

1 Samuel 10

King James Version (KJV)

(Samuel = Asked of God; Saul = Asked - probably means asked by the people)

10 Then 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?

-See Septuagint, the Volgate & Moffet Bible translations (These translations say – “Thou shall rule over the people of Yahoveh, and thou shall save them from the hand of the enemy. These prophecies are a sign that those things will come to pass”)

(Before this day, only priests had been anointed with oil. Saul will be the first monarch of israel)

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 is close by to where Benjamin was borne by Rachel)

³Then 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:

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

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 hill of God – this is Gibeah, Saul's home city) (The Philistines still had a garrison in this city of Israel) (There must have been a school for prophets in this city)

⁶And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. (God will change Saul's heart)

⁷ And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. (Do as the Holy Spirit leads you)

(This is a type for when God will speak through the Elect in the end days; when they are delivered up to the synagogue of antichrist) See Joel

⁸ 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. (This is the first command from God that Saul will disobey) see Chapter-13

⁹ And 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. (Saul is a changed man. All three prophecies came true when he returned home)

¹⁰ And 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. (This event was a type for the Elect who will prophecy in the end times, when antichrist is here) see Joel

¹¹ And 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? (They knew Saul all his life. He had never been a prophet. They must have realized that this had to be a gift from God)

¹² And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? (But who is their father = but who is their elder. People of those days thought that the gift of prophecy was inherited)

¹³ And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. (This is a place of worship)

¹⁴ And 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.

¹⁵ And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

¹⁶ And 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. (Maybe Saul is still humble, or maybe he is in disbelief)

¹⁷ And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh;

¹⁸ And 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: (God delivered them time and time again. They were only oppressed when they turned away from God into idolatry. They never seem to have learned that lesson)

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. (They relected God so He is going to give them what they asked for – a man king)

²⁰ And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. (Using the Urum and Thumum, they drew lots. God directed the choice to be Saul, of the tribe of Benjamin, as He had told Samuel to anoint him. This display is for the benefit of the people so that they will accept Saul as king)

²¹ When 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. (He wasn't there)

²² Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff. (Saul was not a natural leader. His insecurities will eventually destroy him)

²³ And 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. (God gave them a man who looks like a king – tall and handsome. They will learn that it takes a lot more than that to be a good leader)

²⁴ And 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. (Still a common saying in countries with monarchies) (Let the king live <in Hebrew>)

²⁵ Then 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. See Deuteronomy-17:14-20

²⁶ And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. (Royal escorts for the new king)

²⁷ But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace. (and brought no presents = they didn't accept Saul as king. This is the beginning of jealousy from those who thought that they should have been chosen)

(This was another reason to choose God as their King. They just refused to listen and insisted on a man king)