

1st Samuel Chapter 9 – Saul Chosen to be a King

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Introduction

I thought this was worthy of a deep dive. It's interesting in that it's the next chapter after Israel foolishly said that they want a king of the nations.

1Sa 9:1-27 ^A

Saul despairing to find his father's donkeys

¹ Now there was a man of Benjamin מִבֶּן־יִמִּין ^[mib-bin-] יִמִּין ^{(mib-bin-ya-Min}, ^B whose name was Kish קִישׁ ^{kish}, ^C the son of Abiel אֲבִי־אֵל ^{'a-vi-'El}, the son of Zeror זְרוֹר ^{tze-Ror}, the son of Bechorath בְּכוֹרֶת ^{be-cho-Rat}, the son of Aphiah אֲפִיחַ ^{'a-Fi-ach}, a Benjamite בֶּן־בְּנֵי־מִנְיָהוּבִים, a mighty man יָמִינִי אִישׁ בָּרִךְ, a mighty man גִּבּוֹר ^{gib-Bor} of power. ^D

וַיְהִי־אִישׁ מִבֶּן־יִמִּין וְשֵׁמוֹ קִישׁ בֶּן־אֲבִי־אֵל בֶּן־זְרוֹר בֶּן־בְּכוֹרֶת בֶּן־אֲפִיחַ בֶּן־בְּנֵי־מִנְיָהוּבִים יָמִינִי גִבּוֹר חָלִיל ^{1Sa 9:1 WLC}

² And he had a son, whose name was Saul שָׁאוּל ^{sha-'Ul}, a choice young man, and a goodly: and *there was not* among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people. ³ And the asses הָאֲתָנוֹת ^{ha-'a-to-Not} ^E of Kish Saul's father were lost וַתֵּאבְדֶנָּה ^{vat-to-Vad-nah} ^F. And

^A 1Sa 9; We get the government we deserve. Although this is not what YHVH wanted, he still intervened in picking Shaul as a king like the nations. YHVH was not going to allow Yisrael to slip into anarchy.

^B Is YHVH restoring the beaten down tribe of Benyamin?

^C **H7027**. From H6983; a bow. **ToDo**: compare with Word-Study-H7198-qeshet-bow, article #419.

^D *son of the right hand + bent + My Father El + bagged + First Born + I will make to breath + son of the right hand a might power² desired + prime young man*

^E H860 אֲתָנוֹן Probably from the same as H386 (in the sense of patience); a female ass (from its docility): - (she) ass. **H386** אֲתָנָה From an unused root (meaning to continue); permanence; hence (concretely) permanent; specifically a **chieftain**: - hard, mighty, rough, strength, strong.

Yeshua rode into the Jerusalem on a donkey with a mission to seek "**but for the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel**". There is a lot of symbolism going on here. Question what is the difference, symbolically speaking, between a donkey and a horse? King David, the conquering King, rides on a horse, The one riding the donkey is a symbol that YHVH is making an offer to go to preach, The one riding the horse is a symbol that YHVH is declaring war, and the offer of Peace has passed. **ToDo**: need verses associating King David and horses.

Camps of the Horses and Donkeys. Which camp are we in i.e. is it mutually exclusive...I think it is. By being in the "donkey camp" you are saying you're a sovereign to this world and ruled over by King YHVH. If you're not in that camp, then by default you necessarily fall into the "horse camp" and you are ruled by a sovereign be it Esau or David.

Kish said to Saul his son, Take now **נָא** ^{na} **אֶתְךָ** ^{'it-te-Cha} thee, and arise, go seek **בַּקֵּשׁ** ^{bak-Kesh} **אֶת** the asses **הַאֲתָנֹת** ^{ha-'a-to-Not}. ⁴ And he passed through mount Ephraim **אֶפְרַיִם** ^{'ef-Ra-yim}, ^G and passed through the land of Shalisha **שְׁלִישָׁה** ^{sha-Li-shah}, ^H but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim **שְׁעָלִים** ^{sha-'a-Lim}, ^I and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found *them* not. ^J ⁵ And when they were come to the land of Zuph **צוּף** ^{Tzuf}, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return **וְנָשׁוּבָה** ^{ve-na-Shu-vah}; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought **וְדַאג** ^{ve-Da-'ag} ^K for us.

