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Saul chosen as the first king of Israel. 1 Samuel 9-10

- Saul 9:1-2
 - From a wealthy family of the tribe of Benjamin
 - Tall and handsome

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- God used the occasion of the lost donkeys of Kish, the father of Saul, to reveal Saul to Samuel as the one to anoint as king. 9:3-27
 - Failing to find the donkeys, Saul's servant pointed out that there was a "man of God" in the nearby city and suggested they consult with him about the lost livestock. 9:3-10
 - They encountered a group of women going out to draw water and were informed that the "seer" (prophet) was indeed in the city and was to lead the people in a sacrifice with the resulting meal. 9:11-13

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 - Sacrifices were made at the "high places" before the Temple was built. After this, sacrifices at high places were condemned. 9:14
 - God had revealed to Samuel the day before that he would meet the man the next day that he was to anoint as the leader of Israel. 9:15-16
 - When Samuel saw Saul God revealed that Saul was the one of whom He has spoken. 9:17

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 - Samuel identified himself as the seer for whom they were looking and told him the donkeys had been found. He further addressed Saul as the one "for whom is all that is desirable in Israel". 9:18-20
 - This evoked a somewhat exaggerated response of humility by Saul in light of the description of his family in verse 1. True, Benjamin would have been the least of the tribes since they were almost wiped out as recorded in Judges 20-21. 9:21

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - Samuel took several steps to prepare Saul for the anointing as king. 9:22-27
 - He seated Saul and his servants in the highest place of honor at the meal. 9:22
 - He gave Saul a special portion of the food that had been set aside and indicated it has been especially set aside for him at this moment. 9:23-24
 - Provided lodging for Saul. 9:25-26
 - Sent the servant on ahead so Samuel could anoint Saul. 9:27

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - The anointing 10:1
 - Poured oil over Saul's head
 - Announced God's choice of Saul to lead His people
 - Gave the charge to reign over the people and save them from their enemies

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - Gave confirming signs 10:1-13
 - He will meet two men who tell him where to find the donkeys and relate his fathers concern over his prolonged return. 10:2
 - He will meet three men carrying three goats, three loaves and a skin of wine. One of these will give him two loaves of bread which he is to accept. 10:3-4

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - Gave confirming signs 10:1-13
 - Saul will meet a group of prophets and the Spirit of God will rush upon Saul and he would prophesy with them. The description of the Spirit of God rushing upon a person is used in reference to Samson, Saul, and David. (Judges 14:6; 19; 15:14; 1 Samuel 10:6, 10, 11:6; 16:13.) 10:5-7; 9-13
 - Saul then is to go to Gilgal and wait seven days for Samuel's arrival. 10:8

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - God gave him another heart. v9
 - You will prophesy and be turned into another man.
 - Prophesying is usually used in the sense of giving a message from God. Sometimes, such as here, it indicates spontaneous verbal expression of praise to God. (See 1 Chronicles 25:1-3)

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - Confirming signs to the Israelites that God had chosen Saul as king. 10:11-12; 17-24
 - People who witnessed Saul prophesying 10:11-12
 - The public choice by lot at Mizpah 10:17-24

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- The Anointing of Saul as king 9:22-10:16
 - Saul's hesitancy to accept God's choice of him as king 10:14-24
 - Saul's omission of anything concerning the anointing at the inquiry of his uncle as to his interaction with Samuel. 10:14-16
 - Saul hiding among the baggage at Mizpah. 10:22-23

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 - The guidance for Samuel's writing of the rights and duties of the kingship would have come from the direction given in Deuteronomy 17:14-20. 10:25
 - A marked difference immediately begins as Israel now has a standing army as the "men of valor" follow Saul back to his home in Gibeah. 10:26
 - There was some open opposition to Saul as king. 10:26
