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Samuel 10

Samuel Anoints Saul

1Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

Samuel is about to give Saul a drink from a firehose. He begins by simply anointing him with oil and kissing him. He then declares that God has anointed him to be the first King of Israel in the sense of its military and defense. Samuel declares that God is placing God's inheritance that He has given Israel under Saul's charge for protection. This all leans toward a political and military assignment.

Samuel now in order to get Saul's undivided attention tells him precisely what is going to happen over the next several days in Saul's life.

2When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border

of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

This part of the prophecy has several important points. Saul and Samuel were in Ramah Samuels home. Saul's is to begin a journey back to his father's home in Benjamin.

First the location is Rachel's tomb. Rachel the wife of Jacob lost her life while giving birth to Benjamin the patriarch of Saul. At this location two men would meet him and tell him the animals he had sought are found and safe.

The point being that from this point on Saul would not concern himself with the small matters of life he was now to concern himself with the Nation of Israel. And lastly the prophecy is about his family and specifically Saul's father who sent these two men to find his son Saul and tell him the animals were safe and now the father wanted to know his son was safe.

<u>3</u>Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

Beth el means the "Hill of God".

4And they will salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

Samuel's prophecy has a great deal of symbolism in the precise description of these events and the precise giving of gifts to this unknown man at the time named Saul.

Bread was one of the staples of life in Israel and was also part of the Temple or Tabernacle worship. Giving Saul these loaves meant for worship at the temple implied God's choice of Saul. Now these men did not know him they were simply obedient, blind obedience to God and did exactly as they were told. Samuel was given this vision and described to Saul what would happen in all these events. This was done to prove to Saul, Samuel's authority from God in what he had done out of obedience in anointing Saul.

The gesture of the gifts of bread covered two issues. Saul had been without provisions to eat since leaving Samuel and would need food. God knew that and provided in a supernatural way.

Saul accepting the gifts revealed a humble and contrite heart at this point further showing what Saul's demeanor was to be before God and before men. 5After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

The location is Gibeah, Saul's hometown. The philistines had an outpost near this location. Gibeah would later become Saul's capital where he would live and command his military forces from. As with most military installations it was on a hill for a tactical advantage. As Saul was climbing the hill to the city he would meet a group of student prophets, singing and prophesying.

Each of these signs was to be an encouragement to Saul in knowing that Samuel was a true prophet of God and each specific thing he prophesied would happen exactly as said. It would encourage Saul's faith and conviction to serve God.

6And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

Saul would experience the "empowering" of the Holy Spirit.

In the New Testament based on what Jesus had promised changed what had been an empowering by the Holy Spirit to an

indwelling of Believers. The first, empowering was temporary, the second, indwelling was eternal. In both cases or at least with Saul in this case he would become a new person, which is what happens under the New Covenant. Where in

2 Corinthians 5: <u>17</u>Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This does not seem to be the case with Saul even though he is told he will "shalt be turned into another man". Saul is not described as being a "new creature". The complication as to what this all means is that in the end Saul appears to be demon possessed with some debilitating mental conditions.

<u>7</u>And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee. <u>8</u>And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

The location of the official anointing of Saul would be Gilgal where the 12 tribes would often meet for national decisions.

Saul is told by Samuel once he has been selected and anointed by God then he is to act in such a manner IE "Humble Obedience". He is to examine situations with Spiritual guidance and not necessarily according to a specific plan. In other words, if Saul sets out to plan a strategy, he is to seek God's wisdom first and then adjust as things change but always with Godly Wisdom.

Saul is told to go to Gilgal which is near the Jordan River. This is the first place that Israel worshiped God after entering the promised land from Canaan after 40 years in the desert.

Joshua 4: 19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

Gilgal was where Samuel would anoint Saul publicly and declare him as God's Choice for Israel's first king. All the tribes were to rally at Gilgal for a meeting called by Samuel. The nation had asked for a King, and they were likely told this meeting would answer that questions as to who the King would be.

A specific process would be used to publicly narrow down from the 12 tribes, first to a single tribe and then to a family and finally to the God selected son of that family, all done by lot or use of the Urim and Thummim.