by the counsel of his servant

⁶ And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city **הַזֹּאת** ^{haz-Zot} a man of God **אִישׁ** ^{'ish-} **אֱלֹהִים** ^{E-lo-Him}, and *he is* an honourable **נִכְבָּד** ^{nich-Bad} man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us **וַיִּגִּיד** ^{yag-Gid} **אֶת** our way **וְדָרְכֵנוּ** ^{dar-Ke-nu} that we should go. ⁷ Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread **הַלֶּחֶם** ^{hal-Le-chem} is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present **וְתִשׁוּרָה** ^{u-te-shu-Rah} ^L to bring to the man of God: what have we? ⁸ And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth ^{1/4th} part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us **וְהִגִּיד** ^{ve-hig-Gid} **אֶת** our way. ⁹ (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire **לְדַרוֹשׁ** ^{lid-Roosh} ^M of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer **הַרְאֵה** ^{ha-ro-'Eh}: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet **לְנָבִיא** ^{lan-na-Vi} was beforetime called a Seer.) ¹⁰ Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

and direction of young maidens

¹¹ And as they went up the hill to the city, ^N they found young maidens **נְעָרוֹת** ^{ne-'a-Rot} going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? ¹² And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a sacrifice **זֶבַח** ^{Ze-vach} of the people to day in the

^F See Word-Study-H6-**abad**-perish-destroy-**lost**-G3077-lupe, article #833. The Aleph and Tav are backward i.e. Tav and Aleph. Maybe a stretch, but what if this symbolizes that you got your contract “back asswards” because Israel fired YHVH as their King.

^G I can’t remember, does Ephraim have anything to do with the Lost Sheep?

^H H8031, BDB says it means 3rd. From H8027, KJC:1 i.e. only here. See 2Ki 4:42. Baalshalisha: 1Sa 9:4, 1Sa 9:7

^I H8171 means foxes; plural of H7776, KJC:1 see Gen 33:18; Joh 3:23. H7776 KJC: foxes Jdg 15:4, Psa 63:10, Son 2:15 (2), Lam 5:18, Eze 13:4 Neh 4:3.

^J What deep midrash meaning can I derive from this? Something to do with the story of Joseph me thinks.

^K **H1672**. See Word-Study-H1711-**dagah**-grow-H1709-**dag**-fish-G2486-**ichthus**-fish, article #643. Where’s my *dawgon* son gone to?

^L H8670 KJC:1 **תִּשׁוּרָה** teshûrâh From H7788 in the sense of arrival; a gift: - present. KJC:2 sing Eze 27:25 wentest, Isa 57:9

^M See Word-Study-H1875-darash-**seek**-and-require, article #421.

^N A City on the hill

high place **בְּבֵמָה** *bab-ba-Mah*.^O **13** As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden **הַקְרָאִים** *hak-ke-ru-'Im*. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. **14** And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel **שָׁמוּאֵל** *she-mu-'El* came out against them **לְקַרְאֵתָם**, for to go up to the high place **בְּבֵמָה** *hab-ba-Mah*.

according to God's revelation

15 Now YHVH had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

“**16** To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain **לְנָגִיד** *le-na-Gid*^P over my people Israel, that he may save **וְהוֹשִׁיעַ** *ve-ho-Shi-a'* אֶת־ my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon **רָאִיתִי** *ra-'Ti* אֶת־ my people, because their cry **צַעֲקוֹתָם** *tza-'a-ka-To* is come unto me.”

17 And when Samuel saw **רָאָה** *ra-'Ah* אֶת־ Saul, YHVH said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign **וַיַּעֲזֵר** *ya-'Tzor*^Q over my people.^R **18** Then Saul drew near to **וַיִּגַּשׁ** *vai-yig-Gash* אֶת־ Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*.

