

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

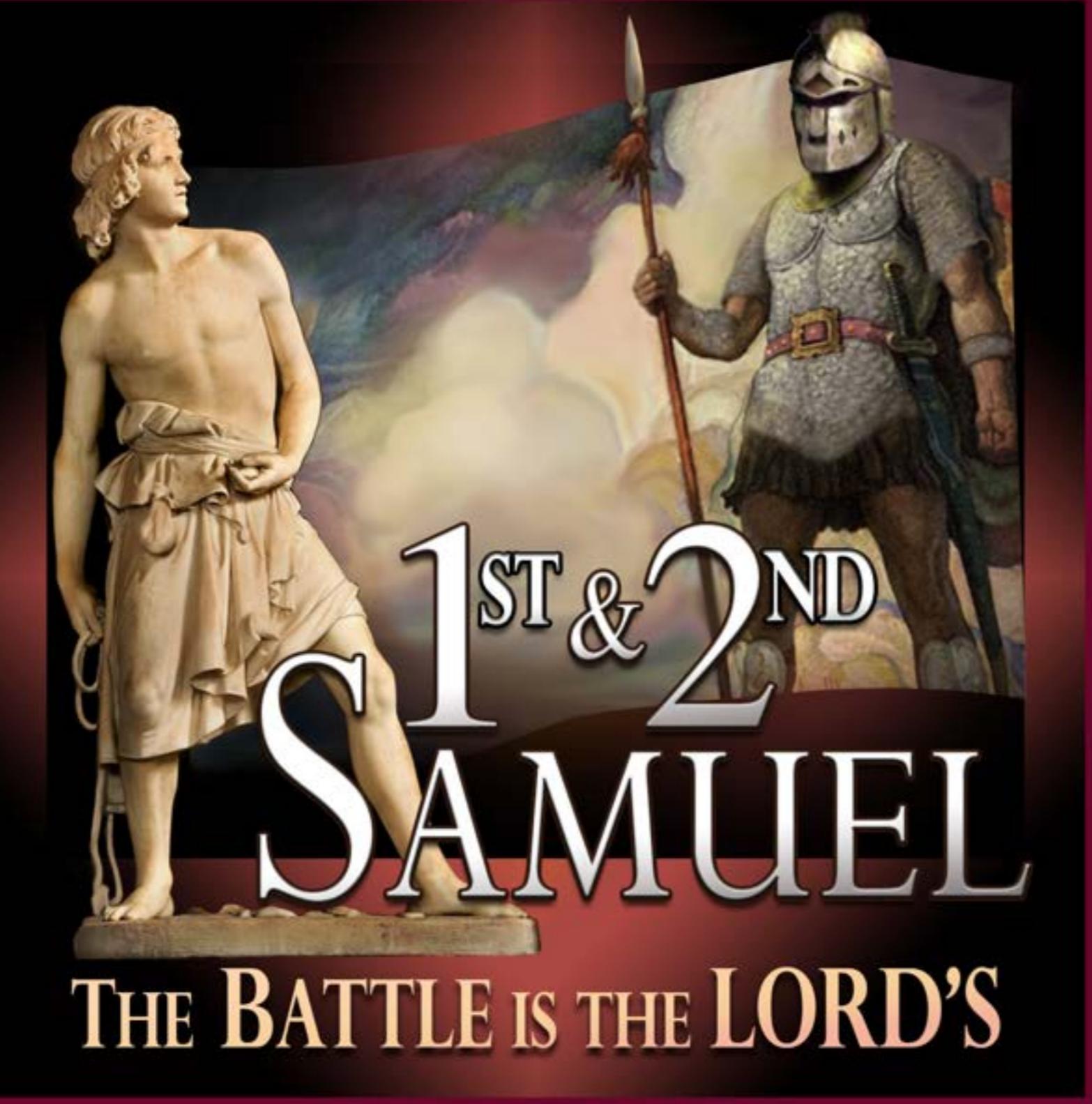
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# 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**SAUL AMONG THE PROPHETS**  
**1 SAMUEL 10:1-16**

