

Key words in 1 Samuel 9.1-10.16

qr', "to call" or "to come toward": 9.9, 13, 14, 22, 24, 26; 10.10 (7/51x in 1 Samuel)

bamah, "a high place" or "shrine": 9.19, 25; 10.5, 13 (only places in 1 Samuel)

mts', "to find": 9.4, 8, 11, 13, 20; 10.2, 3, 7, 16 (9/39x in 1 Samuel)

`ir, "town" or "city": 9.6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 25, 27; 10.5 (9/38x in 1 Samuel)

Wordplays in 1 Samuel 9.1-10.16

nagid, "prince/ruler" and, as verb, "to tell": 9.6, 8, 16, 18, 19; 10.1, 15, 16 (2x) (7/56 in 1 Sam)

shaul, the man, "Saul," and "to ask": as "Saul," 26x; 10.4 as "ask"
(more wordplay at 12.13, 17, 19)

shemu'el, the man, "Samuel," 22x; and *shema`*, "to hear," 9.27
(more wordplay at 12.14-15)