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The Making of a King

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1 Samuel 16:4 - 13 (KJV)

1. What did Samuel do when he became old and could no longer effectively judge Israel?

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1 Samuel 8:1 (KJV)
And it came to pass, when Samuel was old,
that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2. What did Samuel do when the people of Israel asked for a king?

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1 Samuel 8:6 (KJV)
But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said,
Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

3. Give the ***true*** reason why the people of Israel asked for a king.

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1 Samuel 8:7 (KJV)
And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice
of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee,
but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

4. ***Do you think*** that the new king of Israel would be able to save the people of Israel from wickedness?

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1 Samuel 12:25 (KJV)
But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

5. Who was the ***first*** king over Israel?

a. Saul **b.** David **c.** Samuel **d.** Gideon

1 Samuel 11:15 (KJV)
And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king
before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices
of peace offerings before the LORD;
and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

6. In the second year of Saul's reign as king over Israel, the Philistines set up camp to attack Israel with more than 30,000 soldiers.
How did the men of Israel *react* to the pending battle with the Philistines?

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1 Samuel 13:5-6 (KJV)
5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel,
thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen,
and people as the sand which *is* on the sea shore in multitude:
and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.
6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait,
(for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves,
and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7. What did Saul do when Samuel ***did not*** arrive in Gilgal on time to offer the sacrifice to God? (#7 Scripture References next page.)

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1 Samuel 13:8-9 (KJV)
[8] And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*:
but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.
[9] And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings.
And he offered the burnt offering.

8. How did Samuel ***react*** when he arrived and discovered that Saul had offered the sacrifices?

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1 Samuel 13:10 (KJV)
And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering
the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him,
that he might salute him.

1 Samuel 13:11 (KJV)
And Samuel said, What hast thou done?
And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me,
and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed,
and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

9. ***Do you think*** … there is a difference between ***a fool*** and ***one who acts foolish***?

A fool _____

Acting foolish _____

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1 Samuel 13:13 (KJV)
And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly:
thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God,
which he commanded thee: for now would
the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

Psalm 14:1 (KJV)
The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works,
there is none that doeth good.

10. ***Do you think*** Saul's decision to offer the sacrifices at Gilgal revealed anything about his character?

1 Samuel 13:14 (KJV)
But now thy kingdom shall not continue:
the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,
and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people,
because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

11. What was God's instructions to Saul regarding the Amalekites?

1 Samuel 15:3 (KJV)
Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have,
and spare them not; but slay both man and woman,
infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

12. ***Do you think*** Saul had a good reason ***not*** to follow God's instructions?

1 Samuel 15:15 (KJV)
And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites:
for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen,
to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God;
and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

13. What did Saul do ***after*** Israel's army defeated the Amalekites?

(#13 Scripture Reference next page.)

1 Samuel 15:12 (KJV)
And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning,
it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold,
he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on,
and gone down to Gilgal.

14. ***Do you think*** Saul and the people "meant well" by offering the best of the Amalekites' sheep as a sacrifice to God?

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1 Samuel 15:15 (KJV)
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15. In each of the following Scriptures, indicate who Saul blamed for **<u>not</u>** obeying God's instructions.

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_____ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. ***1 Samuel 15:21 (KJV)***

16. ***Do you think*** Saul believed that he had followed God's instructions regarding the destruction of the Amalekites?

(#16 Scripture References next page.)

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1 Samuel 15:13 (KJV)
And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD:
I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

1 Samuel 15:20 (KJV)
And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD,
and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag
the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

17. Saul acknowledged he had sinned after Samuel told him that God had terminated his reign as king over Israel. Saul insisted that Samuel go with him to worship. ► What did Saul do ***after*** Samuel initially refused to go with him to worship?

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1 Samuel 15:27 (KJV)
And as Samuel turned about to go away,
he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

1 Samuel 15:28 (KJV)
And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel
from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

18. How did the people *react* when Samuel came to Bethlehem?

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1 Samuel 16:4 (KJV)
And Samuel did that which the LORD spake,
and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming,
and said, Comest thou peaceably?

19. Give the name of the family that Samuel *personally* invited to the sacrificial ceremony.

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(#19 Scripture Reference next page.)

1 Samuel 16:5 (KJV)
And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD:
sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.
And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

20. ***Why do you think*** Samuel did not publicly announce that he came to Bethlehem to anoint a new king over Israel?

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1 Samuel 16:1 - 2 (KJV)
[1] And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul,
seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil,
and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. [2] And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me.
And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say,
I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

21. Why do you think Samuel thought that Jesse's son Eliab was God's choice to be the next king over Israel?

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1 Samuel 16:6 - 7 (KJV)
[6] And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab,
and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him. [7] But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature;
because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

22. Give the difference between "**man's evaluation**' and '**God's evaluation**".

God's evaluation _____

Man's evaluation _____

(#22 Scripture Reference next page.)

1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)
But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance,
or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance,
but the LORD looketh on the heart.

23. ***Do you think*** there is a difference between "*not chosen to become king*" and "*rejected to become king*"?

► **Yes** or **No**

1 Samuel 16:8 - 10 (KJV)
[8] Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel.
And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. [9] Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
[10] Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel.
And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

24. ***Why do you think*** Jesse's youngest son <u>was not</u> initially brought before Samuel?

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1 Samuel 16:11 (KJV)
And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said,
There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.
And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him:
for we will not sit down till he come hither.

25. ***Do you think*** David "*looked the part of a king*"?

Yes or **No**

1 Samuel 16:12 (KJV)
And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy,
and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.
And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

26. In the Old Testament, "**oil**" is often a symbol of _____.

1 Samuel 16:13 (KJV)
Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.
So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.



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