

# RISE OF THE KING AND THE NEED FOR A GREATER KING

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## 1 & 2 SAMUEL

# REVIEW

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# SEARCH FOR A KING

# ISRAEL'S REQUESTED KING

- Demanded a king “like the nations”
- God began preparing Saul
- Saul introduced as: Wealthy family, Tribe of Benjamin, Tall, impressive, kingly appearance

# ISRAEL'S REQUESTED KING

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- Saul's name means "ASKED for"
- Saul looked like the king the people wanted

# PROVIDENCE IN LIFE

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- Saul searched for lost donkeys
- The search seemed random and unsuccessful
- God used ordinary events to direct Saul to Samuel

# PROVIDENCE IN LIFE

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- God's sovereignty works through normal life
- "Accidents" are often providence
- Samuel already knew Saul was coming before Saul arrived

# **SAMUEL, MAN OF GOD**

- Saul's servant urged him to seek Samuel
- Samuel called: Man of God, Seer, Prophet
- Samuel saw beyond lost donkeys to God's kingdom plan

# SAMUEL, MAN OF GOD

- Saul revealed early signs of weak leadership:
  - Reacting instead of leading
  - Servant pushing events forward

# **GOD SETS SAUL APART**

- Samuel honored Saul publicly at the banquet
- Reserved portion of meat prepared beforehand
- Samuel privately prepared Saul for kingship

# LESSON 14: ANOINTING OF THE KING

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1 SAMUEL 10:1-27

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## PRIVATE ANOINTING

# **1 SAMUEL 10:1**

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**1 “Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it out on Saul’s head, kissed him, and said, “Hasn’t the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?”**

# ANOINTING OIL

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- Sacred oil used for HOLY purposes
- Symbolized:
  - God's choosing, blessing, empowerment
- Saul not merely elected by people
- God personally appointed the king

# ANOINTING OIL

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Saul was not becoming king by ambition, election, or military conquest – he was being **CHOSEN** by God.

# MEANING OF ANOINTING

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- Priests:
  - Exodus 28:41
  - Set apart for holy service
- Kings:
  - Saul
  - David (1 Samuel 16:13)

# **MEANING OF ANOINTING**

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Anointing meant: “This belongs to God”

# WHY THE HEAD

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- Symbolized authority and leadership
- Public sign of **DIVINE** selection
- Demonstrated God's blessing resting upon him
- Downward flow: God's favor, calling, and Spirit empowered for service

# **OIL & THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

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**“The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David.”**

**– 1 Samuel 16:13**

# OIL & THE SPIRIT OF GOD

- The oil itself was symbolic
- The **REAL** power came from:
  - God's Spirit
  - God's presence
  - God's empowerment

# JAMES 5:14

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<sup>14</sup> “Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

# MEANING OF ANOINTING

- Saul publicly set apart for leadership
- Kingship is a divine calling
- “Messiah” = “Anointed One”
- Saul becomes Israel’s **FIRST** anointed king

# SAMUEL KISSED HIM

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- Sign of honor, loyalty, and acceptance
- Submission to God's choice
- Cultural:
  - Respect toward a king
  - Public **AFFIRMATION**

# **SAMUEL KISSED HIM**

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Samuel's recognition: "God has chosen this man to be king."

# HASN'T THE LORD ANOINTED YOU

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“Hasn't the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?”

# HASN'T THE LORD ANOINTED YOU

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- Rhetorical question
- Affirmation not uncertainty
- Samuel is pressing Saul to recognize the divine REALITY of the moment

# HASN'T THE LORD ANOINTED YOU

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- Samuel **DOESN'T** say:
  - You achieved this
  - It's a political accomplishment
  - A human election
- The LORD acted, chosen, anointed

# HASN'T THE LORD ANOINTED YOU

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- It forces Saul to reckon with what is taking place.
- “Saul, do you understand what has happened here? God Himself has placed His hand on you.”

# SAUL'S MINDSET

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- Saul was in a different mind set
- Looking for DONKEYS, speaking with humility, from the smallest tribe
- Not expecting kingship
- Not a declaration – creating reflection and gravity

# RULER OVER INHERITANCE

- Israel still belongs to God – “His people.”
- Saul is the STEWARD – not the owner
- The people and throne are God’s possessions

# RULER OVER INHERITANCE

- Major theme in monarchy theology
- The king is **NEVER** ultimate/final
- God is the ultimate King
- “The Lord entrusted you with His people.”
- Privilege with warning

# **RULER OVER INHERITANCE**

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- Covenant language – not administrative
- Examples:
  - Moses at the burning bush
  - Joshua's commissioning
  - Gideon's call

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**THE DONKEYS FOUND**

# **1 SAMUEL 10:2**

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**2 “Today when you leave me, you’ll find two men at Rachel’s Grave at Zelzah in the territory of Benjamin.**

# 1 SAMUEL 10:2

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2 “They will say to you, ‘The donkeys you went looking for have been found, and now your father has stopped being concerned about the donkeys and is worried about you, asking: What should I do about my son?’”

