

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 8-10

1 SAMUEL 8:1-3 - FAILINGS OF SAMUEL'S SONS

- SAMUEL HAD (AT LEAST) 2 SONS, JOEL & ABIJAH WHOM HE APPOINTED AS JUDGES UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION. BUT THEY "DID NOT WALK IN HIS (SAMUEL) WAYS, BUT TURNED ASIDE TO DISHONEST GAIN, TOOK BRIBES & PERVERTED JUSTICE.

1 SAMUEL 8:4-9 - THE PEOPLE ASK FOR A KING.

- THIS REQUEST IS LOOKED AT WITH MIXED FEELINGS. SAMUEL'S SONS WERE UNJUST AND THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THE PEOPLE'S REQUEST IS PRECIPITATED BY THAT FACT. BUT GOD SAYS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE REJECTING HIM AS THEIR KING. THEIR REQUEST IS BASED ON WANTING TO BE "LIKE ALL THE NATIONS (V. 5)"
- ISRAEL WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE "LIKE ALL THE NATIONS" -

DEUTERONOMY 4:7 - "FOR WHAT GREAT NATION IS THERE THAT HAS A GOD SO NEAR TO IT AS IS THE LORD OUR GOD WHENEVER WE CALL ON HIM?"

EXODUS 19:5-6 - 'NOW THEN, IF YOU WILL INDEED OBEY MY VOICE AND KEEP MY COVENANT, THEN YOU SHALL BE MY OWN POSSESSION AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES, FOR ALL THE EARTH IS MINE: 6 AND YOU SHALL BE TO ME A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION.' THESE ARE THE WORDS THAT YOU SHALL SPEAK TO THE SONS OF ISRAEL."

V. 9 - GOD ACCEPTS THE PEOPLE'S REQUEST FOR A KING BUT CHARGES SAMUEL TO INFORM THEM OF WHAT COMES ALONG WITH THIS REQUEST

1 SAMUEL 8:10-22 - THE CONSEQUENCES OF A KING

- HAVING A KING RULING IS NOT AS GLAMOROUS AS THE PEOPLE THINK.

THE PEOPLE'S VIEW: BE LIKE OTHER NATIONS, KING WILL JUDGE US, GO BEFORE US AND FIGHT OUR BATTLES (V. 20)

GOD'S VIEW: THE KING WILL BE VERY BURDENSOME, TAXING (LITERALLY & FIGURATIVELY)

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20 - GOD'S PROVISION FOR A KING, QUALIFICATIONS

- GOD HAD PLANNED ON GIVING ISRAEL A KING, BUT IT WAS TO BE A MAN HE CHOOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW GOD'S PRESCRIBED STANDARDS FOR THAT ROLE.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR KING:

- 1 - FROM AMONG ISRAEL, NOT FOREIGNER (V. 15)
- 2 - SHALL NOT MULTIPLY HORSES (V. 16)
- 3 - DON'T CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO EGYPT (LOOK TO ANOTHER NATION) IN ORDER TO MULTIPLY HORSES. (V.16)
- 4 - SHALL NOT MULTIPLY WIVES (BECAUSE THEY MAY INFLUENCE HIS HEART TO TURN FROM THE LORD) (V. 17)
- 5 - SHALL NOT GREATLY INCREASE SILVER AND GOLD FOR HIMSELF (V. 17)
- 6 - WRITE HIS OWN COPY OF THE LAW, SO CAN READ IT AND LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD, AND REMAIN HUMBLE (V. 18-20)

- THESE STANDARDS, QUALIFICATION AND PROCEDURES WERE TO BE WHAT ISRAEL USED TO ASSESS AND JUDGE THEIR KING.

1 SAMUEL 9:1-10 - SAUL INTRODUCED.

V. 2 - THOUGH THIS MAY'VE BEEN AN ADDED BLESSING, NONE OF THIS RELATED TO GOD'S STANDARD FOR WHAT HE WANTED IN A KING. BUT THIS WOULD HAVE, & EVENTUALLY WILL, APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

V. 3-10 - SAUL IS SEARCHING FOR HIS FATHER'S DONKEYS.

V. 9 - THIS IS A NOTE FOR THE READER INCLUDED BY THE WRITER TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE THAT IS BEING USED. THERE APPEARS TO BE DIFFERENT TERMS USED FROM THE TIME THE EVENTS ACTUALLY OCCURRED AND THE TIME OF THE RECORDING OF THEM.



1 SAMUEL 9:11-17 - SAUL APPROACHES SAMUEL. SAMUEL TOLD BY GOD SAUL WILL BE KING.

V. 16 - GOD WORKS WITHIN THE PEOPLE'S SELFISH REQUEST TO SELECT SAUL TO BE HIS INSTRUMENT FOR DELIVERANCE.

V. 17 - GOD HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD SAMUEL WHO/WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR

1 SAMUEL 9:18-24 - SAUL DINES WITH SAMUEL. SAUL IS SAT AS HONORED GUEST.

V. 21 - SAUL'S HUMILITY

1 SAMUEL 9:25-10:1 - SAUL PRIVATELY ANOINTED KING BY SAMUEL

- SIGNIFICANCE OF ANOINTING - HEBREW WORD: "MASHACH" (ALSO IN 9:16, 10:1). THE HIGH PRIEST AND KING WERE TWO OF THE FIGURES THAT WERE "ANOINTED". THE HEBREW WORD "MASHACH" AND IT'S RELATED WORD "MASHIACH" (ANOINTED ONE) IS TRANSLITERATED INTO OUR ENGLISH WORD "MESSIAH". THE GREEK WORD FOR ANOINTED/MESSIAH IS CHRIST.

1 SAMUEL 10:2-8 - VARIOUS SIGNS FOR SAUL TO SEE GOD'S WORD REGARDING HIM WAS CONFIRMED.

1 SAMUEL 10:9 - GOD CHANGES SAUL'S HEART, THE SIGNS CONFIRMING SAMUEL'S WORD HAPPEN THAT DAY

1 SAMUEL 10:10-13 - SAUL PROPHESES WITH THE PROPHETS

1 SAMUEL 10:14-16 - SAUL RETURNS TO UNCLE

1 SAMUEL 10:17-24 - SAMUEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT. SAUL PRESENTED BY SAMUEL AS THE KING OF ISRAEL

V. 21-22 - SAUL IS HIDING IN BAGGAGE. HE WAS NOT ARROGANT IN HIS INITIAL ASCENSION TO THE THRONE.

1 SAMUEL 10:25-27 - REJOICING & SKEPTICISM AT SAUL'S INAUGURATION