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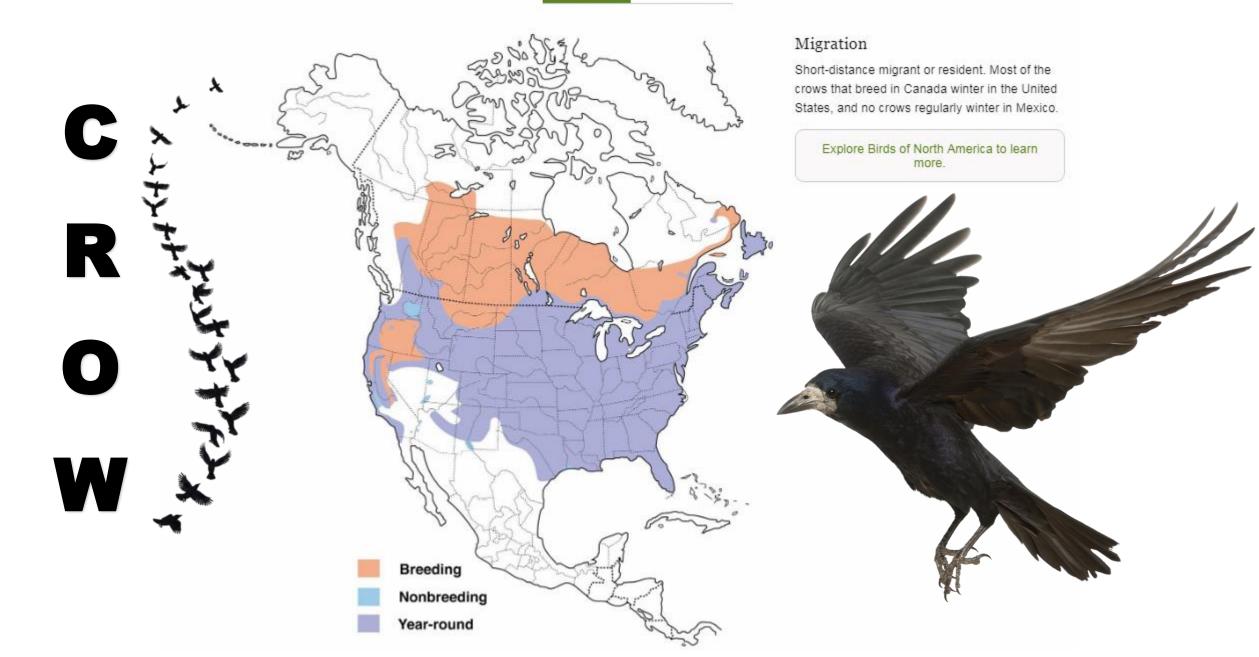
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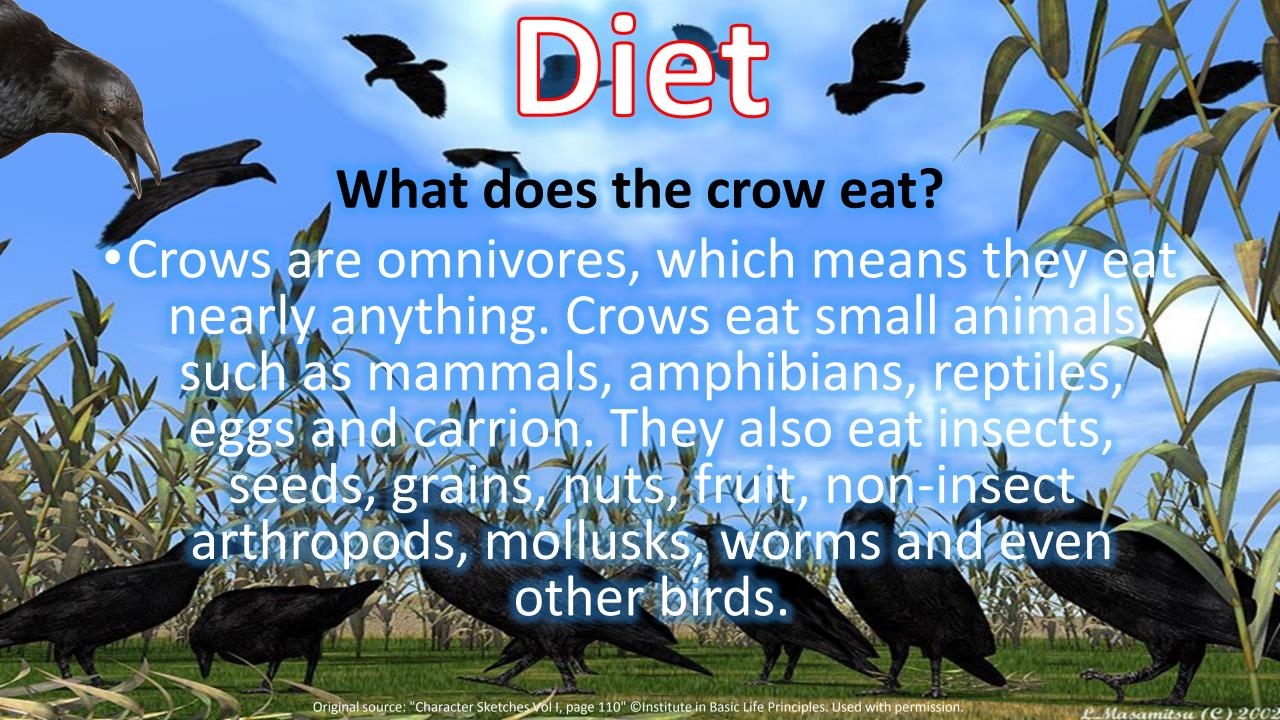
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THE COMMON CROW Corvus brachyrhynchos