# 1 Samuel

**Samuel**  
Prophet,  
Priest,  
Judge

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**Saul**

Rise

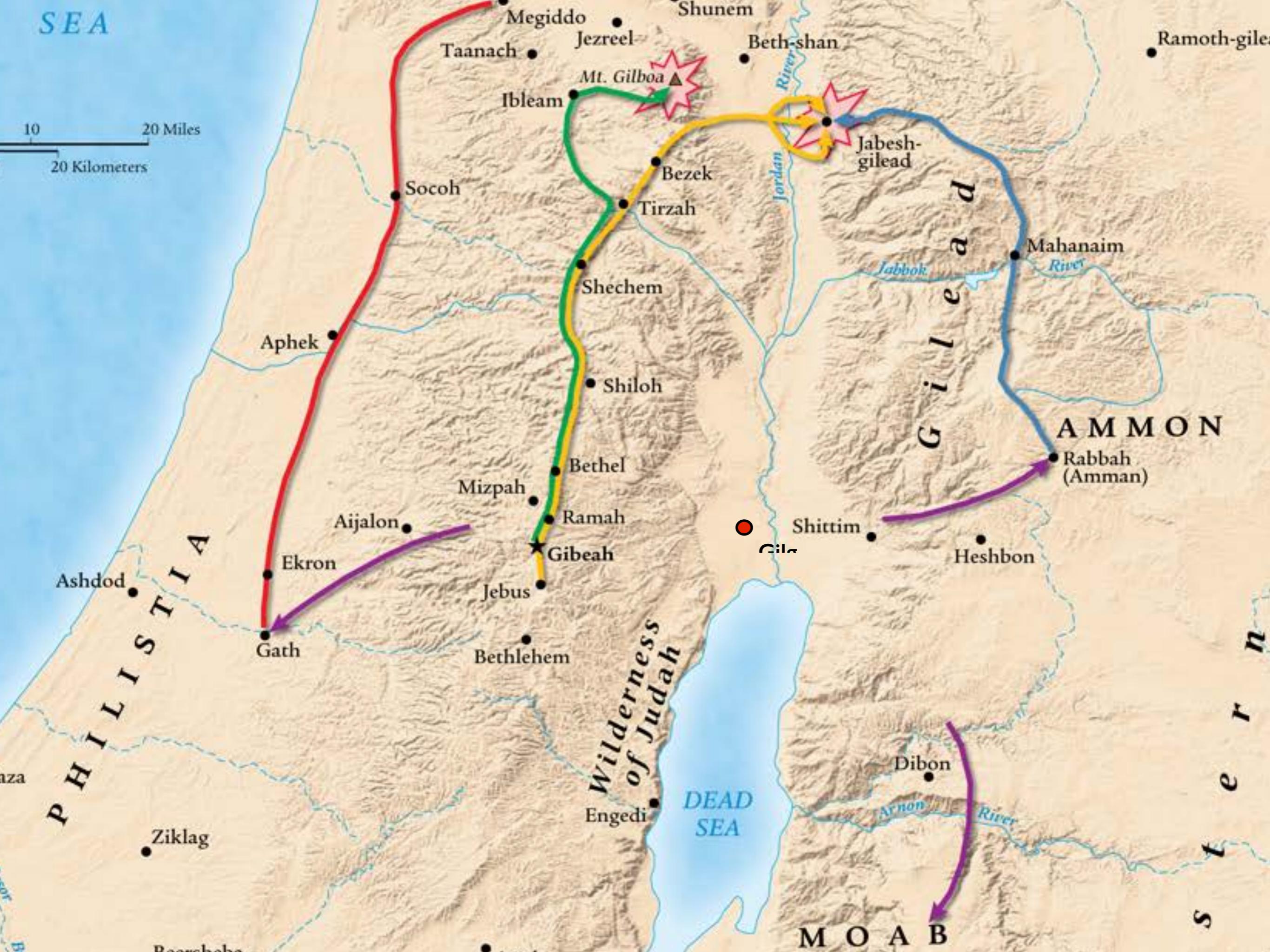
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*Decline*

