

Making King Saul Part 2of2

The King and the People Series

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What We Will Learn

- Three-step process for making a king
- The call (or anointing)
 - God selects Saul to be king
 - Anointing not revealed to the people
- The election
 - The people choose Saul
 - Proclaim him king
- The inauguration (or installation)
- 1 Samuel 9 & 10

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What We Will Learn Election and Inauguration

- Saul introduced among team of prophets
- Wins Mizpah election-by-lot
- Some liked him but some did not
- Saul shows himself king
 - Organized Israel to rescue city of Jabesh
- Saul inaugurated (installed) king
- 1 Samuel 10:9–27 and 1 Samuel 11

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Saul Introduced to the People

- Prophesied among a team of prophets
- People recognized something special about him through the event
- 1 Samuel 10:10–12

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

10 When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying.

11 When all those who had formerly known him saw him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

12 A man who lived there answered, "And who is their father?" So it became a saying: "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

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Saul Wins Mizpah Election

- Israel assembled at Mizpah
- Chose tribe of Benjamin by lot
- Chose Matri's clan by lot from Benjamin
- Chose Saul by lot from Matri's clan
- Proclaimed Saul winner
- 1 Samuel 10:17–24

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

17 Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the Lord at Mizpah

18 and said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.'

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

19 But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, 'No, appoint a king over us.' So now present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and clans."

20 When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

21 Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri's clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found.

22 So they inquired further of the Lord, "Has the man come here yet?" And the Lord said, "Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies."

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

23 They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others.

24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people."

Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

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Some Liked Saul—Others Didn't

- Saul won the election
- Some people liked him and followed him
- Some people despised him
- 1 Samuel 10:25–27

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

25 Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He wrote them down on a scroll and deposited it before the Lord. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

26 Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched.

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

27 But some scoundrels said, "How can this fellow save us?" They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

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Saul Shows Himself King

- Ammonites sieged City of Jabesh Gilead
- Saul mobilized Israel
- Organized the army
- Defeated the Ammonites
- 1 Samuel 11:1–3, 6-8, and 11

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

1 Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, "Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you."

2 But Nahash the Ammonite replied, "I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel."

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you."

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger.

7 He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out together as one.

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

8 When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and those of Judah thirty thousand.

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

11 The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

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King for All

- Saul led Israel to victory over Ammonites
- Rescued Jabesh Gilead
- His supporters wanted to punish those that opposed his election
- Saul declared for peace
- Sought unity of all Israel under him as king
- 1 Samuel 11:12–13

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

12 The people then said to Samuel, “Who was it that asked, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Turn these men over to us so that we may put them to death.”

13 But Saul said, “No one will be put to death today, for this day the Lord has rescued Israel.”

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The Inauguration

- Israel assembled at Gilgal
- Worshiped God
- Celebrated to install Saul
- King of Israel
- 1 Samuel 11:14–15

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1 Samuel 11 (NIV)

14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.”

15 So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

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What We Learned

- Bible provides detailed account of how Saul was made king of Israel
- Illustrates God influences choice of ruler
- God calls a person to be ruler
- King, queen, president, prime minister, governor, mayor, or other similar positions
- People elect the person that God selected
- All people confirm the chosen ruler
- Looking ahead ...

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Looking Ahead ...

- Suppose the people's choice does not align with God's choice?
- Suppose a person by-passes a part or all of the process to claim rulership?

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