



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## I SAMUEL 9:1-2; 10:17-26

### LESSON: ISRAEL REJECTS GOD AS KING—October 22, 2023

#### INTRODUCTION:

The book of 1 Samuel recounts the ministry of the prophet Samuel, who “restored law and order and regular religious worship in the land”

**Chapter 8:** At this time Samuel has gotten old and he wanted to pass the torch to his sons to be judges over Israel: Joel was the firstborn and Abiah was his second son. However, they refused to walk in the manner of God. So, all the elders of Israel tells Samuel that he’s gotten too old, and they wanted a king to rule over them. Samuel goes to God in prayer. God tells Samuel to listen to them don’t get angry with them because it’s not him they’re angry with, God says it’s Him they’re rejecting. Samuel is to tell them and warn them about a king and the consequences that will occur. Samuel does just that and the people still say they want a king. They want to be like all the other nations, and that their king would judge them, and fight for them in battle. They want earthly strength instead of spiritual strength. And Samuel heard their words and told God. God says then make them a king. And the people were sent back to their homes.

#### LESSON: I. THE BACKGROUND OF THE KING I SAMUEL 9:1-2

**9:1** Now here was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the soon of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. Kish was a rich influential; a mighty man of power from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, grandson of Zeror, great-grandson of Bekorath, and the great–great-grandson of Aphiah.

**9:2** And he had a son whose name was Saul, choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel. He was a choice and goodly man; a man of great stature and comely appearance and a head taller than anyone else (10:23; about 6ft.). No one could be compared to him. He is to be the first king of Israel. He reigned 42yrs.

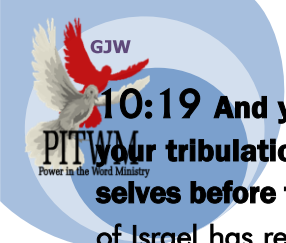
#### INTRODUCTION:

**10:14-16** Now, Saul’s uncle sees him and began to question where he and his servant had been. Saul begins to explain that they were looking for the lost donkeys, and weren’t able to find them, so they went to Samuel to ask him. Saul tells of his encounter with Samuel. Samuel said not to worry because the donkeys were found, but Saul didn’t give out any information to his uncle concerning the matter of the kingdom or him becoming king.

#### II. THE PRESENTATION OF THE KING I SAMUEL 10:17-24

**10:17** And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpeh;— At Mizpeh is where the Prophet Samuel call the people together for the public declaration and announcement of Saul as king of Israel, for his anointing had been private (9:27-10:1).

**10:18** 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:— Samuel gives acknowledgement of who God is and what He has done for the children of Israel. just because of what they asked for, they are not to forget who God is and the He was the One who has brought Israel out of Egypt and delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms who oppressed them. He has been their Protector and Deliverer before they needed a king.



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**10:19 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 lets them know that this day the children of Israel has rejected their King; their One True God; the One who've saved them out of all their adversities and tribulations. Now they've said unto the One True God that they don't need Him anymore, they need another king to be set over them. Samuel tells all of them to present themselves before the Lord by their tribes and by their thousands (clans).

**10:20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.** All the tribes of Israel came near before Samuel, and the tribe of Benjamin was selected; chosen by lot. <sup>1</sup>This process was deliberately chosen to show all Israel that the tribe of Benjamin was chosen by God. God was in charge of the selection of Israel's first human king.

**10:21 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.** Then each family of the tribe of Benjamin was brought near, and the family of Matri was chosen. And finally the sacred lot chose Saul, the son of Kish, but when they looked for him, he had disappeared. When it came time for being used by God, Saul was nowhere to be found!

**10:22 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.** Oh now they'll inquiring of the Lord: *"Has he been found?"* Of course the Lord knows just where Saul is. But the lord says he has hid himself among the stuff. Even after God had equipped him, he was hiding. You can't hide from God! You remember the words used to describe Saul in 9:2—choice young man, and a goodly; a goodlier person; higher than any of the people. No he can't be hiding. But he was!

What are we hiding from? Maybe the baggage of failing to trust God; the baggage of the fear of man; the baggage of self-negativism; the baggage of religiosity; the baggage of unforgiveness; the baggage of unconfessed sin; the baggage of complacency; the baggage of self-absorption. Maybe its just hiding in busyness!

