

1 Samuel 19:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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When three sets of messengers failed, Saul went himself. His question at Sechu - 'Where are Samuel and David?' - linked the prophet and the fugitive as joint objects of his pursuit. The 'great well' (bor gadol) served as a landmark and gathering point where information could be obtained. Saul's personal intervention after three failed attempts shows both determination and desperation. He would soon discover that royal authority provided no immunity from the Spirit's power.

Historical Context

Wells served as community gathering points in ancient Near Eastern settlements. The specific mention of location suggests this was a well-known landmark. Saul's inquiry indicates he came without clear directions, relying on local information.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. When have you persisted in futile efforts despite clear signs of divine opposition?
2. What does Saul's decision to go personally reveal about his spiritual condition?

Interlinear Text

רָאשָׁה	אֲשֶׁר	בְּשָׁאָל	וַיֹּאמֶר	וְאִפְּה	שָׁמְוֹאָל
H834	that is in Sechu	and he asked	And one said	Where	are Samuel

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