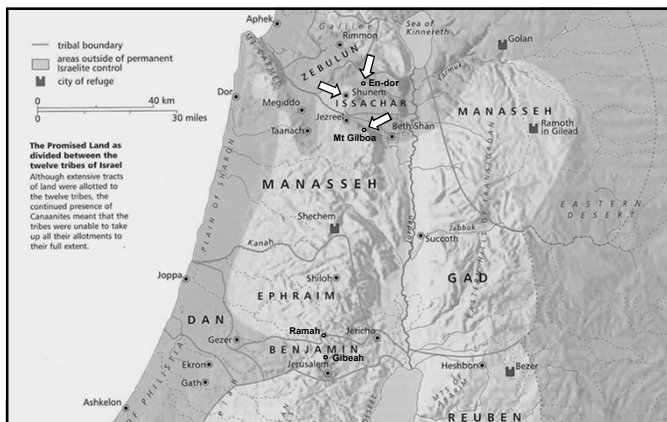


## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 28:3-25

## Rejected & Desperate



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Q: What is the point of this episode?

- *To confirm the Lord's rejection of Saul in fulfillment of His word, and show Saul's hopeless condition as one rejected*

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### 1. A Desperate Condition

- Saul sought, not the Lord, but the Lord's guidance/favor for his own ends
- Saul used what he knew was forbidden by the Lord as a means of hearing from the Lord!

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### ➤ *Divination Prohibited*

- act of rebellion – seeking guidance apart from the true God
- plays into the hands of the demonic

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### 2. An Unusual Means

- the Lord allowed Samuel, though dead, to deliver a final word of judgment to Saul
- the only instance in the Bible of contacting the dead results in a word of judgment from God's prophet

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### 3. A Hopeless Despair

- though very afraid, Saul found no place for repentance
- a meal was his only source of comfort before final disaster

