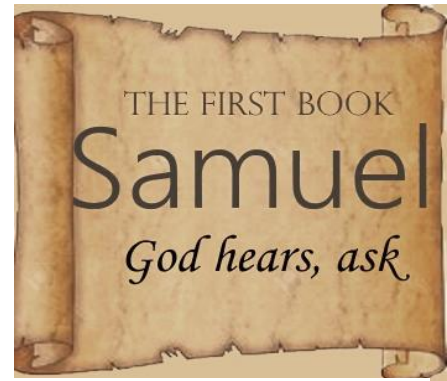


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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



The choosing and rise of Saul, the first king

¹ Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

² And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome young man: and there was not a more handsome person than him, among the children of Israel: from his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people.

³ Now the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, Take now with you one of the servants, and arise, go search for the asses.

⁴ And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find them: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

⁵ When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father cease to care for the asses, and be anxious for us.

⁶ And he said to him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he says happens: now let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way we should go.

⁷ Then Saul said to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what will we bring to the man? for the bread is gone from our sack, and there is no present to give to the man of God: what do we have?

⁸ And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here a quarter of a shekel of silver at hand: I will give it to the man of God, and he will tell us our way.

⁹ (Previously in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, he used to say, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he who is now called a Prophet was previously called a Seer.)

¹⁰ Then Saul said to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went to the city where the man of God was.

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¹¹ And as they climbed the hill to the city, they found young women going out to draw water, and asked them, Is the seer here?

¹² And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is ahead of you: now hurry, for he came today to the city; for the people have a sacrifice on the high place today:

¹³ As soon as you enter the city, you will immediately find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice; and afterwards those who are invited. So now get up; for about this time you will find him.

¹⁴ So they went up to the city: and when they came to the city, behold, Samuel came out toward them, to go up to the high place.

¹⁵ Now the day before, the LORD had revealed to Samuel saying,

¹⁶ Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you will anoint him to be prince over My people Israel, that he may deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines: for I have regarded My people, because their cry has come to Me.

¹⁷ And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, Behold the man whom I spoke of to you! this one will rule over My people.

¹⁸ Then Saul drew near to Samuel at the gate, and said, Please, tell me, where the house of the seer is.

¹⁹ And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me to the high place; for you will eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go, and will tell you all that is on your heart.

²⁰ And as for your asses that were lost three days ago, do not think about them; for they are found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you, and for all the household of your father?

²¹ And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me this way?

²² Then Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the hall, and gave them the chief place among those who were invited, which were about thirty men.

²³ And Samuel said to the cook,

Bring the portion which I gave you, which I said to you, Set it aside.

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²⁴ And the cook took up the leg that was on it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Here is what has been reserved! Set it before you, and eat: for it has been kept for you until the appointed time since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

²⁵ When they came down from the high place into the city, Samuel spoke with Saul on the roof of the house.

²⁶ And they arose early: and it happened about daybreak, that Samuel called to Saul on the roof of the house, saying, Get up, that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and both of them, he and Samuel went out into the street.

²⁷ And as they were going down to the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Invite the servant to pass on before us, (and he passed on), but you remain standing a while, that I may declare the word of God to you.

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