

ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF KING SAUL

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1 Samuel 8:4-5

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together
and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him,
“Behold, you are old
and your sons do not walk in your ways.
Now appoint for us a king
to judge us like all the nations.”

1 Samuel 9:2

“And he had a son whose name was Saul,
a handsome young man.

There was not a man among the people of Israel
more handsome than he.

From his shoulders upward he was taller
than any of the people.”

1 Samuel 16:6-7

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought,
“Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.”

But the LORD said to Samuel,
“Do not look on his appearance
or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him.

For the LORD sees not as man sees:
man looks on the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks on the heart.”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

And Samuel said,

“Though you are little in your own eyes,
are you not the head of the tribes of Israel?

The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

And the LORD sent you on a mission and said,

‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites,
and fight against them until they are consumed.’

Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD?

Why did you pounce on the spoil
and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

And Saul said to Samuel,

“I have obeyed the voice of the LORD.

I have gone on the mission
on which the LORD sent me.

I have brought Agag the king of Amalek,
and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.
But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen,
the best of the things devoted to destruction,
to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

And Samuel said,

“Has the LORD as great delight
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has also rejected you from being king.”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

Saul said to Samuel,

“I have sinned, for I have transgressed
the commandment of the LORD and your words,
because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

“Now therefore, please pardon my sin
and return with me
that I may worship the LORD.”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

And Samuel said to Saul,

“I will not return with you.

For you have rejected the word of the LORD,
and the LORD has rejected you
from being king over Israel.”

1 Samuel 15:17-28

As Samuel turned to go away,
Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore.

And Samuel said to him,
“The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel
from you this day and has given it
to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”

1 Samuel 28:1a, 3-4

In those days the Philistines gathered
their forces for war, to fight against Israel...
Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned
for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city.

And Saul had put the mediums
and the necromancers out of the land.

The Philistines assembled and came
and encamped at Shunem.
And Saul gathered all Israel,
and they encamped at Gilboa.

Leviticus 20:6-7

If a person turns to mediums and wizards,
whoring after them,
I will set my face against that person
and will cut him off from among his people.

Leviticus 20:27

A man or a woman who is a medium or a wizard
shall surely be put to death.
They shall be stoned with stones;
their blood shall be upon them.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a wizard or a necromancer, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD.

And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.

1 Samuel 28:5-6

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines,
he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

And when Saul inquired of the LORD,
the LORD did not answer him,
either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.

1 Samuel 28:7

Then Saul said to his servants,
“Seek out for me a woman who is a medium,
that I may go to her and inquire of her.”

And his servants said to him,
“Behold, there is a medium at En-dor.”

1 Samuel 28:8

So Saul disguised himself
and put on other garments
and went, he and two men with him.

And they came to the woman by night.

And he said,
“Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me
whomever I shall name to you.”

1 Samuel 28:9-10

The woman said to him,
“Surely you know what Saul has done,
how he has cut off the mediums
and the necromancers from the land.
Why then are you laying a trap for my life
to bring about my death?”

But Saul swore to her by the LORD,
“As the LORD lives, no punishment
shall come upon you for this thing.”

1 Samuel 28:11

Then the woman said,
“Whom shall I bring up for you?”

He said,
“Bring up Samuel for me.”

1 Samuel 28:12-13

When the woman saw Samuel,
she cried out with a loud voice.

And the woman said to Saul,
“Why have you deceived me?
You are Saul.”

The king said to her, “Do not be afraid.
What do you see?”

And the woman said to Saul,
“I see a god coming up out of the earth.”

1 Samuel 28:14

He said to her,
“What is his appearance?”

And she said,
“An old man is coming up,
and he is wrapped in a robe.”

And Saul knew that it was Samuel,
and he bowed with his face to the ground
and paid homage.

1 Samuel 28:15

Then Samuel said to Saul,
“Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?”

Saul answered,
“I am in great distress,
for the Philistines are warring against me,
and God has turned away from me
and answers me no more,
either by prophets or by dreams.
Therefore I have summoned you
to tell me what I shall do.”

1 Samuel 28:16-18

And Samuel said,

“Why then do you ask me, since the LORD
has turned from you and become your enemy?
The LORD has done to you as he spoke by me,
for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand
and given it to your neighbor, David.

“Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD
and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek,
therefore the LORD has done this thing to you
this day.”

1 Samuel 28:19

“Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you
into the hand of the Philistines,
and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me.
The LORD will give the army of Israel also
into the hand of the Philistines.”

1 Samuel 28:20-21

Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground,
filled with fear because of the words of Samuel.

And there was no strength in him,
for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.

And the woman came to Saul,
and when she saw that he was terrified,
she said to him,

“Behold, your servant has obeyed you.

I have taken my life in my hand
and have listened to what you have said to me.”

1 Samuel 28:22-23

“Now therefore, you also obey your servant.

Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat,
that you may have strength when you go on your way.”

He refused and said, “I will not eat.”

But his servants, together with the woman,
urged him, and he listened to their words.

So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed.

1 Samuel 28:24-25

Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house,
and she quickly killed it, and she took flour
and kneaded it and baked unleavened bread of it,
and she put it before Saul and his servants,
and they ate.

Then they rose and went away that night.