God knew how to bring Saul in from taking care of donkeys to moving into his destiny, no matter where he hid.

**10:23 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.** Yes, they found Saul among the stuff; in the baggage or suitcase hiding, but that didn't seem to matter, because when he stood up among the people, he was higher; taller than any of the people from their shoulders and upward. Saul had height in his favor, thus he was warmly received...because he looked like a king! It was his height that was impressive!

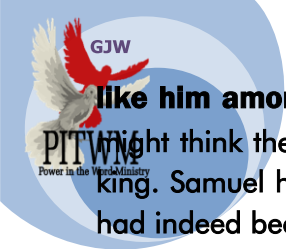
But really, it identified him with "the other nations". The Canaanites were known for being tall (Nu.13:32,33); The Anakites (Dt.2:10); a Philistines (1Sa17:4); an Egyptian (1Ch.11:23); the Sabeans (Is 45:14); an Amorite (Amos 2:9); were all known for being tall but no other Israelite in the Bible besides Saul is referred to as "tall"!

It's not where you start; it's where God can take you! He took Joseph from the pit to the prison, to the palace. Saul began his kingship before the people, not on a throne, but in a suitcase! The people paid no attention that he had just climbed out of a suitcase, for they were so overjoyed to have a human king. Saul had everything in his favor: (1) a strong body, 10:23; (2) a humble mind, 9:21; (3) a new heart, 10:9; (4) spiritual power, 10:10; (5) loyal friends, 10:26; and most of all, (6) the guidance and prayers of Samuel.

**10:24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.preceptaustin.org/1-samuel-10-commentary>  
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>





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**like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.** The people might think they had chosen their king, but Samuel lets them know that it was the Lord who has chosen their king. Samuel had already anointed Saul privately and tells him of the many signs that will demonstrate that he had indeed been chosen as Israel's king. These signs were fulfilled after Saul leaves Samuel. **The proofs:**

1. **The message of two men** (10:2). Two men will tell Saul that the donkeys have been found, and that his father is worried about him. (Saul had been looking for his father's donkey for 3days.)
2. **The meal of three men** (10:3-4). Three men will offer Saul two loaves of bread.
3. **The music of some prophets** (10:5). Saul will meet some prophets coming down from a hill playing music.
4. **The ministry of the Spirit** (10:6). The Spirit of the Lord will come upon Saul, and cause him to prophesy with the prophets.

Samuel emphasizes that Saul is the LORD's choice. He also gives him an honorable introduction stating no one else was like him. Yes, the reason is because it is of the Lord's doing! And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king—that he may live long and prosperous. *"If God be for you, who can be against you"* (Rom.8:31)!

## III. THE BEGINNING OF THE KINGDOM I SAMUEL 10:25-26

**10:25 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.** Samuel writes the king's responsibilities in a book and deposits it in the Tabernacle before the Lord. 1Sam.8:11-18 presents Samuel's warnings regarding a king, but were not strictly speaking ordinances. And all the people were sent back to their own house by Samuel.

**10:26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.** Saul did not immediately take up his throne (there was no palace, no capital city) but nevertheless the LORD provided valiant men to go with him, but moving in their hearts, presumably further evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Clearly God was not a passive bystander, but was actively supporting Israel's choice of a human king. This speaks volumes about the mercy and forbearance of God who had been rejected.

### SUMMARY: 9:

The people of Israel wanted a king like the other nations. The selection came out of the tribe of Benjamin, of the family of Kish. Kish was a mighty man of power in Israel, and there was a son of Kish named Saul. The chapter described Saul as a choice young man, goodly, handsome (9:1-2).

### SUMMARY: 10:

After the Israelites insisted upon having a king to rule them, the Lord revealed to Samuel that Saul was to be king. 17Samuel call the people together for the public declaration and announcement of Saul as king of Israel. 18However, he gives acknowledgement of who God is and what He has done for the children of Israel. 19Samuel lets them know that this day the children of Israel has rejected their King; their One True God; the One who've saved them out of all their adversities and tribulations. 20And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 21Saul the son of Kish was chosen, and when they sought him, he could not be found. 22They enquired of the Lord, and the Lord says he has hid himself among the stuff. 23They ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people. 24Samuel 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 (10:17-24).

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