1. Then Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this [condition] will I make [a covenant] with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it [for] a reproach upon all Israel.

2. And Nahash the Ammonite sent messengers unto Israel, saying, To-morrow will we come upon thee to the coasts of Gibeah.

3. Then came the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if [there be] no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

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5. And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

6. And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What is there every one of you? And they answered, We have come to stuff Saul, and told the tidings in Gibeah of Saul.

7. Saul said, What tidings? And they answered, Some men came up out of the coasts of Israel, and said, Did Saul king of Israel think to come upon your coasts? for it is known among the men of Israel how that Saul and his men are very fierce. This is the tidings they bring thee: the men of Jabesh have made a covenant with the Ammonites.

8. And Saul said, Is it a light thing unto you to have slaine the princes of the children of my people, and to hang the heads of Joab the son of Zeruiah at the gate of my doors? wentest thou not with thine people to slay the men of Jabesh-gilead? there remained thirty and two chiefs in all, five in every man's hand, that they might slay men, and all the people were astonished at thee this day.

9. Nevertheless, there remained thirty and two chiefs which fell, and they took them, and slew them, and hanged their bodies in the pools that were in Jezreel. This thing was told to the king. When the king heard the words, he took much displeasure.

10. Then said the king unto all the people that they were laments. Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings of all that had happened to Saul. All the people lifted up their voices, and wept; so it was, that the tidings weregood to Saul, and the tidings were good to all the people. Then Saul took the bones of Saul, and of his sons, and put them in a casket, and sent them to David his son. But he would not receive the bones of Saul and of his sons. And the people of Israel wept for Saul and for his sons, and hearkened to the words of the LORD upon Saul the son of Kish, saying, Forasmuch as the LORD made Israel to stand against the Ammonites, and delivered them into thine hand, wherefore then wast thou not vigilant for the spoils, and to have saved all the men of Gibeah to slay them, and to save the children of Saul? And Saul said, I have sinned: for I did not observe the Lord's commandment, to make sacrifice to the Lord, but indeed I did it burs to me.
And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

Therefore the men of Judash said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

And it was [so] on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

And all the people went to Gilgal: and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they renewed the kingdom. And Saul returned unto his place.
all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.