Despite the encroachment of civilization upon its natural habitat, the crow not only has survived but has actually increased in number. This omnivorous bird is twenty inches in length. Congregating in large flocks which may reach forty thousand in size, crows inhabit parks, woods and fields, displaying strong group loyalty.









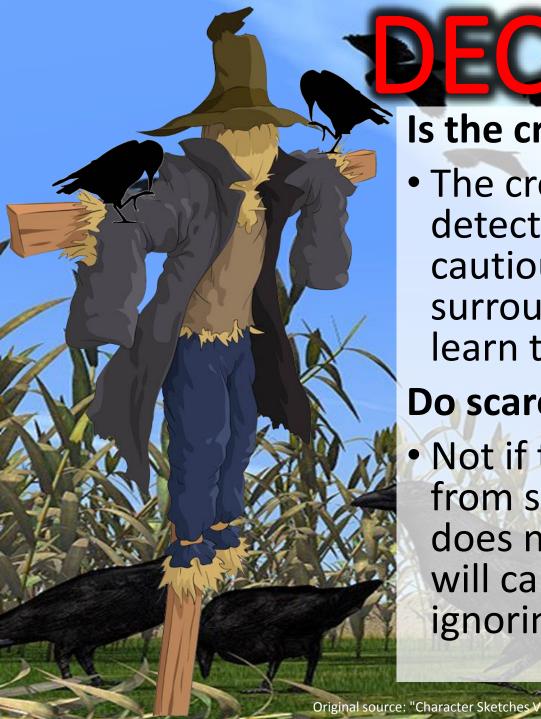
COMMUNICATION

Crows are extremely intelligent birds. They are known for their amazing communication skills ... even though they mostly use just one syllable: CAW! Yet with it, crows can express 'possible danger', 'look out', 'good food', 'hurry' and other distinct messaging. Caws may be long or short, loud or relatively soft, given singly or in sequences, made by one bird alone or by two or more birds under a variety of circumstances. In addition to the distinctive caws, crows also make a variety of other sounds including, but not limited to, imitations of sounds of other species, including elements of human speech.

DECEPTIONS &



 After learning to interpret various calls of the crow, man also learned to imitate them in order to lure the birds into a waiting ambush. For this reason, crows must learn to distinguish the genuine distress calls of their mates, Otherwise they would be led to destruction. They also learn to discern false messages and will approach cautiously when called by hunters. Suspicious of the source, they circle the area hesitantly and then leave if they do not see their mate.



