

Saul is Selected 1 Samuel 9-12

There was great celebration at coronation
The people worship God in it

I. Qualifications of Saul – 9:1-14

1. Came from a strong family – 9:1
From the tribe of Benjamin, son of Kish
2. Physically attractive & well respected – 2
Outstanding young man, above his peers
3. Faithful in service to his father - 3-5
Spent days searching for his father's donkeys
4. Open to suggestion of his servant - 6-14
Would seek help of the prophet (Samuel)
Continued until they found him - 14

II. Saul is Anointed – 9:15-10:13

1. God identifies Saul for Samuel – 15-17
2. Samuel invites Saul to dinner – 18-19
3. Samuel hints about greater things – 20-21
Saul humbly declines such thoughts – 21
4. Saul stayed with Samuel – 22-26
5. Samuel anoints Saul as king 9:27-10:1
6. Samuel told him what's ahead – 10:2-13
The donkeys have been found – 2
You will meet prophets who will prophesy – 3-5
God's Spirit will come on you (bring change) 6-13

III. Saul Selected by Lot – 10:17-27

1. Samuel gathers Israel together – 17-19
Reminds them of their choice
2. Tribes & families selected by lot – 20
Benjamin and Saul were chosen
3. Saul modestly hid himself - 21-23
4. Saul is announced by Samuel – 24-25
He also tells them how kingdom would function
5. Saul went home to wait coronation – 26-27
No reaction to those opposed to him

IV. Saul, Israel's Champion -10:26-11:15

1. Israel is divided over Saul – 10:26-27
Some refuse to accept choice by lot
But Saul held his peace
2. God unites Israel under Saul – 11:1-15
Ammonites attack Jabesh-gilead – 1-2
Men of Jabesh are ready to surrender
But the terms for peace are too high
Men of Jabesh cry out to Saul – 3-4
Ask for help against Ammonites
Saul rallies the troops from Israel – 5-7
Saul is led by God's Spirit
Israel responds to the challenge
Saul promises help to men of Jabesh 8-10
Saul leads Israel to a great victory - 11
The Ammonites are defeated in battle
Cry for vengeance on those against Saul – 12
Saul refuses & glorifies God in victory – 13
Samuel gathers Israel to crown Saul – 14-15

V. God is Still The Sovereign – 12:1-25

1. Samuel faithfully served Israel – 12:1-5
He has given them the king they desired - 1-2
He lays his record before them – 3
They have no charges against him – 4-5
2. Reminds them of God's faithfulness - 6-12
Led them out of Egypt under Moses – 6-8
When they sinned God still delivered – 9-11
Remember recent victory under Saul - 12
3. Success only if King obeys God - 13-15
This must be a Theocratic monarchy
4. Proof that God is still sovereign - 16-18
Awesome storm to prove He is in control
5. Israel made aware of responsibility - 19-21
6. God will not forsake them even now - 22
7. Samuel will continue as spiritual leader - 23
8. God is still king & He must be obeyed - 24
9. He will Judge if you turn away - 25