

“I AM THE SEER”

Saul the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, was wandering through the fields of Ephraim looking for his father’s lost donkeys. He went through Shalisha and did not find them. He went through Shaalim but they were not there. He went back to the territory of Benjamin but no success. Finally when he arrived at the town of Zuph his father’s servant suggested “**Look, in this town there is a man of God...perhaps he will tell us what way to take.**” (1 Sam. 9:6).

Saul approached Samuel in the gateway to the town and asked “**Would you please tell us where the Seer’s house is?**” “**I am the Seer**” Samuel replied. “**As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found.**” (1 Sam. 9:18-20) **Saul could recognize a donkey, but he could not recognize God’s prophet.** Before he asked, the Seer demonstrated he knew why Saul was there and he also declared what became of the donkeys.



Saul and Samuel sat down and ate a meal. The next morning Samuel told Saul to tarry with him a while so that he could give him “**a message from God**” (1 Samuel 9:27). Samuel poured oil on Saul’s head and anointed Saul as King of Israel.



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THE GIFT OF FOREKNOWLEDGE

Samuel told Saul that day he would meet two men near Rachel's tomb who would say 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found'. Then at the great tree of Tabor he would meet three men going up to Bethel who would greet him and offer him two loaves of bread. After that he would go to Gibeah and as he approached the town a procession of prophets coming down from the high place would be playing musical instruments while they were prophesying. **All these signs came true** (1 Sam 10:9).

Seven days later Samuel assembled all Israel and announced they would chose a King from among the people by drawing lots: **"Present yourselves before the LORD by tribes and clans."** (1 Sam. 10:19) The tribe of Benjamin was chosen. Then Matri's clan was chosen. After passing through the fathers and sons, Kish was chosen. Finally of the sons of Kish: Saul was chosen. Samuel demonstrated unflinching faith that the word God spoke to him seven days before would be vindicated when the lots were drawn. **All twelve tribes witnessed this amazing miracle of God's foreknowledge.** If there were a million men in Israel, then there was only a one in a million chance this could have occurred by an accident. Yet, with God there are no accidents – God knows the end from the beginning. Samuel, the Seer of God, as God enabled him, knew the future as well.

THE UNBELIEF OF THE JEWS

Saul was looking for his father's donkeys. Today Israel is back in the Holy Land. What are they looking for? They are looking to establish a homeland for the Jewish people. In their dreams they see a future when Israel is firmly established, the Temple is rebuilt, the Jewish religion flourishes, and the Jewish nation prospers. They foresee a time when nations around the world come to Jerusalem to worship the God of the Jews. More than that, they look to the day when Jerusalem is "chief among the mountains". They foresee a time when world nations submit to a Jew ruling with absolute authority and power from Jerusalem.

Who is the father of Saul? Is it not the father of all the Israelites? Is it not Jacob? Jacob made a prophecy concerning two donkeys:

"The scepter will not depart from Judah nor the ruler's staff from between his feet until he comes to whom it belongs [the Messiah] and the obedience of the nations is his. He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes." (Genesis 49:11)

Note carefully that **there are two donkeys**: a jenny and a colt. Who do the donkeys belong to? They belong to the Messiah. This is the first nuance that the Jewish people misunderstand. The donkeys do not belong to Jacob or Israel and they do not belong to Judah, **the donkeys belong to the Messiah.** Why would the Jewish people look for donkeys that do not belong to them? Why do

they not rather look for the Messiah to whom the donkeys belong? Yet, here we see the picture of Saul looking everywhere in the Promised Land for donkeys that do not belong to him.

Who are the two donkeys? In the sign of Cancer there are two livestock enclosures: a large one and a small one. The livestock enclosures are a symbol of ownership and protection. Supporting the sign of Cancer in the heavens is the decan sign of Ursa Major, which is a picture of a **Big Donkey**, and the decan sign of Ursa Minor, which is a picture of a **Colt of the Donkey**. The Big Donkey, which takes up a huge space in the sky, is **a symbol of the Gentile nations who will come to God in the last days**. The Colt of the Donkey, which sits at the very top of the heavens, is **a symbol of righteous Jews reigning with Christ in Jerusalem**. For an extensive examination of the meaning of the star names and signs in the Cancer constellation, please see our document "Cancer – End Times Harvest" on the website www.biblenumbersforlife.com under the section 7.0 STARS.

THE JEWS AT THE TIME OF JESUS

We see the very same picture when Jesus walked in the Holy Land. The chief desire of the Jewish people was to come out from under the authority of Rome. They wanted to be a sovereign nation again and re-establish the glory days of the first Israelites who occupied the Promised Land. They wanted all nations in the world to recognize the Jewish religion, to come to Jerusalem to honor their God, to worship him in their Temple, and to submit to the laws of Moses.

This was not what God wished for the Jews. **God wanted the Jews to know him and to love him**. The Jews did not love God, they loved their religion, they loved their laws, and they loved their nation. In actual fact, **in the same way Saul did not recognize Samuel, the Jews were strangers and foreigners to God**. They did not know him, and when they did meet him they despised him.

GIFT OF FOREKNOWLEDGE DEMONSTRATED BY JESUS

Much as Samuel attempted to get Saul's attention by providing him with a powerful demonstration of the ministry of the gift of foreknowledge, Jesus also used this gift to move the attention of the Jews off the "donkeys" and onto the Owner of the donkeys.

God demonstrated that Jesus was the Seer:

- Jesus predicted his resurrection: **"Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days"** (John 2:19)
- Jesus predicted his betrayal: **"I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me"** (John 13:21)
- Jesus predicted the apostle Peter would deny him: **"I tell you the truth', Jesus answered, 'this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times'"** (Matt. 26:34)

- Jesus predicted his death on a cross: “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up” (John 3:14)
- Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem: “The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the day of God’s coming to you.” (Matt. 19:43)
- Jesus predicted the gospel of faith in Jesus Christ would be preached in the whole world before the great tribulation of the end of time occurs: “And this gospel will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14)
- Jesus predicted the Jewish nation would not see him again until he returns with great power: “In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Matt. 26:64)

Not only did Jesus manifest the divine gift of foreknowledge in the presence of the Jews, but he also accomplished miracles in their sight which ought to have shocked them into belief:

- Healing of lepers
- Healing of man born blind
- Healing of man with a withered arm
- Casting a demon out of a deaf mute
- Commanding the sea and the waves to be still
- Raising Lazarus from the dead
- Turning water into wine
- Multiplication of the loaves and fishes

Yet, **in spite of all these signs the great majority of the Jews did not believe in Jesus. Why?**

Because: he was not what they were looking for. They were looking for donkeys not the Owner of the donkeys. They were looking for a king, not the King of Kings. They were looking for a world ruler, not the Son of Man. They were looking for glory for their religion, not the God whom they served in temple rituals. They rejected God, and so God rejected them. The same way Saul was later rejected by the LORD as king of Israel after it was proven he would not obey him.