

ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

(1 Samuel 8)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

A. The Birth of Samuel

B. The Childhood of Samuel

C. The Judgeship of Samuel

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

A. Israel REJECTS Samuel's sons as Judges (8:1-5)

1. Samuel had two sons, Joel and Abijah that he planned to be his _____ as Judges. (8:1-2)

2. Samuel's sons "*did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after _____ gain, took _____, and _____ justice.*" (8:3)

* Does this remind you of anyone?

3. The elders of Israel _____ have a problem with Samuel as Judge, but they had _____ concerns and objections with his sons inheriting his Judgeship. (8:4-5)

B. Israel REJECTS God as King (8:5-9)

1. Israel had a desire _____ all the other nations. (8:5)

* Is conformity a powerful force?

2. This decision by the people _____ Samuel, he took their rejection of his sons _____. (8:6)

* What was the first thing Samuel did with his unhappiness?

3. The Lord told Samuel, “*they have not rejected you, but they have _____, that I should not _____ over them.*” (8:7)

*According to the Lord, was this “par for the course”?

4. Samuel was then called to _____ the people of Israel of the many _____ to their choice. (8:9)

C. Samuel CAUTIONS Israel about the ABUSE of Power (8:10-18)

1. This future king would potentially make Israel’s _____ and _____ his personal _____. (8:10-13)
2. This future king would potentially take Israel’s _____ and make it his own. (8:14)
3. This future king would potentially take a tenth of their _____ and _____. (8:15)

* How does God predict they will react to all of this change?

D. Israel DEMANDS a HUMAN King (8:19-22)

1. Despite all the warnings, the people _____ to listen, and they _____ to have a king reign over them. (8:19)

* Does this remind you of a similar response in Israel’s past?

2. The Lord _____ Israel to have a human king. (8:22)

* Was God completely opposed to Israel having a king?

* What can you learn from this chapter?