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# **1 SAMUEL**

**(Heard by God)**

*A powerfully, true story with shadows & types  
of the coming Prophet, Priest, & King*



**Do You  
Recognize God,  
Alone, as King?**

# Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 8

2091 B.C. – 1399 B.C. – From Abraham's call to Israel's settlement

1100 B.C./ 1096 B.C. **1 Samuel 1** – Samuel is born/ He is given to Eli

1096 B.C. – 1090 B.C. **1 Samuel 2 & 3** – Prophecies of judgment are made against Eli's priestly family for grievous disobedience

1070 B.C. **1 Samuel 4-6** – Israel is defeated by the Philistines, the ark is captured, & the priests die. Dagon bows & breaks before Yahweh, & the Philistines suffer severe plagues. The Philistines send the ark back to Israel, & curious Israelites are struck down for peering into the ark.

1050 B.C. **1 Samuel 7** – The ark stays in Kiriath-jearim. Samuel instructs Israel to stop worshipping idols. As the people repented, the Philistines attacked, & God thundered against them.



**1 Samuel 8:1-6 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. <sup>2</sup> The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. <sup>4</sup> So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup> They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." <sup>6</sup> But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

*Whether children have Godly or wicked parents, they still must choose whom they will serve. With Samuel's sons being wicked, he was the last to lead during the period of judges.*

*The wickedness of Samuel's sons prompted the Israelites to pursue more wickedness by seeking a king before God deemed the time to be appropriate.*

**Can we be patient for God's timing in our lives?**

**1 Samuel 8:7-10 (LSB)** <sup>7</sup> Then Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. <sup>9</sup> So now, listen to their voice; however, you shall solemnly testify to them and tell them of the custom of the king who will reign over them." <sup>10</sup> So Samuel spoke all the words of Yahweh to the people who had asked of him a king.

*When they asked for a king before the time God appointed, they showed that they rejected God as their true king.*

*Having God as King is so much better than any earthly president, prime minister, or monarch.*

**Do our thoughts, words, and actions display that we are under the authority of our King?**

**1 Samuel 8:11-17 (ESV)** <sup>11</sup> He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

Who do we trust more, human leadership or God's leadership?

**1 Samuel 8:18-22 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup> And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day." <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." <sup>21</sup> And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD. <sup>22</sup> So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king." And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

*Israel was called to be holy (set apart) and they, sadly, desired to be like the rest of the nations*

*God was about to give them the type of king they were looking for, but if they'd only waited one more generation, they'd have received a king after God's own heart*

When the world looks at Christians, do they really see those who are being made holy (set apart), or do we look like the world?