

CHAPTER 10

INTRODUCTION TO 1 CHRONICLES 10

This part, (^{<1300>}1 Chronicles 10:1-12) which gives an account of the last battle of Saul with the Philistines, and of his death and burial, is the same with (^{<0800>}1 Samuel 31:1-13) see the notes there; the cause of his death follows in (^{<1300>}1 Chronicles 10:13).

Ver. 13. *So Saul died for his transgression*, etc.] ((See Gill on “^{<0813>}1 Samuel 31:13”)) A violent and dishonourable death, which was suffered on account of the sins he was guilty of:

one was, which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not; both in not staying for Samuel the time appointed, and by sparing the Amalekites whom he was bid to destroy, (^{<0813>}1 Samuel 13:13,14 15:3,9)

and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; what he should do with respect to engaging in battle with the Philistines, (^{<0808>}1 Samuel 28:8,15) which to do was contrary to an express command of God, (^{<0808>}Leviticus 19:31).

Ver. 14. *And inquired not of the Lord*, etc.] For though he did inquire in some sense in an external, careless, and hypocritical manner, yet not done seriously, sincerely, and heartily, nor with constancy; it was accounted as if he inquired not at all, (^{<0806>}1 Samuel 28:6) the Targum adds another reason of his death, because he killed the priests of Nob; but that is not in the text:

therefore he slew him; or suffered him to be slain:

and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse; translated the kingdom of Israel out of Saul’s family, upon his death, into Jesse’s, even unto David; for the sake of which observation this short account is given of the last end of Saul.