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Saul (; Hebrew: ????????, Š????; Greek: ?????, Saoúl; transl. "asked/prayed for") was a monarch of ancient Israel and Judah and, according to the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament, the first king of the United Monarchy, a polity of uncertain historicity. His reign, traditionally placed in the late eleventh century BC, according to the Bible, marked the transition of the Israelites from a scattered tribal society ruled by various judges to organized statehood.

The historicity of Saul and the United Kingdom of Israel is not universally accepted, as what is known of both comes exclusively from the Hebrew Bible. According to the text, he was anointed as king of the Israelites by Samuel, and reigned from Gibeah. Saul is said to have committed suicide when he fell on his sword during a battle with the Philistines at Mount Gilboa, in which three of his sons were also killed. Saul's son Ish-bosheth succeeded him to the throne, reigning for only two years before being murdered by his own military leaders. Saul's son-in-law David then became king.

The biblical narrative of Saul's rise to kingship and his death contains several textual inconsistencies and plays on words that scholars have discussed. These issues include conflicting accounts of Saul's anointing and death, changes in the portrayal of Saul from positive to negative following David's introduction, and etymological discrepancies in the birth-narrative of Samuel, which some scholars believe originally described Saul's birth.

Better Call Saul

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Set primarily in the early to mid-2000s in Albuquerque, New Mexico, several years before the events of *Breaking Bad*, *Better Call Saul* examines the ethical decline of Jimmy McGill (Bob Odenkirk), an aspiring lawyer and former con artist who becomes the egocentric criminal-defense attorney Saul Goodman alongside his romantic interest and colleague Kim Wexler (Rhea Seehorn), while dealing with conflicts with his brother Chuck McGill (Michael McKean) and his law partner Howard Hamlin (Patrick Fabian). The show also follows Mike Ehrmantraut (Jonathan Banks), a former corrupt police officer who becomes a fixer and enforcer for drug traffickers, such as drug dealer Nacho Varga (Michael Mando), and drug lord Gus Fring (Giancarlo Esposito). The latter half of the show introduces cartel enforcer Lalo Salamanca (Tony Dalton), who becomes a major antagonist to both Jimmy and Mike. In addition to the primary storyline, *Better Call Saul* includes black-and-white flashforwards set in 2010, after the events of *Breaking Bad*, which explore the consequences of Saul's actions across both series. Odenkirk, Banks, and Esposito reprise their roles from *Breaking Bad*, as do many others in guest appearances.

Gilligan, who created and developed *Breaking Bad*, and Gould, who wrote the *Breaking Bad* episode "Better Call Saul", began considering a Saul Goodman spin-off in 2009. Because Saul's role in *Breaking Bad* had expanded beyond the writing staff's plans, Gilligan felt he could be explored further. He and Gould considered making a half-hour legal comedy featuring Saul and his various clients, but settled on an hour-long tragedy showing how he develops into the character seen in *Breaking Bad*. *Better Call Saul*'s development began during the production of *Breaking Bad*'s final season in 2013, with Gilligan and Gould serving as co-showrunners and numerous production staff returning. Gilligan left *Better Call Saul* early in the third season—making Gould the sole showrunner for the remainder of its run—though he returned to help write the final season.

Better Call Saul received critical acclaim, with praise for its acting, characters, writing, direction, and cinematography. Many reviewers have considered it a worthy successor to *Breaking Bad*—some deeming it superior to its predecessor—and one of the greatest television series of all time. It has garnered many accolades, including two Peabody Award nominations, 53 Primetime Emmy Award nominations (setting a record for the most-nominated show to never win an Emmy), 19 Writers Guild of America Award nominations, 20 Critics' Choice Television Award nominations, nine Screen Actors Guild Award nominations, and 6 Golden Globe Award nominations. At the time of its airing, the series premiere held the record for the highest-rated scripted series premiere in basic cable history.

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Saul is an unscrupulous Albuquerque-based lawyer and con artist who becomes involved in the city's criminal underworld. In *Breaking Bad*, he acts as the consigliere for the methamphetamine cooks Walter White and Jesse Pinkman and plays a crucial role in the development of their drug empire. *Better Call Saul*'s main storyline depicts Saul's origins as the aspiring lawyer Jimmy McGill and his moral deterioration in the six years before the events of *Breaking Bad*; it also features a post-*Breaking Bad* storyline, where Saul is living under the assumed name Gene Takovic, that explores the consequences of his actions in the franchise.

Saul first appeared in "Better Call Saul" (2009), the eighth episode of *Breaking Bad*'s second season. He was created to provide Walt and Jesse with a guide for their criminal activities and to replace Hank Schrader as *Breaking Bad*'s comic relief. His name, "Saul Goodman", is a play on the phrase "it's all good, man". Although Odenkirk was initially cast for only four episodes as a guest actor, he became integral to the *Breaking Bad* narrative after Gilligan and Gould were impressed by his performance; Odenkirk subsequently joined the main cast in the third season and remained through to the fifth and final season of the show. Following *Breaking Bad*'s conclusion, Gilligan and Gould began developing a Saul-focused spin-off depicting his origin story. The character also appeared in the animated short-form series *Slippin' Jimmy* (2022), a spin-off of *Better Call Saul* which follows his childhood misadventures.

Saul's characterization and Odenkirk's performance received critical acclaim. Odenkirk was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series six times for his performance in *Better Call Saul* tying the record for most nominations without a win in the category.

Canelo Álvarez

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Santos Saúl Álvarez Barragán (Latin American Spanish: [saˈʊl ˈaɫˈaβes]; born 18 July 1990), commonly known as Saúl “Canelo” Álvarez, is a Mexican professional boxer. He has held multiple world championships in four weight classes, from light middleweight to light heavyweight, including unified titles in three of those weight classes. In 2021, Álvarez became the first and only boxer in history to become the undisputed super middleweight champion, before becoming a two-time undisputed super middleweight champion in May 2025. He has also held the Ring magazine super middleweight title since 2020.

