

King Saul - 1 Samuel 9-31 and [Acts](#) 13:21.

Saul looked like royalty: tall, handsome, noble. He became king when he was 30 years old and reigned over Israel for 42 years. King Saul was courageous in battle. He was a generous king. Early in his reign he was admired and respected by the people.

Instead of building up Israel, King Saul wasted most of his time chasing David through the hills. David, however, respected God's anointed king and despite several opportunities, refused to harm Saul.

Finally, the Philistines gathered for a huge battle against the Israelites. By that time Samuel had died. King Saul was desperate, so he consulted a medium and told her to [raise Samuel's spirit](#) from the dead. This kind of [occult activity](#) angered God because it relied on [satanic forces](#) instead of him. Whatever appeared, whether a demon disguised as Samuel or Samuel's true spirit sent by God, it predicted disaster for Saul.

In the battle, King Saul and the army of Israel were overrun. [Saul committed suicide](#). His sons were killed by the enemy. Ironically, David, who had been hounded by Saul for years, sincerely mourned the king's death.

1. destroyed by jealousy
 2. he did not trust God
 3. he sinned and did not repent
 4. he was more concerned about his own fame and position than he was for the nation of Israel or God.
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1 Sam 8:7 -And the Lord said unto Samuel, "Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

1 Samuel 9:2

2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

1 Samuel 13:13-14

Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, for now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

1 Samuel 15:22-23

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." (NIV)

1 Sam 18:5 Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well. **6** When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. **7** As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." **8** Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens

of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?"

1 Samuel 19

1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David **2** and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. **3** I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out." **4** Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. **5** He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?" **6** Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death." Vs 9

But an evil spirit from the LORD came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, **10** Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape. **11** Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed."

1 Samuel 31:4

Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me." But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. (NIV)