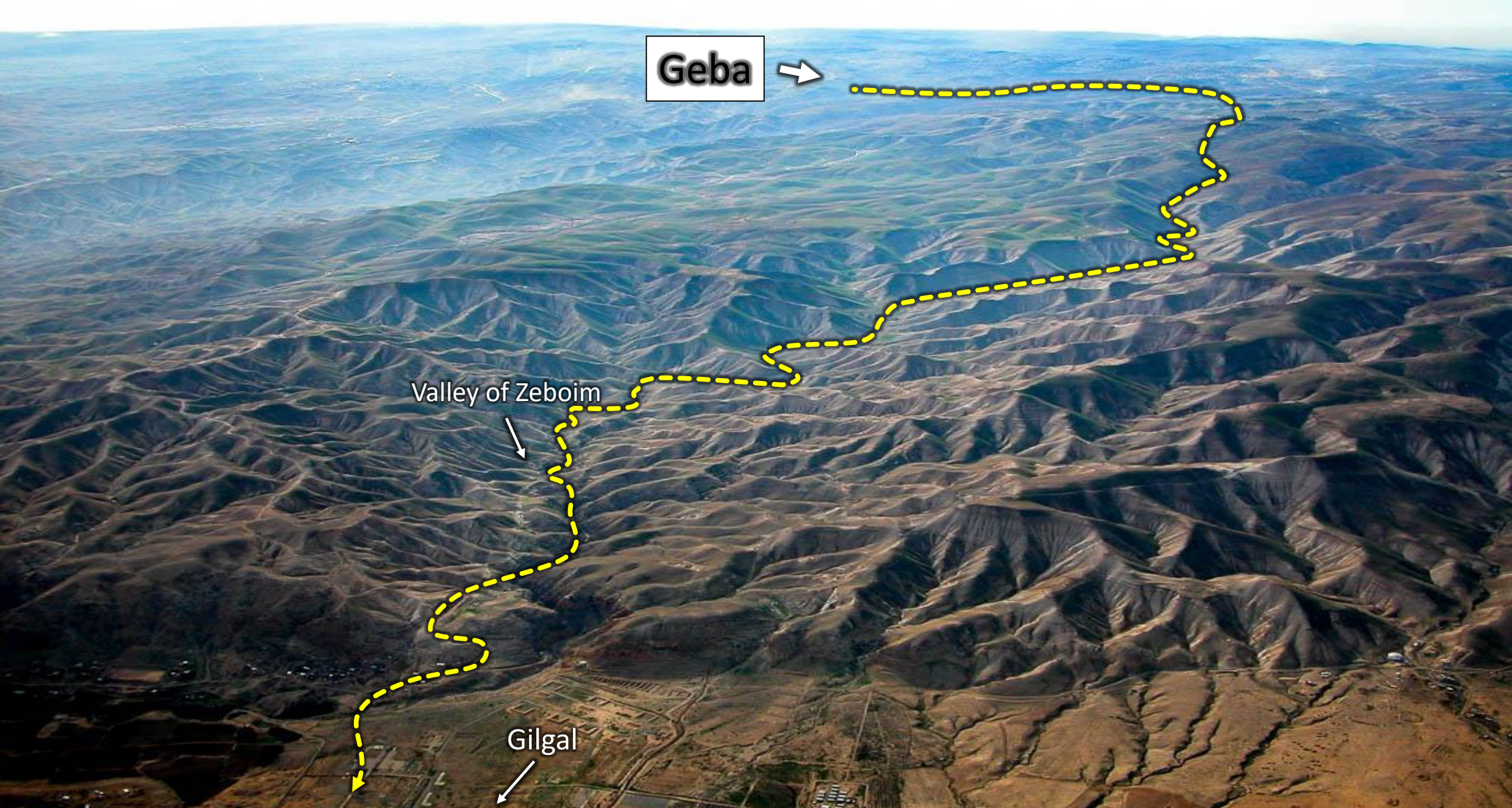
Gilgal?

Jericho

Wadi Qilt

Ascent of Adummim

Area of Jericho with routes up to the Benjamin Plateau (aerial view from the south)



Geba



Valley of Zeboim



Gilgal



Descent from Geba to Gilgal via the Valley of Zeboim (aerial view from the east)



Iron sword (top), 9th–8th centuries BC; bronze sword (bottom), circa 1000 BC, from Luristan

Applications for Today

1. We must obey God's commands and not make excuses for our disobedience (13:8-12; Lk. 14:18-19).
2. We might think that we have reasons (excuses) for not obeying the Lord's commands ("situation ethics"), but the Lord does not accept them (13:13-15; Prov. 14:12; Rom. 3:8). Don't make excuses for your sins (1 Sam. 15:15, 20-21; 1 Sam. 13:11-12; Mt. 22:1-14; Lk. 14:18-19; Rom. 1:21; 2:1).

Applications for Today

3. It is foolish to disobey God and sin (13:13; Num. 12:11; 2 Sam. 24:10; Psa. 69:5).
4. The Lord is still looking for a “man after his own heart” to serve him and do all his will (13:14; Acts 13:22).
5. Some people follow man’s rules, but not God’s rules (14:24-35; Mt. 15:1-9).

Applications for Today

6. It is good to go to the Lord and ask him to show us what is right (14:41; Psa. 16:11).
7. The Lord's commands can be understood (15:1-3; 1 Sam. 13:8; 1 Jn. 5:3).
8. When a person does not completely obey God, he disobeys God. Partial obedience is still disobedience (15:3, 8-9, 13-16; 1 Sam. 13:8-10; Col. 1:23; 2:6; Rev. 2-3).

Applications for Today

9. You can commit what is wrong and omit what is right (15:9; 1 Sam. 13:11-12; James 4:17; 1 Jn. 3:4; 5:17).
10. We should be held accountable for our sins (15:10-14, 16-19, 22-23; 1 Sam. 13:11, 13; Acts 8:20-24).
11. Sometimes the Lord repents (regrets) what he has done with mankind. Let us never live in such a way that the Lord repents (regrets) something in us (15:11, 35; Gen. 6:6-7).

Applications for Today

12. The end does not justify the means (15:15, 20-21; Prov. 14:12; Rom. 3:8).
13. What the Lord says is important, not what we think or feel (15:1-2, 11, 16, 17-19; Jn. 2:5).
14. The Lord wants our obedience, not our good intentions, ideas, or plans (15:22-23; Jer. 7:22-23; Hos. 6:6; Mk. 12:33).

Applications for Today

15. Rebellion and stubbornness against the Lord will cause one to be rejected (15:23; Psa. 5:10).
16. God punishes sin (15:23, 26, 28; 1 Sam. 13:14; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Tim. 1:20).
17. Sometimes the consequences (punishments) of one's sins cannot be changed even though a person is willing to admit his sin and keep worshipping the Lord (15:24-31; Prov. 11:31; Gal. 6:7-8).

Applications for Today

18. Be the ideal person of obedience that God wants you to be (15:28; 1 Sam. 13:14; Rev. 1:3; 14:12; 17:14; 22:7)
19. Always remember that the Lord is not a man and does not change like a man changes (15:29; Num. 23:19).