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David's  
Rise

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**I. The Lord selects and anoints Saul to be King over Israel. 1 Samuel 9:1–10:16**

- 1B The Lord directs Samuel to select Saul to be King over Israel. 9:1–27**
- 2B The Lord directs Samuel to anoint Saul and confirms the appointment through the changes to Saul and his praise with the prophets.**

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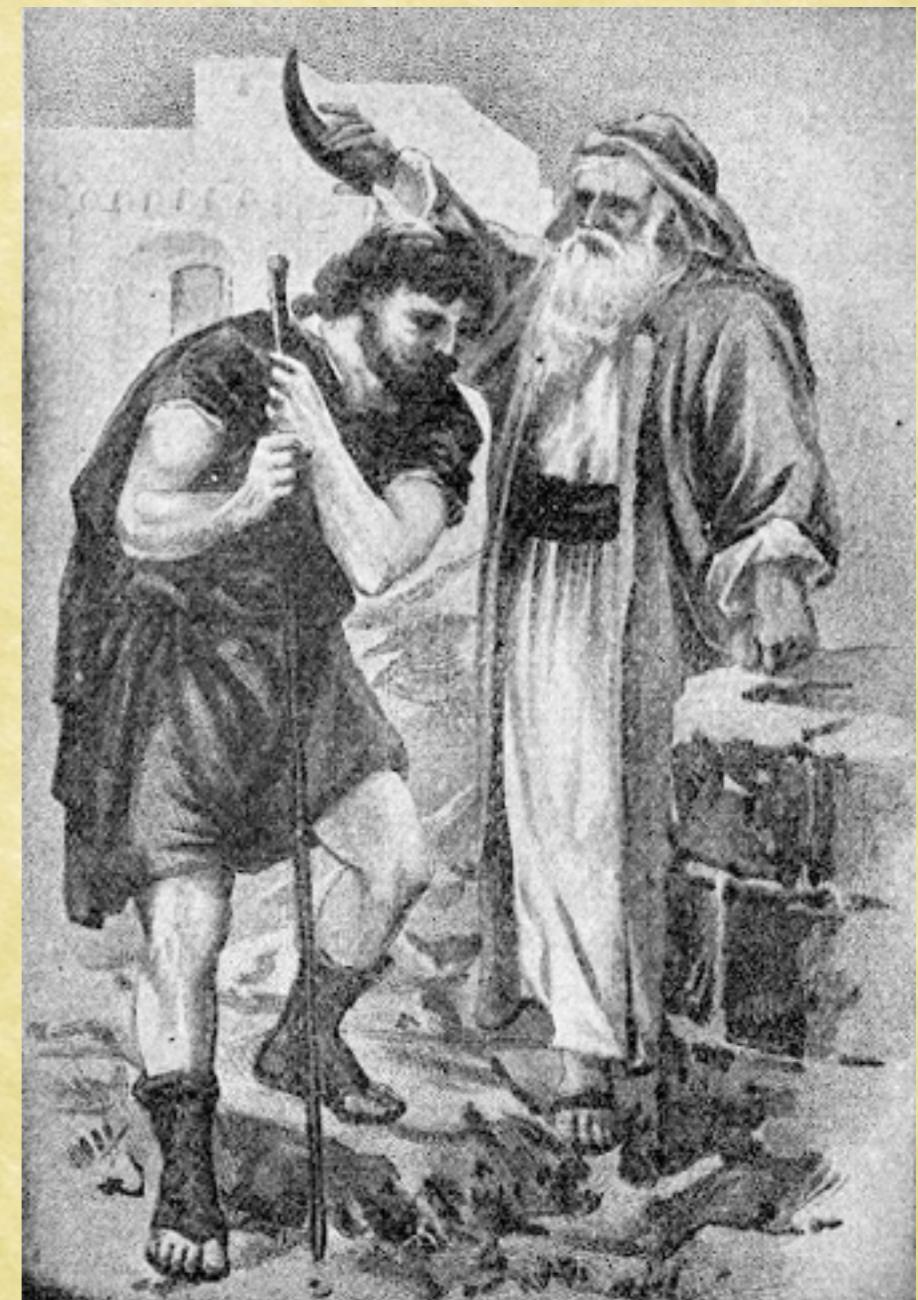
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שָׁמַע *shama'*

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cohortative  
to hear, in the hiphel,  
“to cause to hear.”