Exodus 28:30 And place the Urim and Thummim in the breastpiece of judgment, so that they will also be over Aaron's heart whenever he comes before the LORD. Aaron will continually carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD.

These prophecies given to Saul by Samuel from God are so specific and if anyone knows the Law it is Samuel. False Prophets under the Law were to be stoned to death.

People today who claim to be prophets are so vague in their so-called prophecies that no one can accuse them of being a false prophet. Today there are people all over the world issuing what they claim are prophesies and with the internet and even Al how are we to know. There is an entire movement we have spoken of called New Apostolic Reformation that is filled with false prophets, charlatans, evil doers. Leading many astray during these final days leading up to Rapture and then Tribulation.

Samuel's Signs Fulfilled

9And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

That new heart was of course would be the fertile ground for God's empowering Saul with the Holy Spirit albeit for a limited time.

This is a comment from Got Questions as to what prophecy is. "The spiritual gift of prophecy is listed among the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:10 and Romans 12:6. The Greek word

translated "prophesying" or "prophecy" in both passages properly means to "speak forth" or declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God which is designed to influence people. Many people misunderstand the gift of prophecy to be the ability to predict the future. While knowing something about the future may sometimes have been an aspect of the gift of prophecy, it was primarily a gift of proclamation ("forth-telling"), not prediction ("fore-telling")."

There is no indication in the Word that a person can be taught to be a prophet of future events. That is the sole discretion of God and whom He chooses to give that gift to. There were prophet schools, but I think they were more like seminaries that taught those in them to understand God's Word and speak it forth.

We did see one prophet ask another prophet to grant him a "double portion" of what he had been given by God. That was Elisha asking Elijah and Elijah's response

2 Kings 2: 9And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

There is of course educational means to learn about the Bible, studying Greek, and Hebrew to accurately render the original writings of God's Word. We who have not been so educated can still be taught by studying God's Word ourselves. Our teacher is the Holy Spirit, God tells us His Word will not return void. Study God's Word like the Bereans.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

10And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

We are not told what is said, but it is declared by Samuel that Saul prophesied with these students of prophecy. Whatever it was it was such a stark difference from what the people knew of Saul that they said he prophesied with the prophets.

12And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, is Saul also among the prophets? 13And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

This is a quote from the Berean Study Bible.

"The act of prophesying in the Old Testament often involved speaking God's truth, sometimes predicting future events, and was a sign of divine favor and calling. Saul's participation in this prophetic activity was a public demonstration of his new role and the divine endorsement of his kingship."

Speaking God's Truth is a vital and prolific part of prophesying. We all want to know the future but that is entirely up to God as to what and through whom He reveals the future. However, God has given us His Word and we can each speak God's Truth as was cited as one part of prophecy in Berean Bible Study notes.

14And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.

We know that one of Saul's uncles was Abner from 1 Samuel 14.

1 Samuel 14: <u>50</u>His wife's name was Ahinoam daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the commander of his army was Abner, the son of Saul's uncle Ner. <u>51</u>Saul's father Kish and Abner's father Ner were sons of Abiel.

Abner was an observant man and later became the military commander under Saul, today in the US that would be like cabinet position of Secretary of War like Pete Hegseth. Abner could see something had changed in his nephew and inquired as to where he had been and done. When Abner found out that Saul

had spent time with Israel's prophet, judge and Priest Samuel he wanted to know what Samuel had told Saul.

15And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. 16And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

Saul did not tell his uncle likely due to his humbleness and humility, that Saul did not want to boast of his pending kingship. He felt it was up to Samuel to reveal that.

Saul Proclaimed King

17And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh; 18And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

At God's direction Samuel is recalling a critical time in the life of Israel. He is using it to once again point to Israel's decision to reject God and have a king of flesh and all that comes with that decision.

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a

king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

Samuel still the Judge, Priest and Prophet of Israel calls a national meeting at Mizpah. There is much to consider as to why this location, but we will concentrate on other issues for now.