Is the crow easily deceived?

 The crow his keen eyesight and an ability to detect the unnatural. It has learned to cautiously keep its distance from suspicious surroundings and, once fired upon, will quickly learn to stay out of range of guns.

Do scarecrows really work?

 Not if their purpose is to keep the crows away from something they really want! If the crow does not see any movement of the figure, it will cautiously approach and become bolder, ignoring the lifeless guardian of the fields.



Crows were able to select the picture they had just seen from a number of images. Tübingen researchers discovered which cells were activated to briefly store and process information Credit LS Tierphysiologie.

Three researchers from the Institute for Neurobiology at Tübingen University taught crows to play a version of the children's game of "pairs." Using a computer monitor, Lena Veit, Konstantin Hartmann and Professor Andreas Nieder briefly showed the crows a random image. The crows had to remember it for one second before choosing the same image from a selection of four by tapping the remembered picture with their beaks. In order to choose the correct image, they must have stored it in a working memory - which they appeared to do quite easily.

THE MOB & ROOSTS

The murder of crows will band together and chase predators in a behavior called **mobbing**. With some crow species, the yearlings and non-mating adults live in a group called a roosting community.









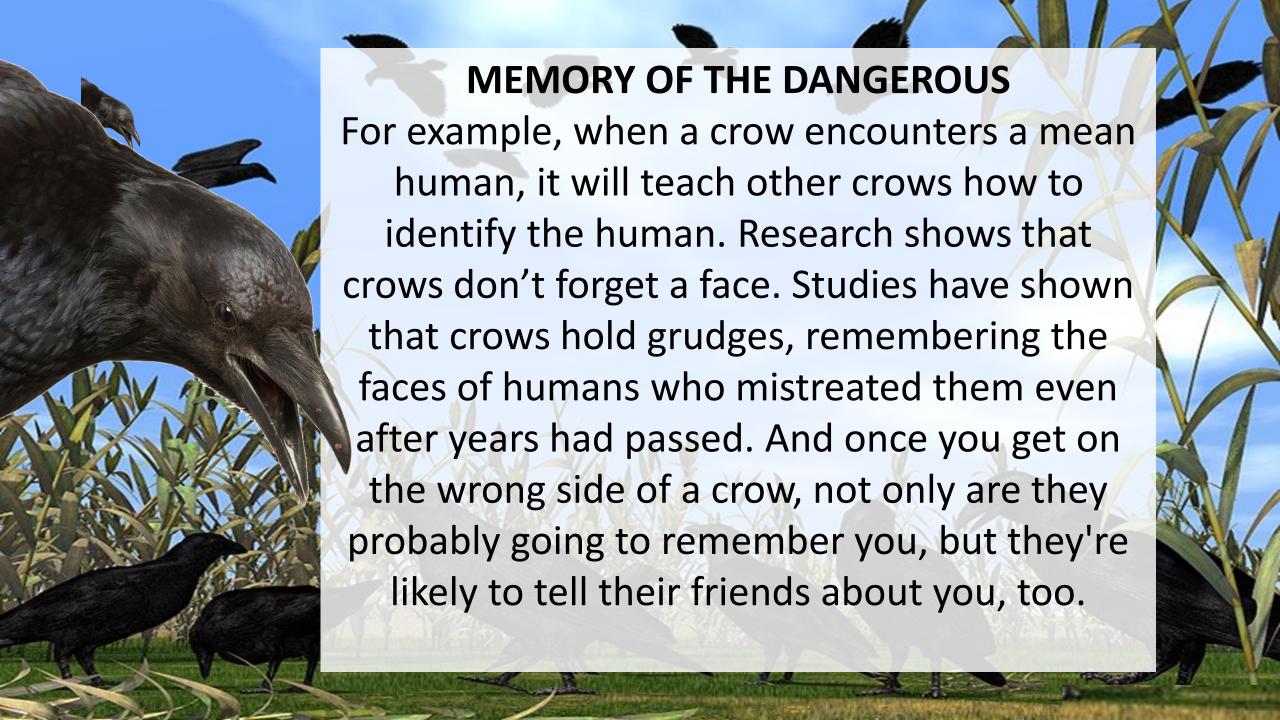


THE FUNERALS

Many types of crows are solitary, but they will often forage in groups. Others stay in large groups. A group of crows is called a **murder**.