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מִשְׁחָה *mashach* qal perf 3  
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to anoint



**1 Sam. 2:10, “Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; And He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed.”**

**1 Sam. 2:35, “But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always.”**

**Isa. 45:1, “Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue nations before him and to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:”**

**1 Sam. 10:2**, “When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, ‘The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, “What shall I do about my son?” ’

**1 Sam. 10:3**, “Then you shall go on forward from there and come to the terebinth tree of Tabor. There three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine.”

**1 Sam. 10:4**, “And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall receive from their hands.

**1 Sam. 10:5**, “After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying.”

**Wood:**

**“One is by ecstatic frenzy. In ecstatic frenzy the subject seeks to withdraw his mind from conscious participation in the world so that it may be open to the reception of the divine word. To achieve this ecstatic state, poisonous gas may be employed, a rhythmic dance, or even narcotics. The desire is to lose all rational contact with the world and so make possible a rapport with the spirit realm.”**

## *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible*

***“The ecstatic prophet achieves a trance-like state by self-induced means. The most common devices used to achieve a state of ecstasy were musical instruments, such as the harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre (1 Sam. 10:5). Among the prophets of Baal, self-flagellation was another means of inducing ecstasy (1 Kings 18:28, 29).”***

“These persons are pictured as moving through the land in rather wild bands, chanting in loud voices, and making ecstatic inquiry for people upon request. The people are thought to have accepted them as holy because they did conduct themselves in this manner, considering their ability to achieve the ecstatic state a badge of their authority.”

citing N. W. Porteous, “Prophecy,” *Record and Revelation*, ed. H. Wheeler Robinson (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1938).

**2 Sam. 6:14, “Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.”**

**2 Sam. 6:16, “Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.”**

**Gen. 20:7, “Now therefore, restore the man’s wife; for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”**

**Ex. 7:1, “So the LORD said to Moses: ‘See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.**

**Ex. 7:2, “ ‘You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.’ ”**

**Ex. 15:20**, “Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

**Ex. 15:21**, “And Miriam answered them: ‘Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!’ ”

**Num. 11:25, “Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.**

**Num. 11:26, “But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.”**

**Num. 11:27**, “And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’”

**Num. 11:28**, “So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, ‘Moses my lord, forbid them!’”

**Num. 11:29**, “Then Moses said to him, ‘Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD’S people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them! ’ ”

**Judg. 4:4, “Now Deborah, a prophetess,  
the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at  
that time.”**

**Judg. 5:1, “Then Deborah and Barak the  
son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:”**

**“Samuel is repeatedly portrayed, and never shows ecstatic traits. Indeed, scholars who hold to the ecstatic idea for other prophets, readily assert that Samuel was of another type, the ‘seer’ (ro’eh). Seers, in contrast to prophets, are said to have been quiet persons, waiting for inquirers to come to them. But moving through history further, we find the same, non-ecstatic manner of prophecy with Nathan (II Sam. 7:2; 12:25), Gad (II Sam. 24:11), Ahijah (I Kgs. 11:29; 14:2–18), and others. Though not much is stated regarding any one of them, never are they depicted in a way to suggest any kind of irrational, ecstatic behavior to their prophetic activities.”**

**~Leon Wood, “Ecstasy and Israel’s Early Prophets”  
JETS 9:3; 1966, 126.**

**1 Chron. 25:1, “Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:**

**1 Chron. 25:2, “Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king.**

**1 Chron. 25:3, “Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD.”**