

A Further Look at I Samuel 13:1

1. A literal translation of the verse would read, "Saul was a son of a year and he reigned for two years over Israel."
2. The regular p_____ of stating the King's a_____ at the beginning of his reign will obviously not work here.
3. I have grave concerns about the p_____ of G_____ W_____ if we say that we have complete g_____ here and our only alternatives are to insert a_____ numbers or to put in "....." like the ESV.
4. Most copies of the Septuagint s_____ the verse. A few copies i_____ the number t_____ (NIV follows this). Two problems with this is that no H_____ text has thirty, and J_____ was already old enough to serve a s a m_____ leader which is highly u_____ if his f_____ was that y_____.
5. F_____ is inserted in some texts as the missing s_____ number in keeping with Acts 13:41 and assumes that Paul is giving a round number.
6. I find the understanding given in the s_____ to be p_____: Saul reigned for one year, and in the second year, he chose himself 3,000 men of Israel.
7. A possible alternative is, "When it had been a year, Saul began reigning over Israel, and he reigned for two years." Those who accept this u_____ know that Saul was on the throne for f_____ years (Acts 13:41), but God was done with him after only t_____ years because of his d_____, and the rest of his reign was a u_____ of power (I Samuel 13-15 only).