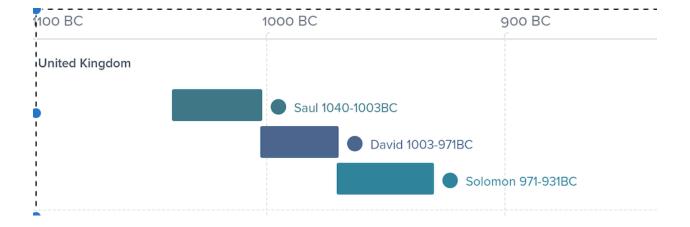
God has directed Samuel to call this meeting to anoint Israel's first King. A humble yet striking tall handsome man called Saul.

How long did Saul, David and Solomon serve as kings of Israel? Saul 37 years

David 32 years

Solomon 40 years

The exact years are not without controversy as they are calculated from various known points. Paul in Acts declares Saul served as king 40 years. 40 years is often used to describe a generation so Paul may have been declaring a general amount of time Saul served as a generation or 40 years.



Here is a site that has extensive timeline for kings and prophets of Israel, it has the same problem in defining exact times as the Bible is not clear on exact dates.

The following is a non-biblical attempt at dating and is ok but I do not believe as accurate as the next one.

https://www.preceden.com/timelines/3896-the-kings-of-israel

This gentleman took 2 years of extracting all available Biblical data to come up with a timeline of kings from just after Solomon to the time of Christ. It is exhaustive, and a challenge to even read through but I think as precise as can be done using the Bible as it's source and verifying those dates with archology as best as possible. Read his forward to understand the painstaking efforts to accomplish this.

https://abdicate.net/kings.aspx#example

20And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

Little is known about the Urim and Thummim, but it was directed by God to be carried by the High Priest and used to determine God's Will on some occasions.

Numbers 27:21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the Lord: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

Numbers 33:54 And you are to divide the land by lot according to your clans. Give a larger inheritance to a larger clan and a smaller inheritance to a smaller one. Whatever falls to each one by lot will be his. You will receive an inheritance according to the tribes of your fathers.

It does not say specifically how the Tribe of Benjamin was called out before the Tribes, but God had already told Samuel who was to be King.

21When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

Two people already knew who was to be chosen but due to cultural process this was the way God chose to show the people

who was chosen. The two people that knew the answer already were Samuel and Saul. Saul being a contrite man hid himself in the baggage and tents of the huge gathering. It required a second seeking of God to find out where the son of Kish was concealed.

As you can imagine those princes from the bigger tribes were disgruntled by their tribes not being chosen. Pride was not what God was looking for in the first king.

22Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. 23And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

We are not told how tall Saul was, but it was apparently significant.

24And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

Samuel extols first Saul's appearance in height to draw attention to God's chosen vessel to be King. The people then react upon that decision and ask God to save the King. A mantra that has continued in various Monarchies to this day.

25Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Samuel wrote on a scroll the event and all the detail surrounding it. It is believed he also wrote the powers the King would have and limited those powers so a despot could not become king and destroy the nation of Israel. It is believed that these writings and those of Moses aside from the 10 Commandants were kept beside the Arc of the Covenant.

Deuteronomy 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

With the business of Israel concluded Samuel sent all the people back to their homes.

26And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

As in life even today there are some people happy with God's choice and some unhappy. I submit that God puts our Presidents both sides into office as He sees fit to bring about His purpose.

Daniel 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

<u>27</u>But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

From Strong's Exhaustive Concordance "Belial, evil, naughty, ungodly men, wicked"

This term "children of Belial" calls these men who rejected God's choice as evil, wicked, ungodly men according to Strong's. Some commentators believe they were princes from Judah and Ephraim, both large tribes that felt one of them should have been anointed.

It was hard for them to see God's choice even as it is for us today. We think we know better than God or more contemporarily we think we know better than the other party in selecting our leaders. In the end it is God, and it is His choice.

In the case of Saul, he was resented for most of his time as King by the larger tribes. A point that the movie "David's Kingdom" points out. Whether the pressure of leadership of a divided kingdom or the investment of a demon into Saul, he would suffer greatly from insecurity during his reign.



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