Samuel entertains Saul at the feast

19 And Samuel answered **וַיַּעַן** *vai-Ya-'an* אֶת־ Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up **עֲלֵה** *'a-Leh* before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day,^S and to morrow I will let thee go **וְשִׁלַּחְתִּיךָ** *ve-shil-lach-Ti-cha*, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart **בְּלִבְבְּךָ** *bil-va-ve-Cha*.²⁰ And as for thine asses **וְלֵאֲתָנוֹת** *ve-la-'a-to-Not* that were lost **הָאֲבֹדוֹת** *ha-'oe-Dot* three³ days^T ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found **נִמְצְאוּ** *nim-Tza-'u*.^U And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel?^V *Is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house?²¹ And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?^W wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuel took **וַיִּקַּח** *vai-yik-Kach* אֶת־ Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour **לְשֻׁכַּתָּהּ** *lish-Ka-tah*, and made them sit **וַיִּתֵּן** *vai-yit-Ten* in the chiefest **בְּרֹאשׁ** *be-Rosh* place among them that were

^O the high place. In Num 21:19 = Bamoth-Baal. Shiloh was now forsaken. No "place" within the meaning of Deut 12. Compare 1Sa 7:10, 1Sa 7:17. Source CB Notes

^P See Word-Study-H5057-*nagad*-ruler-prince-captain-chief-governor-leader, article #835.

^Q **H6113** Out of the 45 times this word is found in the OT, **only once** is it translated as **reign**. See Word-Study-H6113-atsar, article #???

^R Come on buddy, where just out looking for some asses!

^S We will break bread together.

^T How does this not remind one of Yeshua. He was "lost" in the grave three days and three nights

^U What good news, Halleluiah to those that were lost but now are found! H4672 **מִצָּא** *matsa* KJC:458. Close to *matstsa* ^{H4682} **מִצָּה**

^V All to be found, and then united together. Oh how wonderful and good it is for brethren to live together in unity! Psa 133:1.

^W There has got to be a good midrash here. Even with the least of the least, even YHVH can raise him up.

bidden **הַקְרוּאִים** *hak-ke-ru-'Im*, which *were* about thirty³⁰ persons. ²³ And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring **תְּנָה** *te-Nah* **אֶת־** the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. ²⁴ And the cook **לָטַבַח** *lat-tab-Bach* took up **וַיִּרֶם** *vai-Ya-rem* **אֶת־** the shoulder **הַשּׁוֹק** *hash-Shok*, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set it before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is left! **הַנִּשְׁאָר** *han-nish-'Ar* set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept **שְׂמֹר־** *sha-mur-* for thee since I said, I have invited **קָרָאתִי** *ka-Ra-ti*; the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

Samuel, after secret communication, brings Saul on his way

²⁵ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed **וַיְדַבֵּר** *vay-dab-Ber* with Saul upon the top of the house. ²⁶ And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away **וַיְדַבֵּר** *vay-dab-Ber*. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad **הַחוּצָה** *ha-Chu-tzah*.

1Sa 9:26 WLC
וַיִּשְׁכְּמוּ וַיְהִי כַּעֲלוֹת הַשַּׁחַר וַיִּקְרָא שְׂמוֹאֵל אֶל־שְׂאוּל הַנָּגִי הַגִּיָּה לְאֹמֶר קוֹמָה וְאַשְׁלַחְךָ וַיִּקָּם שְׂאוּל וַיִּצְאֵן שְׂנֵיהֶם
הוּא וְשְׂמוֹאֵל הַחוּצָה :

²⁷ And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still **עֲמַד** *'a-Mod* **וְאַתָּה** *ve-'at-Tah* a while, that I may shew thee **וְאַשְׁמִיעֶךָ** *ve-'ash-mi-'a-Cha* **אֶת־** the word **דְּבַר** *de-Var* of God **אֱלֹהִים** *E-lo-Him*. X

1Sa 9:1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, **H1144** whose name *was* *bent* Kish, **H7027** the son of *El is my Father* Abiel, **H22** the son of *bundle, parcel, bag* Zeror, **H6872** the son of *first born* Bechorath, **H1064** the son of *I will make to breath* Aphiah, **H647** *son of the right hand* Benjamite, **H1145** *gibbor* a mighty man **H1368** of *chayil* power. **H2428**

1Sa 9:2

desired was Saul, **H7586**

bachur [*prime young man*] a choice young man, **H970**

*son of the right hand + bent + My Father El bagged + First Born + I will make to breath+ son of the right hand a might power*² *desired + prime young man*

^X See “Plan A” page 5 of 1st-Samuel-Chapter-8-the-Origin-of-the-Devine-Right-of-King-(Plan-B), article #431, where I speak of Deu 17:14-17 and Deu 17:18-19.