# FIRST SIGN

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- Not about the donkeys
- “Can Saul trust the Word of God from Samuel?”
- Found donkeys validates authority, anointing, God’s calling

# FIRST SIGN

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- Samuel gives: Specific people, location, message, and timing.
- Supernatural **PRECISION** from God
- Proves: Samuel isn't guessing or manipulating Saul

# RACHEL'S TOMB

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- Rachel:
  - Mother of Benjamin (Saul's tribe)
  - Died in sorrow during childbirth
- Confirmation of kingship connected to his **TRIBE'S** history

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**BREAD FROM WORSHIPERS**

# **1 SAMUEL 10:3-4**

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**<sup>3</sup> “You will proceed from there until you come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one bringing three goats, one bringing three loaves of bread, and one bringing a clay jar of wine.**

# **1 SAMUEL 10:3-4**

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**4 “They will ask how you are and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.”**

# SECOND SIGN – TABOR

- Men will have WORSHIP offerings
  - 3 young goats – Sacrifice
  - 3 loaves of bread – Fellowship
  - Wineskin of wine – Worship
- Kingship connected to worship and the covenant life

# **SECOND SIGN – TABOR**

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- “Going up to God.”
- Traveling to Bethel for worship
- High place

# BREAD GIVEN TO SAUL

- Unexpected provisions
- “Accept [bread] from them.”
- God is **PROVIDING** for His king
- Beginning of honor and recognition

# SIGN PROGRESSION

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- First sign:
  - Samuel's words proven true
- Second sign:
  - God personally provides for Saul
- Building Saul's confidence in God's leading, confirming, & preparing

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**SPIRIT COMES UPON SAUL  
THE THIRD SIGN**

# 1 SAMUEL 10:5-8

<sup>5</sup> “After that you will come to Gibeah of God where there are Philistine garrisons. When you arrive at the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place prophesying.

# **1 SAMUEL 10:5-8**

**5<sup>C</sup> “They will be preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres. <sup>6</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully on you, you will prophesy with them, and you will be transformed.**

# 1 SAMUEL 10:5-8

7 “When these signs have happened to you, do whatever your circumstances require because God is with you.

# **1 SAMUEL 10:5-8**

**<sup>8</sup> “Afterward, go ahead of me to Gilgal. I will come to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice fellowship offerings. Wait seven days until I come to you and show you what to do.”**

# GIBEAH OF GOD

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- Place of worship, prophets, Philistine garrisons
- Israel belongs to God – Philistines still **OCCUPY** some of the land

# GROUP OF PROPHETS

- Prophetic procession
- Devoted to worship & prophetic ministry
- “Prophesying” ≠ prediction only
- Spiritual **ACTIVITY** – Praise, worship, spirit-empowered declarations

# SPIRIT OF THE LORD

- Defining moment of the chapter
- Power not from appearance, kingly characteristics, or military leadership
- God is EMPOWERING His king
- Divine empowerment to lead

# **SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

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- Confirms Sauls' calling
- Validates the anointing
- Equips for leadership
- Prepares Saul to deliver Israel
- God could not fulfill God's purpose without the power of the Spirit

# PROPHECY WITH THEM

- Saul joins the prophetic band
- More **VISIBLE** evidence
- Public confirmation of God's work
- Not a writing prophet (Isaiah or Jeremiah)
- Praise, worship, spiritual expression

# YOU WILL BE TRANSFORMED

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- Litteral: “Turned into another man.”
- God changes Saul’s **HEART** & direction
- Not just a calling but a transforming

# YOU WILL BE TRANSFORMED

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- God must empower leaders
- The Spirit authenticates calling
- External appearance does not replace spiritual empowerment
- Leaders without Spirit becomes destructive

# WHEN SIGNS HAPPEN

- Signs are **THIRD** confirmation
- Saul knows Samuel's truth, God's calling and guiding
- Signs confirm anointing, authority, sovereignty, divine appointment

# **CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE**

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- Lit: “Do what your hand find to do.”
- Act decisively – not passive
- Required obedience & initiative
- Don’t remain hesitant and hidden
- Leadership requires movement and courage

# I AM WITH YOU

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- God's presence is **SOURCE** of strength
- Go with confidence in His presence

# FUTURE TRAGEDY

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- Now: Spirit filled, empowered, guided
- Later: Disobedience damages fellowship with God
- Leadership WITHOUT submission leads to collapse.

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# FUTURE APPOINTMENT

- Samuel gives Saul instructions
- Go to **GILGAL** – One of most important covenant sites

# GILGAL IN HISTORY

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- First camped after crossing Jordan
  - Memorial stones
- Covenant renewed – Joshua
- Passover celebrated in the land
- New beginning – covenant  
faithfulness – Trust in transition

# GILGAL IN HISTORY

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- Became Israel's gathering place
- Military staging area
- Center of worship and sacrifice

# TEST IN GILGAL

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- “Wait seven days...”
- Foreshadows Chapter 13
  - Saul becomes **IMPATIENT**
  - Offers unauthorized sacrifice
  - Disobeys God’s orders
  - Beginning of Saul’s downfall

# TEST IN GILGAL

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- Wait for Samuel
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- Trust the prophetic instructions
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- Leadership is about waiting on God's appointed order & timing

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- Waiting on God is part of **FAITH**
- Rushing ahead leads to failure
- Leadership without obedience becomes dangerous
- Strong beginnings sustained by faithful submission

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## WHAT'S NEXT (10:9-27)

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- God changes Saul's heart
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- Saul joins the prophetic procession
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  - "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

# WHAT'S NEXT

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- Saul keeps kingship private
- Israel gathers at Mizpah
- Samuel rebukes the nation
- Saul chosen by public lot
- Saul is hiding
- Nation cries: “Long live the king!”

# WHAT'S NEXT

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- Samuel writes kingship regulations
- Some men follow Saul
- Others despise and reject him
- Saul remains silent
- Hints of future division and conflict within the nation