When one crow dies, the murder will surround the deceased. This funeral isn't just to mourn the dead, though. The crows gather to find out what or who killed their member.









What hunts crows? Besides man, the crow fears enemies such as a hawk, the house cat, raccoon or the fox but the most dreaded is the horned owl.

Why is the owl such a dreaded enemy of the crow?

The owl can silently swoop down into a crow roost at night and kill an entire flock of sleeping birds one at a time. It is for this reason that the crows are so determined in their efforts to route the owl from their territory. Hunters are aware of this and will employ a decoy or mounted specimen of the owl to draw crows to a particular area.



- How does a crow intimidate its enemy?
- Crows use a specific harassment technique against their noise sensitive enemies. They will haze the owl as a group by making such uproar that the intruder is put to flight. Intolerance for the noise of the raucous voices of this "loudmouth" will cause most to take to wing, quickly withdrawing their territorial rights
- How do crows work is a team?
- If an owl decided to fight against a hazing effort, teamwork would make the difference between life and death of the Crows. The Crows refine their defense and may even attack a superior enemy by employing a unique counter attack. Several Crows will draw the owl's attention in a forward direction while a sneak attack from the rear is organized and executed. Each member of the attack team relies on the hecklers ahead to bewilder the victim while they approach from behind.

FAMILY-RELATIONS/

Do crows always remain with their flock?

• No! A crow relinquishes flock a loyalty and transfers that dedication to which made during nesting season. It is believed that they mate for life and are considered a model parents. Each knows where the other is at all times. In flight, the birds remain near each other and will wait for a slower mate to catch up so the two can fly as a team.

How much attention to the young crows require?

 During incubation, the female has the responsibility of sitting on three to eight greenish eggs. The male keeps within close range and provides her with food. Once the eggs have hatched, both parents feed their young at least eight full meals a day. Their rapid digestive system accounts for the enormous quantities of food required. It has been estimated that a single family could devour 40,000 harmful insects in one season.

FAMILY-RELATIONS/

- Are a raven and a crow the same bird?
- No. Crows and ravens, although in the same genus (Corvus) are different birds. The raven is a larger bird, averaging 25 inches to the crows normal 20 inches. It has a longer to thicker neck, a bearded feather structure on its throat and a heavier bill than the crow. The raven also has wedge shaped tail feathers.



The Raven in contrast to the crows migration pattern, can remain in the northern regions throughout the winter.

