

We Want a King!

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1 Samuel 8:1-22

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Where the Storyteller has taken us:

- Childless Hannah sought God^{1Sam1:11}, God blessed her with Samuel
- Hannah prayed^{1Sam2:10} and gave Samuel back to God^{1Sam2:11}
- Story shifts to corruption^{2:12} > showed need for kingship in Israel
- Samuel was raised up to lead the people^{3:20} with God's Word
- Corrupt leaders didn't follow Word^{Chp4}
- Chps 5&6 showed us what happens when God's glory is ignored
- God can deliver His people without a king^{7:10}; God is all they need!
- Samuel was faithful in declaring God's Word^{7:15-17}

Samuel Appoints His Sons & People Ask for a King

- Samuel's sons didn't follow; they were corrupt^{Dt16:18-19}
- People ask for a king so they can be *like all the nations*^{8:5}
- Samuel takes offense^{8:6}; God says, 'go with what they say!'
- God says, '*they have rejected Me from being king over them*'^{8:7}
- Storyteller wants us to see: rejection of God to be like world

Note these Contrasts:

- Israel: God's chosen people^{Ex6:7} guided by Word > they want to do what the world does
- They were to be holy^{Lev11:45} > they want to be set apart
- Called to be a light^{Is42:6} > they want to be like the world
- Israel is rejecting their IDENTITY! What about us^{1Pet2:9-10}?
- Church today is called the '*Israel of God*'^{Gal6:16} ...
- We're to be Word guided people. Are we?
- We're to be set-apart, distinct and holy. Are we?
- We're to be light unto the nations? Are we?
- To often we're just like the Israelites of 1 Samuel 8

Samuel's Warning 10-18

- An earthly king won't GIVE you what you want...
- Samuel's sons TOOK bribes, a king will TAKE your sons¹¹; TAKE your daughters¹³; TAKE your best¹⁴; TAKE your servants; and TAKE in taxes¹⁷.
- The only time a king will GIVE is to his officers¹⁵, servants¹⁴, and to himself¹⁶.
- They will lose the dynamic relationship with God^{Ex2:23-25} as their covenant God¹⁸

The Lord Gives Them Over...

- God has rescued His people^{Ex19:4-6}, they rejected Him²⁰
- They wanted a king to fight²⁰; they had God^{Ex15:2-3}
- 3x Samuel told^{7,9,21} to give them what they want^{Rom1:24,26,28}

So What?

- Despite people's rejection, God continues to be their God
- God grants kingship - look at God's character^{Ex32:11-14}
- God is so merciful and gracious to us^{Ex34:6-7}
- We too have a desire for SELF-RULE...
- God sent Jesus in His great covenant love to be the King we need and to rescue us from our own tyranny of self-rule!
- Jesus TOOK our punishment and GAVE Himself for us^{Mk10:45}