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Israel Settles for Kings

1 Samuel 8-15



Israel Rejects God as King (8)

- Fear paves the way (4)
- Concerns mask the rebellion (5)
 - Samuel has gotten old
 - Samuel's sons do not walk in his ways
 - Envy of other nations fill their hearts
- Samuel is disheartened, God comforts (7)



A Thorough Warning (8)

- Sons for war, service, farmers, smiths
- Daughters for perfumers, cooks and bakers ¹³
- Taxes! Additional 10% on everything
- Best of servants and livestock 16
- Hope in man fails, promise of oppression 18
- Insistence on being like the nations 19



1 Samuel 9:1-2

1Sa 9:1 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.

1Sa 9:2 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.



An Ideal Choice...

- A good family! Son of a war hero!
- Choice—*baw-khoor*—prime of youth, life, strength
- Saul looked the part! Handsome as any in Israel
- Taller by head and shoulders than any in Israel
- A man after the people's own heart
- Strangely no mention of other qualities...



God Orders Saul's Steps (9)

- One circumstance after another lead Saul to Samuel
 - Missing animals, directions, chance meetings
- God reveals to Samuel whom to anoint 15-17
 - No mention of qualifications
 - No mention of relationship with God
 - Only that “this is the one who will rule”
- Anointed and sent on to an encounter with God