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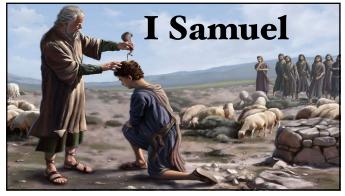
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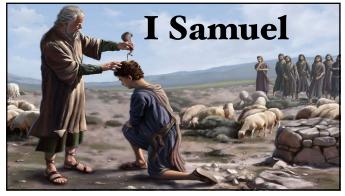
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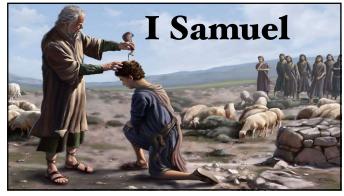
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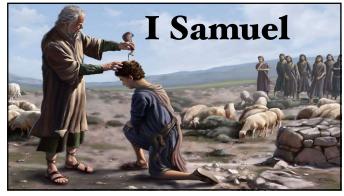
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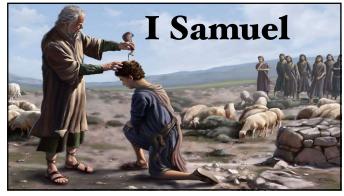
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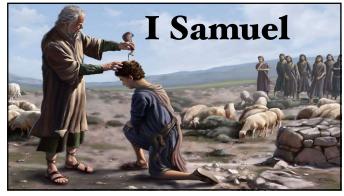
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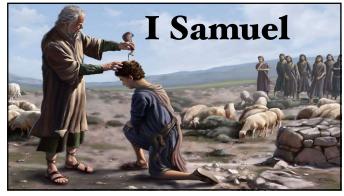
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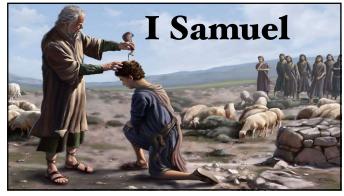
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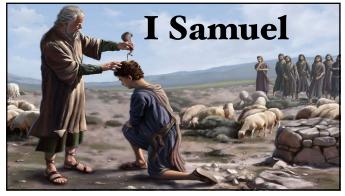
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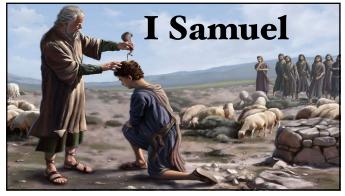
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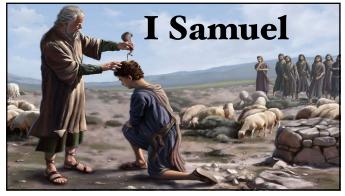
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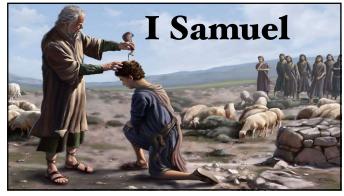
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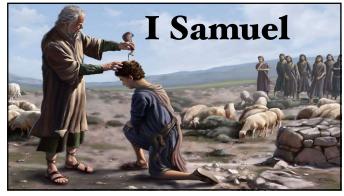
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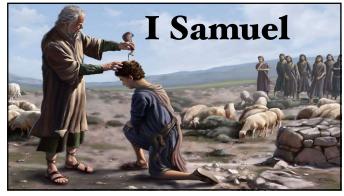
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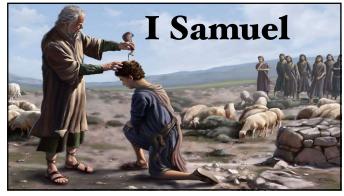
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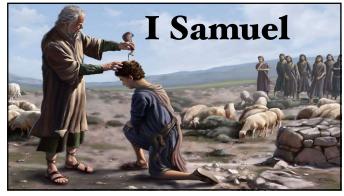
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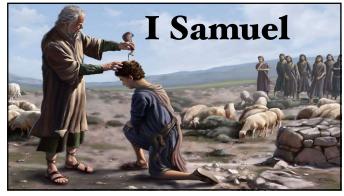
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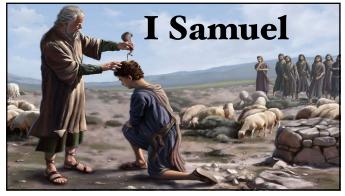
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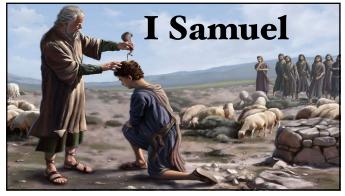
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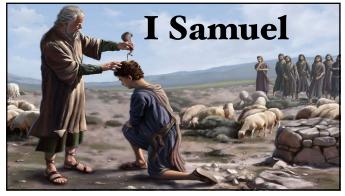
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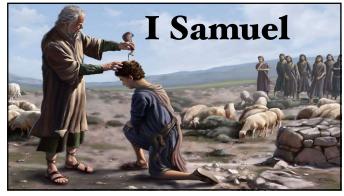
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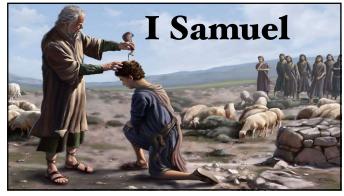
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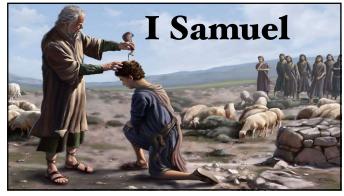
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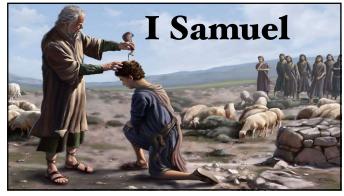
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  - The Amalekites were descendants of Esau through his son Eliphaz. (Genesis 36:12)
  - The Amalekites fought against Israel on their way from Egypt to Sinai. The Israelites defeated them, and God foretold his future complete judgment on them. Exodus 17
  - God commanded the Israelites to execute his judgment on the Amalekites when they had done the same to the people of the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 25:19

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    - The command from God was clear, the Amalekites and their livestock has been pronounced "cherem". For a living being this meant being put to death, for a material object it had to be totally destroyed or placed in the holy section of the temple.

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    - Saul failed to fulfill this mission.
      - Actions reveal obedience or disobedience and no amount of explanation can change that.
      - Disobedience reflects disregard for God. See verse 24 "I feared the people"

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      - Regret for God means that He gave someone the opportunity and the means to succeed yet the person or group of people did not accomplish God's purpose.

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