

## THE BEGINNING OF THE KINGDOM

### 1 Samuel 8 – 10

Under Samuel, the people of Israel had been brought back to God and had been able to conquer their enemies, the Philistines. It was not long before there was a feeling of unrest among them, once again. Read the following to find what caused this feeling, and what was done about it:

**A. The People's Request:** Read 1 Samuel 8:1-6

1. What did the people ask of Samuel? 1 Samuel 8:5

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2. Find two reasons why the people asked for this?

a. 1 Samuel 8:1b, 3, 5a \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Samuel 8:5b, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did Samuel feel about the people's request? 1 Samuel 8:6

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**B. God's Response to the People's Request:** Read 1 Samuel 8:7-9

1. What did God tell Samuel to do about the people's request? 1 Samuel 8:7a

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2. What did God say their request was a sign of? 1 Samuel 8:7b

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3. What was Samuel to do first of all? 1 Samuel 8:9b

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**C. God's Warning to the People:** Read 1 Samuel 8:10-22

1. What did God, through Samuel, warn that the king would take from the people?

a. 1 Samuel 8:11 \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Samuel 8:13 \_\_\_\_\_

c. 1 Samuel 8:14, 15 \_\_\_\_\_

d. 1 Samuel 8:16 \_\_\_\_\_

e. 1 Samuel 8:17 \_\_\_\_\_

2. How would they eventually feel about this king? 1 Samuel 8:18

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3. How did the people respond to God's warning? 1 Samuel 8:19

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**D. God's Choice of a King:** Read 1 Samuel 10:1-23

1. Who was the first to be told who the new king would be? 1 Samuel 9:15-17

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2. Who was the next to be told? 1 Samuel 9:1, 10:1, 21b

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3. What did God do for Saul to fit him for his new work? 1 Samuel 10:6, 9, 10

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4. To what place were all the people gathered together after this?  
1 Samuel 10:17

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5. How did the people learn who their king would be? 1 Samuel 10:20, 21

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6. What about Saul would be particularly appealing to the people?  
1 Samuel 10:23

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**E. The People's Reception of the King:** Read 1 Samuel 10:24-26

1. What was the general attitude toward the new king? 1 Samuel 10:24

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2. When Saul went to his home, who went with him? 1 Samuel 10:26

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Although the people rejected God in asking for a king, what was God's attitude toward them?

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2. What is God's attitude toward me today, if I reject His leadership of me?  
(See Romans 5:8)

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