



## Introduction

*Events following the request from the elders of Israel that they wanted a king.*



## Questions

1. What did Saul's servant want to ask the man of God?
2. Why did the LORD tell Samuel to anoint Saul as prince over Israel?
3. What did Samuel say had happened to the donkeys?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** Saul the son of Kish (see theme) is described as an impressive young man
- **v 3 to 14** Saul is sent by his father to find some lost donkeys. After a fruitless search, Saul's servant suggests asking the local man of God
- **v 15 to 21** God had told Samuel that he would send the future ruler to see him. Samuel then invites Saul to eat with him
- **v 22 to 27** Samuel invites Saul to be guest of honour at a meal. The next morning as they are about to leave the city, Samuel tells Saul he has a message from God for him

**Timeline** 1050 BC (see below)



## Theme

### Bible characters - Saul

*A selection of verses telling us about king Saul - Israel's first king.*

Saul the son of a Benjamite, Kish, was selected by God to be the first king of Israel:

*1 Samuel 9 verses 15 and 16*

He was a tall and impressive man, although initially reluctant to accept his new role:

*1 Samuel 10 verses 23 and 24*

After his rescue of the city of Jabesh Gilead, the people established his position as king:

*1 Samuel 11 verses 14 and 15*

Sadly Saul's commitment to serving God wavered on a number of occasions. In a crisis of

confidence, when Samuel was late in coming, Saul wrongly offered a burnt offering to God:

*1 Samuel 13 verses 13 and 14*

In a later incident Saul, swayed by the people and covetousness, failed to carry out God's instructions fully regarding the destruction of the Amalekites. Samuel confirmed that Saul would be replaced as king:

*1 Samuel 15 verses 26 and 28*



David was chosen to succeed Saul. Saul wrongly saw David as a threat and relentlessly attempted to kill him as detailed in 1 Samuel chapters 18 to 26. For example:

*1 Samuel 23 verse 14*

Saul was successful in limiting the domination of the Philistines during his reign. However he finally died in a battle fighting against them. Before this final conflict, he consulted a medium of which God disapproved:

*1 Chronicles 10 verses 13 and 14*



## **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 6, Q 2: v 16, Q 3: v 20



# Bible timeline

