



## Introduction

*Saul becomes king.*



## Questions

1. What was the significance of Samuel anointing Saul?
2. What did Samuel tell the people at Mizpah about why God was displeased with their request?
3. Why, physically speaking, was Saul the obvious choice for a king?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** Samuel anoints (see theme) Saul to be king of Israel. Samuel gives Saul three signs to convince him that God has chosen him
- **v 9 to 16** The predictions all prove to be accurate. Saul changes and those who know him are amazed when he prophesies
- **v 17 to 27** Samuel gathers Israel to Mizpah (see map), where he reminds them that they have rejected God. He then draws lots to select their king and Saul the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin is chosen to be king. However he is not universally accepted

**Timeline** 1050 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### Anointing

Several Bible verses tell us that special people such as kings and priests were anointed as a sign of their appointment:

*Leviticus 8 verse 30*

*1 Samuel 15 verse 1*

*2 Samuel 12 verse 7*

*1 Kings 1 verse 34*

Jesus told his disciples that they would be given help in their teaching and remembering what Jesus had said:

*John 14 verse 26*

The apostle John tells believers in the first century that their anointing has enabled them to know what is true teaching:

*1 John 2 verse 20 and 27*



### Israel in the time of the kings

Map showing some places mentioned in the time of the kings of Israel including Mizpah. A question mark after a place name indicates that the exact location is not certain



### ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 18 and 19, Q 3: v 23



# Bible timeline

