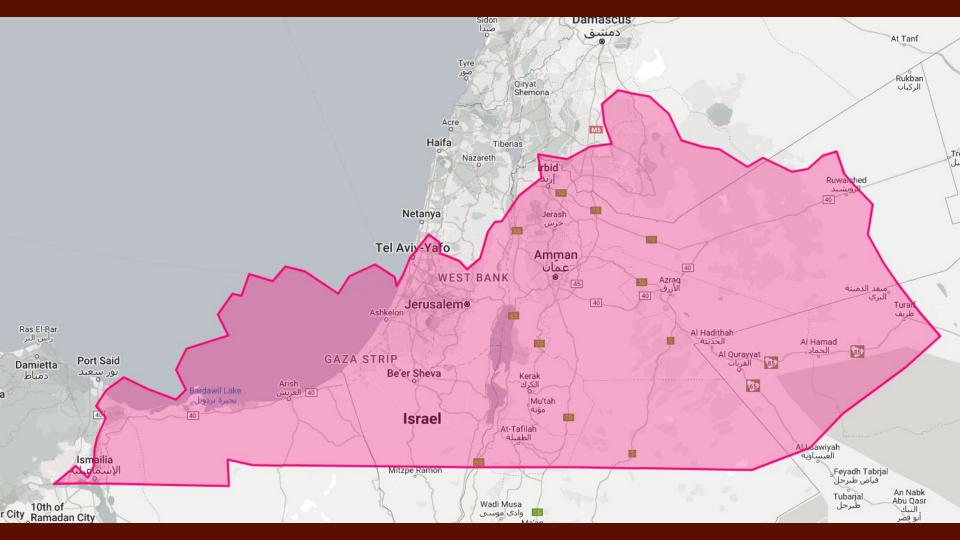
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Saul's Origin, Transition to Monarchy 1 Samuel 9-11





Chapter 9

Looking for some donkeys

Description of Saul

- Valiant, mighty man
 - Wealth & influence
- "Not a more handsome man in all Israel."
- "His shoulders up he was taller than any of the people"

Why the physical descriptions?

Is this foreshadowing?

Spoiler: they find no donkeys.

More Ch 9

The search continues...

Land of Zuph Vs. 5

• Zophni Chr 6:26

Saul's Servant: "there is a man of god here!"

"What will we take the man?..." Foreshadowing?

God speaks to Samuel

Then Samuel meets Saul Vs 15-25

Vs. 15

"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him as ruler over My people Israel; and he will save My people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have considered My people, because their outcry has come to Me."

A few questions...

Why does God have Samuel anoint Saul?

Why is this private?

What does this show about the way God picks and delivers leaders?



Chapter 10

Saul among the prophets

Saul is chosen publicly



Samuel Anoints Saul

Vs 1-8

"Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on Saul's head, kissed him, and said, "Has the Lord not anointed you as ruler over His inheritance?"

10:9 "Then it happened, when he turned his back to leave Samuel, that God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day."

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Saul meets the prophets

Vs 10-13

Who are these people?

Connection to Samuel?

Why are people surprised Saul is associated with them?

Saul Publicly Chosen

Vs 17-27

"and he said to the sons of Israel, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your catastrophes and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but put a king over us!' Now then, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your groups of thousands."

Vs 27

27 But certain worthless men said, "How can this one deliver us?" And they despised him and did not bring him any gifts. But he kept silent.

Chapter II

Saul defeats the Ammonites



Why the right eye?

Nahash the Ammonite

Vs 1-4

Eye gouging galore!

History of Jabesh Gilead

Why is the king working in a field?

Why does Saul rush to their rescue?

Saul Gathers the People

Rescue of the City

Vs 5-11

Future of Jabesh Gilead

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12 Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death." 13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the Lord has accomplished deliverance in Israel."

