

1 Samuel 9.1-10.9 scenes

- 9.1-3:** Saul is introduced, and sent, with a “boy”, to search for his father’s lost donkeys.
- 9.4-10:** Not finding the donkeys, Saul and the boy consider what to do. Saul follows the advice of the boy to find the “man of God” (aka “the seer”) in “this town.”
- 9.11-13:** Saul and the boy meet some girls going to draw water outside town and the girls tell them that the seer has just come to town and they will find him “as soon as you enter the town.”
- 9.14-21:** Saul meets the “seer” in the city gate, who is, of course, Samuel. In a flashback, we are told that the previous day, YHWH revealed to Samuel that “a man from the land of Benjamin” will be sent to him and Samuel is to “anoint him to be ruler (Heb, *nagid*) over my people Israel.” YHWH identifies Saul to Samuel as the man. Samuel invites Saul to dine with him at the “high place” and informs him that “the donkeys you lost...have been found” and that “all Israel’s desire” is on Saul’s “father’s house”
- 9.22-24:** Samuel invites Saul and the boy into the dining hall (of the “high place”?) and gives Saul a place “at the head of those who had been invited,” about thirty people, and gives him a special portion of food.
- 9.25-10.9:** After providing Saul a place to sleep for the night, Samuel calls Saul at dawn to send him on his way. As they approach the edge of town, Samuel tells Saul to send the boy ahead, so that Samuel “may make known to you the word of God.” Then Samuel anoints Saul’s head with oil and proclaims that “YHWH has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. Samuel then puts on a tour de force of prophetic brilliance, telling Saul what will happen to him on the day’s journey. He tells Saul to go to Gilgal where Samuel will meet him after seven days. At that moment, “God gave [Saul] another heart and all these signs were fulfilled that day.