

Saul and Samuel: a struggle over power, authority and YHWH's endorsement

9.14-21	Samuel reveals himself to Saul as "the seer" and tells him that the donkeys have been found and invites Saul to sit at the table head for a banquet at the high place near the unnamed city
9.26-10.9	Samuel anoints Saul as "ruler" (<i>nagid</i>) of YHWH's people, Israel, and sends Saul off with the prophetic revelation of three events on the journey home which will serve as a "sign" in confirmation.
13.10-15	After Saul sees the people "slipping away" from him after Samuel is delayed in meeting him at Gilgal, he offers sacrifices. But Samuel condemns Saul's action as a violation of YHWH's command and will cost Saul the kingship.
15.1-3	Samuel reminds Saul that YHWH sent him to anoint Saul as "king" (<i>melek</i>) over YHWH's people, Israel, then commands him to attack Amalek "and utterly destroy all that they have, do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."
15.13-35	Samuel meets Saul at Gilgal after Saul has taken the Amalek king captive and spared some of the sheep and cattle. Samuel condemns Saul for disobeying YHWH's command and engaging in "rebellion" by "rejecting the word of YHWH." Saul begs forgiveness but Samuel refuses.
28.15-20	Saul employs a woman medium in Endor to call up Samuel from death. Samuel again condemns Saul for making YHWH his "enemy" and confirms that the kingship has been given by YHWH to David because of Saul's disobedience with Amalek.