

CORONATION OF THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

Samuel was called by God to establish two new offices in the priest-nation of Israel. He will establish the office of a prophet to the king, nation, and people. He will also establish the office of king of a monarchy theocracy.

These two new offices will be important to messianic history associated with the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam.7:11-16).

In this lesson, Samuel will appoint Saul as the first king of the new monarchy theocracy. The first prophet to the first king will perform the coronation of the first king of the first priest-nation.

We will study four aspects of the Coronation of the First King of Israel by Samuel.

1. We will examine our lesson text by five homiletic points of Coronation of the First King of Israel.

(1 Sam.10:17-19) Review of 12 tribes military marching order (Num2).

¹⁷ Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the LORD at Mizpah ¹⁸ and said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’ ¹⁹ But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, ‘No, appoint a king over us.’ So now present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and clans.”

(1 Sam.10:20-21) Review of tribe of Benjamin by clan, family, and individual selected to be king.

²⁰ When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. ²¹ Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri’s clan was taken. Finally, Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found.

(1 Sam.10:22-24) Reluctance of Saul to be king (1 Sam.9:21).

²² So they inquired further of the LORD, “Has the man come here yet?” And the LORD said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.”²³ They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. ²⁴ Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people. “Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!”

(1 Sam.10:25) Regulation of king restated (1 Sam.8:10-22).

²⁵ Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He wrote them down on a scroll and deposited it before the LORD. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

(1 Sam.10:26-27) Response politically divided – “Long live the king!” (1 King 3:14).

²⁶ Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. ²⁷ But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

2. Samuel opened the Coronation service with a brief history of the sovereignty of God over Israel.

- God brought you out of Egypt (1 Sam.10:18a)
- God delivered you from oppression of the King of Egypt (1 Sam.10:18b)
- God delivered you from oppression of other nations during the period of Judges (1 Sam.10:18:c)

- God delivered you from all natural calamities and distresses of life (1 Sam.10:19a)

(1 Sam.10:19b) “Yet you have said, ‘No, but set a king over us!’ Now therefore, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans.”

3. The coronation ceremony began with a spectacular parade of the military order of the 12 tribes by their clans and families (1 Sam.10:17-27).

	JUDAH (2 tribes) [lion] 1 st on East side 186,400	
DAN (2 tribes) [flying eagle] 4 th on north side 157,600	Levites Ark of Covenant Num.2:33 (no numbers)	REUBEN (2 tribes) [man] 2 nd on south side 151,450
	EPHRAIM (2 tribes) [ox] 3 rd on west side 108,100 Manasseh Benjamin – Matrite Clan – Kish Family – Saul, the King	

Each lead tribe had a standard flag with a prophetic picture on it (Ezek.1:10; Rev.4:5-11).

(Rev.4:7) “The first creature was a lion, and the second creature was like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.”

The color of the 12 tribe’s flags were the colors by the order of the four rows of three on the breastplate of the high priest (Ex.28:15-21).

4. When you personalize the coronation of King Saul, you see the awesome work of the Sovereignty of God involving His Directive Will.

- Out of all the nations,
 - Sovereignty picked Israel to be the priest-nation (603,500).
- Out of priest-nation
 - Sovereignty picked the Tribe of Ephraim (108,100).
- Out of the Tribe of Ephraim
 - Sovereignty picked Tribe of Benjamin (35,400).
- Out of the Tribe of Benjamin
 - Sovereignty picked Clan of Matrite (1 Sam.10:21).
- Out of the Clan of Matrite
 - Sovereignty picked Family of Kish (1 Sam.9:21).
- Out of Family f Kish
 - Sovereignty picked Saul to be First king (1 Sam.10:21b)

Kish was the sixth generation from Benjamin (1 Sam.9:1-2; 15:16-19, 26-28). Despite all this work of Sovereignty, Saul is evading the Will of God (1 Sam.10:1, 16, 21-24).

- Did you notice who found Saul? (1 Sam.10:22)

As the last act of coronation, Samuel chronicled the event in the King’s Book to be placed with the Ark of the Covenant along with Book of Deuteronomy (1 Sam.10:25) [King’s Book] (Deut.31:24-26; 17) [Book of Deuteronomy]; (Deut.17:14-20) [Moses] Read (Deut.17:14) (Moses).