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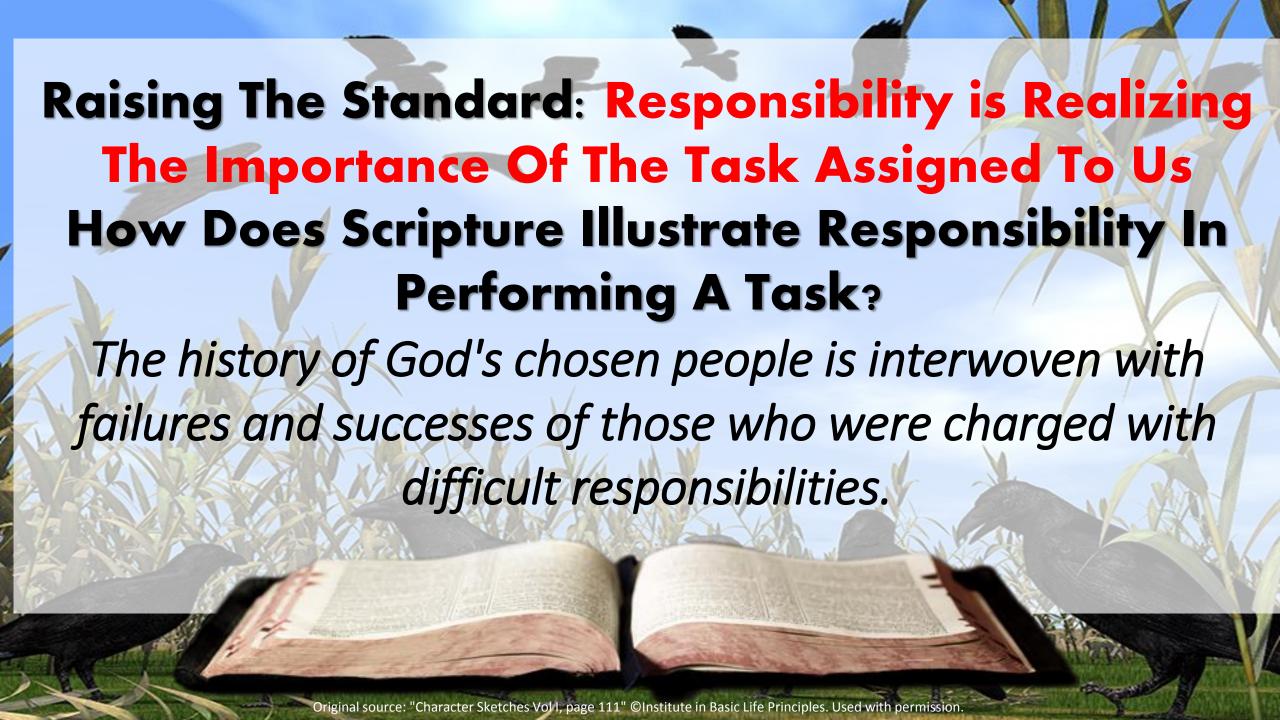
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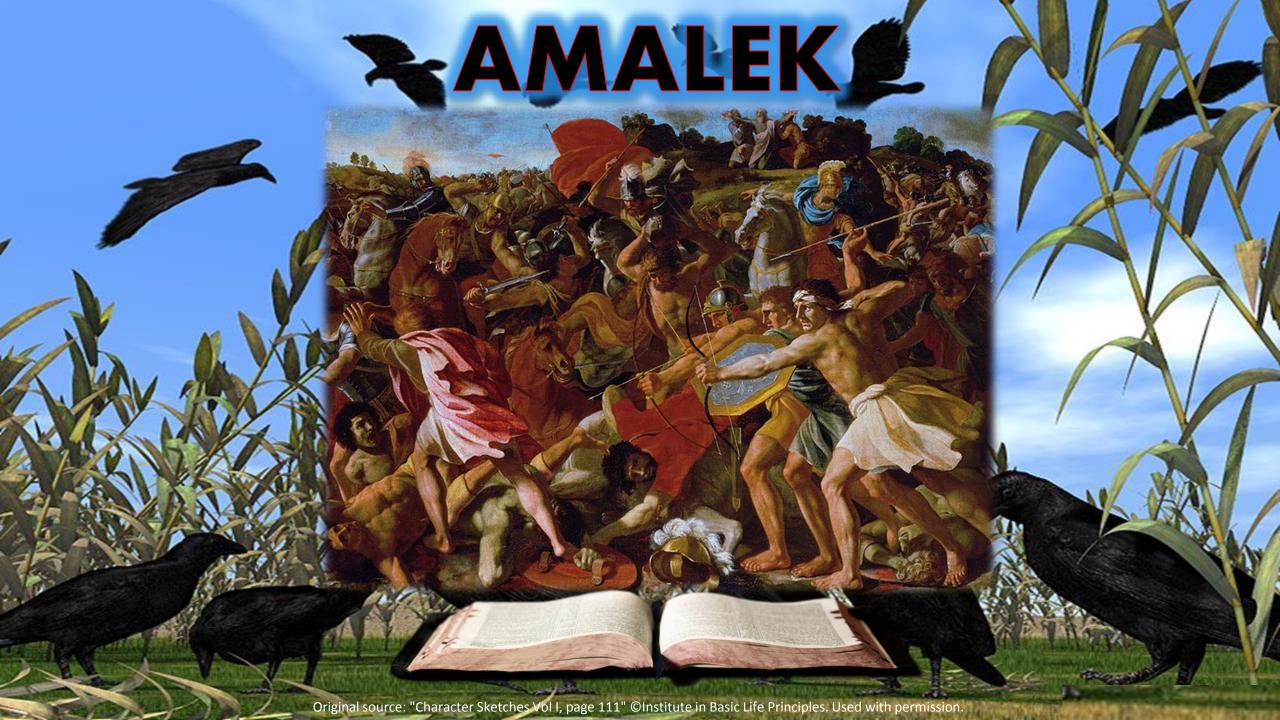


