

BACK ON TRACK

(The Book of First Samuel) #19:

**“Surprise, Surprise,
Surprise!”**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**SURPRISE #1:
God Often Works
His Wonders In The
Most Obscure Periods!**

1 Samuel 16:1a

**OBSCURE: “something dark,
dim, or indistinct ”**

**“Obscure” derives from the
Latin term “obscurare” =
“to make dark, to darken”**

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

1 Samuel 16:1a

**GERMAN PHRASE:
“SITZ IM LABEN”
TRANSLATES
INTO ENGLISH AS:
“SITUATION IN LIFE”**

**MOST ANY WAY ONE
LOOKS AT IT, THIS WAS
A DARK AND FEARFUL
PERIOD OF TIME FOR
ANCIENT ISRAEL!**

**AS A RESULT OF THE
DARKNESS OF THE TIMES,
THERE WAS A LACK OF
PEACE IN THE HEART OF
THE NATION...**

**A. We See That Israel's Priesthood
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 4:21-22***

Phinehas's wife named the boy Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel"—because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband. She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."
I Samuel 4:21-22

**A. We See That Israel's Priesthood
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 4:21-22***

**B. We See That Israel's Prophet
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 16:2***

**But Samuel said, "How
can I go? Saul will hear
about it and kill me."
*I Samuel 16:2***

**A. We See That Israel's Priesthood
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 4:21-22***

**B. We See That Israel's Prophet
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 16:2***

**C. We See That Israel's Potentate
Was Without Peace
*I Samuel 15:24-30***

POTENTATE: “a monarch or ruler, especially an autocratic one”

-“Potentate” derives from the Latin term “potentatus”, meaning “powerful one”

-Our English derivative is the word “potent”

A. We See That Israel’s Priesthood Was Without Peace

I Samuel 4:21-22

B. We See That Israel’s Prophet Was Without Peace

I Samuel 16:2

C. We See That Israel’s Potentate Was Without Peace

I Samuel 15:24-30

D. We See That Israel’s Population Was Without Peace

I Samuel 16:4

Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

I Samuel 16:4

**SURPRISE #2:
God Often Works
His Wonders In The
Most Obscure Places!**

I Samuel 16:1b

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

I Samuel 16:1b

A. We See That Israel’s Priests Favored Shiloh

Joshua 18:1

“The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there.”

Joshua 18:1

**ENGLISH: “Shiloh” =
HEBREW: “shaw-law” =
“to require, to draw out,
to extract”**

“The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.”

1 Samuel 3:21

**A. We See That Israel’s Priests
Favored Shiloh**

Joshua 18:1

**B. We See That Israel’s Prophet
Favored Ramah**

1 Samuel 15:34

**ENGLISH: “Ramah” =
HEBREW: “raw-maw” =
“a place of height,
a high place”**

**A. We See That Israel’s Priests
Favored Shiloh**

Joshua 18:1

**B. We See That Israel’s Prophet
Favored Ramah**

1 Samuel 15:34

**C. We See That Israel’s King
Favored Gibeah**

1 Samuel 15:34

**ENGLISH: "Gibeah" =
HEBREW: "ghib-aw" =
"small hill"**

**A. We See That Israel's Priests
Favored Shiloh**

Joshua 18:1

**B. We See That Israel's Prophet
Favored Ramah**

I Samuel 15:34

**C. We See That Israel's King
Favored Gibeah**

I Samuel 15:34

**D. We See That Israel's God
Favored Bethlehem**

I Samuel 16:1

**ENGLISH: "Bethlehem" =
HEBREW: "Bayith Lechem" =
"house of bread"**

**SURPRISE #3:
God Often Works
His Wonders In The
Most Obscure Persons!
*I Samuel 16:1c***

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

I Samuel 16:1c

**A. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their
Trust In Israel's Priests?**

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B. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's Prophets?

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B. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's Prophets?

C. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's Kings?

A. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's Priests?

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C. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's Kings?

D. Should The Israelites Have Placed Their Trust In Israel's God?

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"Little Big Man!"
1 Samuel 16:1-13

**AS I SAMUEL UNFOLDS,
DAVID IS A COMPLETE
NOBODY FROM NOWHERE...**

**BUT HE IS SOON DESTINED TO
BECOME A SOMEBODY WHO
WAS GOING SOMEWHERE!**

1. God Chose Young David In Part
Because He Was Fully Committed
To God In His Heart
1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

Samuel said to Saul: "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD'S command."

1 Samuel 13:13-14

1. God Chose Young David In Part Because He Was Fully Committed To God In His Heart

1 Samuel 16:7

2. God Chose Young David In Part Because He Was Faithfully Proving Himself In the Little Things of Life

1 Samuel 16:11

So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

1 Samuel 16:11

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:23

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