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PART 19: THE PROPHET AND THE KING

As this series continues, some people have asked where it is headed. We should learn from the past and not repeat historic mistakes. **1 Corinthians 10:1-12**

THE LAST JUDGE

Samuel and King Saul were interlocked with each other. Samuel evil son's contributed to the change in Israel of being ruled by judges to being ruled by kings. Samuel did not see that himself as being the root cause of the change and complain to the Lord about the situation. **1 Samuel 8:1-6**

God chose not address the problem the people had with Joel and Abiah and He told Samuel the people did not want to be ruled by men of God; instead, they wanted kings who would be secular political rulers. **verses 7-9**

GOD WARNED THE PEOPLE THROUGH SAMUEL

During the times of the judges, each man was an independent and self-governing citizen of Israel. **Judges 21:24-25**

When the people of Israel desired a king like the other nations, they failed to understand they would also forfeit their independence, and instead of being sovereign citizens, they would become subjects of the king. **1 Samuel 8:10-17**

Samuel told the people they would cry out to the Lord in the future to be set free from the king but God would refuse to hear their prayers. **verse 18**

Despite the warning, the people of Israel insisted that Samuel provide them with a king. **verses 19-20**

Samuel prayed about the matter and told the Lord what the people had said and God granted their request. **verses 21-22**

GOD'S SELECTION

God's perfect will was to select a man that would listen to Him and obey His laws. The Lord did not select an evil man to become the first king of Israel. **1 Samuel 9:1-2**

God's intention and perfect will for Saul was for him to be a good king, that he would remove idol worship from Israel, and that he would lead the people into righteousness.

God created the situation with the lost donkeys. The purpose was to bring Saul from the land of the tribe of Benjamin to meet Samuel. **verses 3-13**

God told Samuel that Saul was going to arrive and that he had been selected by the Lord to become the king of Israel. **verses 14-19**



Samuel was given supernatural knowledge that the donkeys had been found but the real business for Saul was to be informed that he was the first king of Israel. **verses 20-27**

The Holy Spirit then spoke through Samuel and he prophesied what would happen to Saul on his way back home. **1 Samuel 10:1-8**

God touched Saul's soul that day and he became a different man. **verse 9**

Everything Samuel prophesied came to pass. **verses 10-13**

THE CORONATION OF SAUL

Samuel knew there needed to be a coronation for Saul to be established as a king of Israel and all the tribes of Israel to know that he was the man that God had selected to become their king. **verses 17-21**

Saul had got cold feet and hid himself so that he could not be found. Saul did not realize that God is very good at the game of hide and seek. It is impossible to hide when God is doing something. **verses 22-25**

A group of fighting men joined themselves to Saul and the Lord touched their souls so that they were in agreement with the new king. **verses 26-27**

GOD ESTABLISHES SAUL AS THE KING OF ISRAEL

God can use unsaved people to accomplish His work, and in this case, He used the Ammonites, who were the descendants of Lot and his youngest daughter when she committed incest with her father. **Genesis 19:20-38**

All the Ammonites were under the bastard curse. **Deuteronomy 23:2-3**

Lot's descendants had no love for the people of Israel and they decided to conquer the portion of Israel around Gilead. **1 Samuel 11:1-2**

The men of Jabesh-gilead sounded the alarm and asked for help from the rest of the tribes. **verses 3-4**

Saul got angry when he heard the news and the Holy Spirit came upon him. **verses 5-9**

Saul and the army of Israel destroyed the Ammonites. **verses 10-11**

The pure heart of Saul was shown when he refused to kill the men of Israel who opposed his ascension. **verses 12-13**

It was at Gilgal that that Saul was confirmed by the people and they fully accepted him as their king. **verses 14-15**

SAMUEL'S WARNING

Samuel asked the people if he had ever wronged them. **1 Samuel 12:1-5**

Samuel told the people and King Saul that if they did not walk in the way of the Lord, God would fight against them and bring judgment upon the nation. **verses 13-25**

SAUL WALKED AWAY FROM GOD

Saul had been king for a number of years when he began to disregard what God had told him to do through the prophet Samuel. When Samuel confronted Saul, he initially tried to blame the people for his poor decision making and then sought repentance. But it was too late! God had taken the kingdom away from him. **1 Samuel 15:10-35**

SAUL'S FINAL MEETING WITH SAMUEL

Saul turned into a bitter man who was plagued by evil spirits toward the end of his life. He had been hunting David for many years, but God protected David and all of Saul's attempts to kill David failed.

Samuel was dead and Saul was no longer hearing from God. He became desperate and decided to use a witch to talk to the dead prophet. **1 Samuel 28:4-11**

The woman from Endor was used to her familiar spirit and she panicked when she saw the soul of Samuel come up. **verse 12-14**

Samuel delivered a final message to Saul that ended with an ominous prophecy that Saul would be dead the next day. **verses 15-19**

Saul fell to the ground when heard the message. **verse 20**

SAUL'S LAST BATTLE

There was no repentance left for Saul and he went to his last battle against the Philistines like an ox to the slaughter. The Lord had departed from Saul and his army and the Philistines ground them down and Saul's sons died in the battle. Saul was wounded and his last act on earth was to commit suicide because he did not want to fall into the hands of the Philistines. **1 Samuel 31:1-6**

SUMMARY

Saul started out well in life. He had a great father that was known as a mighty man of power. He grew up to be a tall, handsome man with a bright future.

He was selected by God, who anointed and gave him power to rule and lead men into war. He became the first king of Israel and was very successful during his first few years.

But then he lost it all because of disobedience and became a people pleaser in order to protect his kingdom. He did not understand that rebellion is just like the sin of witchcraft.

This is what Jesus told his followers: "If you love me, keep my commandments." **John 14:15**

Will you learn from the mistakes of Saul and end your life victoriously or join him in rebellion and end your life in defeat? The choice is yours!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?