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1 Samuel 15:1-3 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

1 Samuel 15:4-6 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 15:7-9 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

1 Samuel 15:10-12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

1 Samuel 15:13-15 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:16-18 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

1 Samuel 15:19-21 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

1 Samuel 15:22-24 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

1 Samuel 15:25-28 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

1 Samuel 15:29-32 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD. Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

1 Samuel 15:33-35 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Saul's dynasty came to an abrupt end because he failed to realize the importance of his task. The people wanted a man powerful enough to bring law and order to the confused situation. They pleaded for a warrior-king to lead them out to battle like other nations. God had ideally prepared Saul for his new responsibility as king, but with power also came the danger of pride. It was Saul's responsibility to

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remain God's humble servant.

God honored humility.

When Saul began his reign he humbly acknowledged his dependence on God. As a result he enjoyed success were ever he turned. He was God's instrument in inflicting judgment against the Moab, the sons of Ammon, Edom, the King of Zobah and the Philistines. (1 Samuel 14:47)

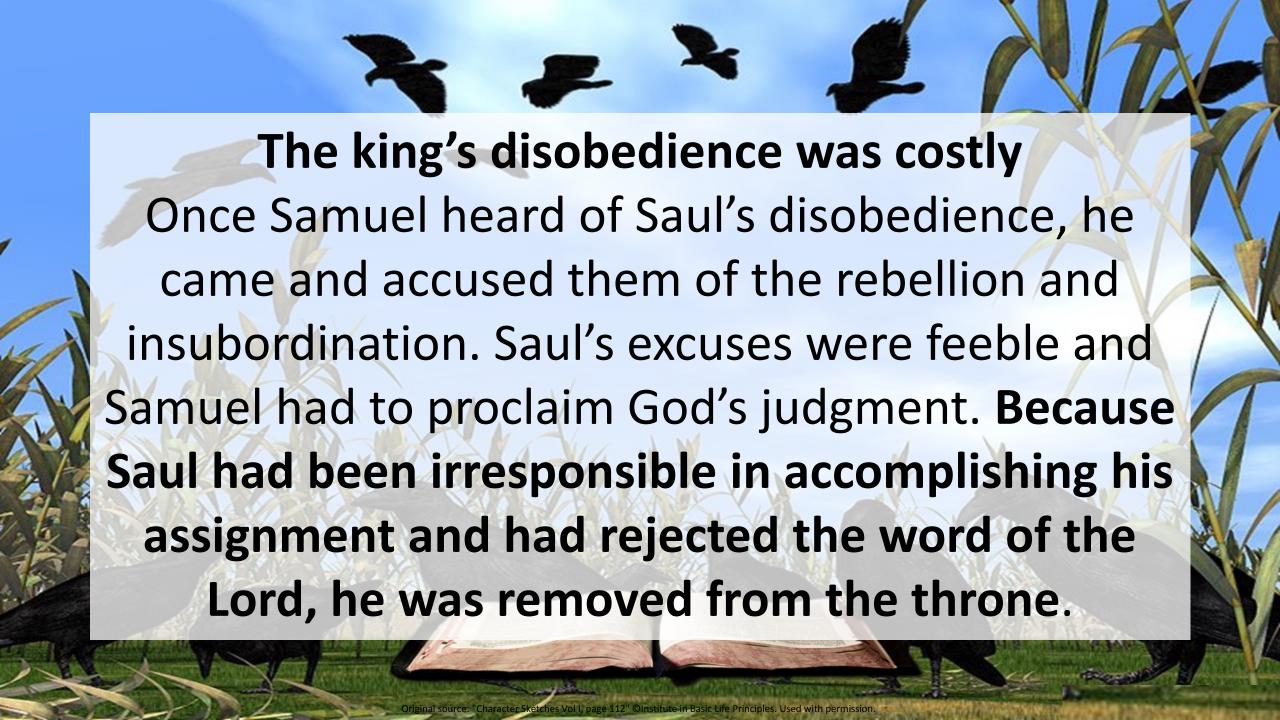


Pride brought failure

In preparation for the campaign against the powerful Philistines, Saul's fatal tendency toward pride surfaced. The prophet Samuel told Saul to wait for him in Gilgal for instructions from the Lord before going out to battle. He predicted he would have to wait at least seven days. When Samuel did not arrive after seven days and Saul small saw his small army getting even smaller through desertions, he acted independently of the Lord's council and ordered the priest to prepare offerings to the Lord in preparation for the battle. Because of this dangerous attitude of indifference toward God's direction, Samuel predicted that Saul's dynasty would come to an end.

An Incomplete task angered the Lord

Later, the Lord gave Saul a mission which he did not fully understand or at least take to heart. He was to destroy all the descendants of Amalek. He was to utterly destroy all their possessions and to put to death both man and woman, child and infant, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey. Because Saul did not understand the reasoning of the command of the Lord, he acted according to his own reasoning and decided to spare the best of the animals and Agag the king of the Amalekites. Saul knew that the Amalekites had been the first nation to attack the Israelites after leaving Egypt and he knew that they had been continual and enemies but he still could not understand the reason for such severity.



