

Israel Desires Change 1 Samuel 8-10

I. Asking for a King – 7:15-8:22

1. Theocracy is rule by God
God's laws given to Moses for Israel
Human leader was to execute law of God
2. Samuel is that leader for Israel – 7:15-17
He is the last of the Judges
He is also God's prophet
God speaks to and through Samuel
3. But Samuel is old – 8:1
Some kind of change is necessary
Samuel made his sons judges over Israel
4. But his sons did not follow him – 8:2-3
They served for personal gain (money)
Accepting bribes that perverted justice
5. Elders used this to request a king – 5-6
They want a king like all the other nations
Samuel was displeased & prayed to God
6. God gives direction to Samuel – 7-9
Listen and give them what they want - 7
It is not a rejection of you but of me (God)
Further indication of Israel's rebellion – 8
Forsaken God to serve other gods
Listen but protest and warn them – 9
Make them aware of the consequences
7. Samuel delivers God's message – 10-18
He numbers the consequences of their choice
He will take your sons to serve him – 11-12
In his court and in his army
He will take your daughters to serve him – 13
As cooks and bakers
He will take your lands – 14
He will give them to his servants
He will increase your taxes – 15-17
Your resources will be used by your king
You will cry to God but He will not hear you
8. Israel refused to listen – 19-22
They want a king like other nations – 19-20
That he might give them justice & fight their battles
God tells Samuel to give them a king – 21-22

II. Theocracy or Monarchy?

1. Does Theocracy exclude a king for Israel?
Are Gen. 17:6; Deut. 17:14-20 a concession?
2. Is God's plan for king rule as His regent?
3. God will allow humans to choose
He will allow them to suffer consequences
4. He will set His king on the throne
Ultimately Messiah will rule God's Kingdom

III. Qualifications of Saul – 9:1-14

1. Came from a strong family – 9:1
2. Physically attractive & well respected - 2

3. Faithful in service to his father - 3-5
Spent days searching for his father's donkeys
4. Open to suggestion of his servant - 6-14
Would seek help of the prophet (Samuel)
Continued until they found him - 14

IV. Saul is Anointed – 9:15-10:13

1. God identifies Saul for Samuel – 15-17
2. Samuel invites Saul to dinner – 18-19
3. Samuel hints about greater things – 20-21
Saul humbly declines such thoughts – 21
4. Saul stayed with Samuel – 22-26
5. Samuel anoints Saul as king 9:27-10:1
6. Samuel told him what's ahead – 10:2-13
The donkeys have been found – 2
You will meet prophets who will prophesy – 3-5
God's Spirit will come on you (bring change) 6-13

V. Saul Selected by Lot – 10:17-27

1. Samuel gathers Israel together – 17-19
Reminds them of their choice
2. Tribes & families selected by lot – 20
Benjamin and Saul were chosen
3. Saul modestly hid himself - 21-23
4. Saul is announced by Samuel – 24-25
He also tells them how kingdom would function
5. Saul went home to wait coronation – 26-27
No reaction to those opposed to him

