

## Class Notes: Samuel, Saul, and David (book W)

W3: God tells Samuel to give king to people

- Feels rejected – people want a king

W3: warns against aspects of kingdom; God won't answer their pleas

W5: Samuel tells Saul to attack Amalekites

W6: Saul fails to destroy Amalekites; God punishes Saul

W4: Samuel meets with prophets

W5: Saul hides away from people when proclaimed to be king

W7: Saul and David: both kings

W2: Lord calls Samuel 3 times

W7: Description of Goliath

W8: David is confident because God is on his side

W13: Philistine victory

What's with the mediums and wizards on W12?

- Saul expelled them (they must not have been held high in society)

Why do you think God picked Samuel?

- Right place at the right time?

Prophets role: communicate God's word to the people

- Samuel tells people what's going to happen
- The people still doubt him though

Prophetic frenzy?

Saul didn't destroy everything like God told him to. Is he worthy of his punishment?

- Yes
  - He did not follow God's instructions
  - By not following, it is like he thought he knew better than God
  - He also built a monument for himself
- No
  - Saul didn't think it was right to kill everyone
  - This ideology does not apply today: you can't just say that God told me to kill people and get away with it

What is different today?

- Samuel proved he communicated with God
- We can't and haven't proved that today

What's the big deal about kings?

- Kings provide more order and structure than the Judges did
- The kings were vital to unify the tribes
- They wanted kings because that is what other nations were doing

If you do good, will good things happen to you?

If you do bad, will bad things happen to you

What about good that happens to bad people and bad that happens to good people?

- Challenges God and religion today

Relates slavery and civil rights as oppression in recent history

What do you think of David now?

- Does everything God asks of hi
- Good son and brother
- As of now, he's good