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1 Samuel 8:3-5 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. (4) Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, (5) And said unto him, Behold, thou art **old**, and thy **sons** walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us **like** all the nations.
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1 Sa 9:1-2 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of **power**. (2) And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a **choice** young man, and a **goodly**: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his **shoulders** and upward he was higher than any of the people.
 - c. He was chosen by God and anointed by Samuel

1 Sa 9:15-17 Now the LORD had **told** Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, (16) To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt **anoint** him to be captain over my people Israel, that he **may save** my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. (17) And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.
2. Saul begins as a humble and reluctant ruler (Samuel 9:21; 10:22, 27; 11:12-15)
3. Saul quickly becomes a disobedient king and falls often throughout his 40 year reign
 - a. In the second year of his reign he attempts to fulfill the office of a priest (1 Samuel 13:9-14)
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 - e. He attempts to kill David multiple times (1Sa 19:1, 9-15)
 - i. 1Sa 18:9-11 And Saul **eyed** David from that day and forward. (10) And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. (11) And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will **smite** David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.
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