

**FROM ANARCHY  
TO MONARCHY**



- 1) The First Man – Adam
- 2) The Righteous Man – Noah
- 3) The Covenant Man – Abraham
- 4) The Deliverer – Moses
- 5) The Conqueror – Joshua
- 6) The Judges
- 7) The King – Saul

# Who is Samuel?

- 1) He is the son of Hannah
- 2) He is a priest
- 3) He is a priest
- 4) He is a Judge

# The People Demand a King

1 Samuel 8:19-22 (NASB)

Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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1 Samuel 8:19-22 (NASB)

21 Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the LORD'S hearing. 22 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

## I. The Fame of Saul

1 Samuel 9:1-2 (NASB)

Now there was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor.

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2 He had a son whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome man, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

1. Status – Father was a man of mighty power;  
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2. Splendor – He was the obvious choice and handsome or good looking

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3. Stature Approx. 7 feet tall

# The Announcement of the King

1 Samuel 10:17-24 (NASB)

Thereafter Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah; 18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.'

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1 Samuel 10:17-24 (NASB)

19 "But you have today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."

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1 Samuel 10:17-24 (NASB)

20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. 21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

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1 Samuel 10:17-24 (NASB)

22 Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage." 23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

# The Announcement of the King

## 1 Samuel 10:17-24 (NASB)

24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

## **II. The Failure of Saul**

### **1) His Mission**

**1 Samuel 15:1-3 (NASB)**

Then Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the LORD. 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

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**1 Samuel 15:1-3 (NASB)**

**3 'Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"**

## **II. The Failure of Saul**

### **2) His Mistake**

**1 Samuel 15:5-9 (NASB)**

**Saul came to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the valley. 6 Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, so that I do not destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.**

## II. The Failure of Saul

### 2) His Mistake

1 Samuel 15:5-9 (NASB)

7 So Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 He captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

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1 Samuel 15:5-9 (NASB)

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

- Partial obedience is disobedience!

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### **3) His Misery**

**1 Samuel 15:10-15 (NASB)**

Then the word of the **LORD** came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the **LORD** all night.

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### **3) His Misery**

**1 Samuel 15:10-15 (NASB)**

**12** Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on down to Gilgal."

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**1 Samuel 15:10-15 (NASB)**

**13** Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "**Blessed are you of the LORD!** I have carried out the command of the LORD." **14** But Samuel said, "**What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?**"

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**1 Samuel 15:10-15 (NASB)**

**15 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."**

1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NASB)

Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

## **1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NASB)**

**23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."**

- Not all sacrifice requires obedience but all obedience requires sacrifice.**