Álvarez began his professional boxing career at age 15 and, by 20, became the youngest boxer to claim the World Boxing Council (WBC) light middleweight title in 2011. In 2013, he beat Austin Trout to win the World Boxing Association (WBA) (Unified version) and Ring titles. In the same year, he lost his WBC and Ring light middleweight titles to Floyd Mayweather Jr. in his first professional defeat. He defeated Miguel Cotto to win the WBC and Ring middleweight titles in 2016. That same year he returned to light middleweight to beat Liam Smith to win the World Boxing Organization (WBO) title. In 2017, he fought unified middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin to a split draw. Their rematch in 2018 saw Álvarez beat Golovkin to become the WBA (Super version), WBC, and Ring middleweight champion. The following year, he beat Rocky Fielding for the WBA super middleweight title (Regular version) and won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title from Daniel Jacobs in 2019. Later that year, Álvarez made his light heavyweight debut, knocking out former unified champion Sergey Kovalev to claim the WBO title.

He went on to beat three unbeaten fighters (Callum Smith, Billy Joe Saunders, and Caleb Plant) to win all four titles at super middleweight, a feat he achieved inside 12 months. In May 2022, he returned to light heavyweight and challenged for the WBA (Super) light heavyweight title, but was defeated by Dmitry Bivol via unanimous decision. Known as an excellent counterpuncher, Álvarez is able to exploit openings in his opponents' guards while avoiding punches with head and body movement. He is also known as a formidable body puncher. The Ring ranked Álvarez as the world's best boxer, pound for pound, from November 7, 2019, to May 7, 2022. One of boxing's biggest ever pay-per-view stars, he is consistently one of the highest-paid athletes in the world, making Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes in 2019, 2022, and 2023. He was the top-earning boxer of 2023, earning a reported \$110 million.

Saul (disambiguation)

as Saúl Saúl Fernández (born 1985), Spanish footballer known as Saúl Saúl Ñíguez, Spanish footballer playing for Atlético Madrid, known as Saúl Saul (surname)

Saul, or Shaul, was the first king of the united Israel and Judah.

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"Saul Gone" is the series finale of the American legal crime drama television series Better Call Saul, which is a spin-off of Breaking Bad. The episode is the thirteenth episode of the sixth season and the series' 63rd episode overall. Written and directed by Peter Gould, who co-created the series with Vince Gilligan, the episode first aired on AMC and AMC+ on August 15, 2022, before debuting online in certain territories on Netflix the following day.

"Saul Gone" is primarily set in late 2010, with flashbacks set during Breaking Bad and Better Call Saul. It depicts Jimmy McGill (Bob Odenkirk) facing the consequences of the conflicts caused by his three identities: his actions throughout Better Call Saul under his birth name, the federal crimes he committed for Walter White (Bryan Cranston) throughout Breaking Bad as Saul Goodman, and the schemes he ran in Omaha,

Nebraska, as Gene Takavic. The episode also sees Jimmy and Kim Wexler (Rhea Seehorn) meeting for the first time in six years.

Gould and the *Better Call Saul* writing staff knew by the time the fifth-season finale aired in 2020 that the series would end with Jimmy going to prison for his actions in *Breaking Bad*. They sought to differentiate "Saul Gone" from *Breaking Bad*'s "Felina" (2013) and *El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie* (2019) with a slower pace and greater focus on dialogue. Several actors from *Better Call Saul* and *Breaking Bad* returned for guest appearances, including Cranston as Walt, Betsy Brandt as Marie Schrader, and Michael McKean as Chuck McGill.

An estimated 1.80 million household viewers watched this episode when it was first broadcast on AMC. "Saul Gone" received acclaim, with critics praising Jimmy's character development and his reconciliation with Kim. Many considered it a "masterful" conclusion to the series and one of the best series finales of all time. Gilligan has stated that "Saul Gone" is likely the last entry in the *Breaking Bad* franchise, as he and Gould have no plans for further works continuing it.

Saúl (footballer, born 1994)

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Saúl Níguez Esclapez (born 21 November 1994), often known simply as Saúl, is a Spanish professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for Campeonato Brasileiro Série A club Flamengo. A versatile player, he can also be deployed as a box-to-box midfielder or a left-back.

After coming through Atlético Madrid's youth academy, Saúl went on to appear in more than 300 competitive matches for the club. He also spent time on loan at fellow La Liga side Rayo Vallecano during the 2013–14 season and at Premier League club Chelsea in 2021–22.

Having represented Spain at various youth levels, Saúl helped the under-21 team finish second in the 2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, being top scorer in the process. He was selected by the senior team for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

List of characters in the *Breaking Bad* franchise

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and her widowed mother.

The series was officially greenlit in September 2013. In an interview Gilligan confirmed that the series would have a lighter tone than *Breaking Bad*. Before the premiere of the first season, a second season was ordered. The series premiere aired on February 8, 2015, and the first season concluded on April 6. The second season aired from February 15, 2016, through April 18. In March 2016, the series was renewed for another season. The third season began on April 10, 2017, and ended on June 19. A week later the series was renewed for an additional season. In July 2018, the series was renewed for a fifth season. The fourth season began airing on August 6, 2018, and ended on October 8. In January 2020, the show was renewed for a sixth and final season. The fifth season ran from February 23, 2020, through April 20. The sixth season was split into two parts; the first part ran from April 18, 2022, through May 23. The second part began on July 11, 2022, and the series finale aired on August 15.

During the course of the series, 63 episodes of *Better Call Saul* aired over six seasons.

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