

The Kings of Israel



CHAPTER 18 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 18**.

The last and greatest judge was the prophet Samuel.

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Samuel's mother, Hannah, took him to the Temple at Shiloh and gave him to a priest named Eli. One night when Samuel was a boy, Eli recognized that God was talking to Samuel. He told Samuel to respond to God's call by saying, "Here I am, Lord."

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Samuel's first task from God was to tell his mentor, Eli, that God was displeased with him because Eli did not raise his sons well.

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The first king that Samuel anointed was Saul. When Saul began to ignore the Lord's messages and was filled with an evil spirit, the Lord chose David, a shepherd from Bethlehem who liked to play the harp, to be the second king of Israel.

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To anoint is to pour or rub on oil when performing a ritual. People, places, and objects are anointed to show that they have been marked by God. Moses anointed Aaron when he consecrated him to God as a priest.

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You were anointed to share in Christ's ministry during the Sacrament of Baptism.

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When a person receives the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, he or she is given the grace to be healed spiritually and sometimes physically. We learn in the Letter of James about the mission to anoint and heal the sick in the early Church.

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Deacons, priests, and bishops are ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders to serve the Church by teaching, leading worship, and providing pastoral governance. This sacrament is conferred by a bishop.

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