Why Did God Want Saul To Destroy The Amalekites? One of the promises that Jacob received from his father was that those who cursed him would be cursed and those who blessed him would be blessed (Genesis 27:29). His brother Esau, despised Jacob to the point of wanting to kill him when he learned that he was to be his servant (Genesis 27:40-41). Esau's grandson, Amalek, continued the family feud (Genesis 36:12). The descendants of Amalek and a group called the Kenites demonstrated the truth of the blessing which Jacob had received.

The Kenites helped the nation of Israel to their new land by guiding them through their journey by making war against them (Exodus 17:8-13). As God's spokesman Moses promised to do good to the Kenites (Numbers 10:32) but to utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven (Exodus 17:14). It was Saul's responsibility to fulfill these promises by sparing the Kenites and destroying the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:3-6).



Why Did Saul Disobey Such Clear Instructions? Saul's invalid excuse for sparing the best of the sheep and oxen was that the people wanted to offer them to the Lord (1 Samuel 15:3-6). God had already banned all of the animals and commanded their destruction; they were not the people's animals to offer. It seems that Saul and the people were selfishly preserving the best of the animals to enjoy the sacrificial feast. Saul did not even offer an excuse for sparing King Agag, but it is possible that he was observing a common custom of increasing his prestige among surrounding nations by turning a powerful king into a royal servant. If so, it was an act motivated by pride and an unwillingness to be the follower and servant of the Lord.

What Were The Consequences of Saul's Disobedience? The punishment was severe. The Lord rejected him from being king over Israel and selected another to replace him (1 Samuel 16:1). The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit terrorized him for the remainder of his life. Saul knew no peace during his reign, and he was finally killed by the Philistines with three of his sons. His body was disgraced even after death (1 Samuel 31:8-10). One of Saul's remaining sons was assassinated by two of his own commanders (2 Samuel 4:7). Two other sons and five grandsons were hung in revenge by the Gibeonites (2) Samuel 21:9). Because Saul did not utterly destroy the Amalekites, they remained in the land for over three hundred years, and it was not until the reign of Hezekiah that God's judgment on them was finally completed (1 Chronicles 4:43).

Isaiah 56:9-12 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Isaiah 62:6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

Ezekiel 3:17-19 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.



Ezekiel 3:20-22 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

Ezekiel 33:1-6 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.



Ezekiel 33:7-9 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

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Ezekiel 33:10-12 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

Ezekiel 33:13-15 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.



Ezekiel 33:16-20 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.



Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2 Timothy 1:8-9 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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