

## Israel Demands a King

1 Samuel 8:1-22

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Review: Eli, his sons, the Ark, the people turn back to God, Samuel's evil sons

What I really desire and want is already right here in front of me!

### Look at the longings of Israel:

- 1) A **King**- "*Now make us a king to judge us*" **1 Samuel 8:5**

God planned for them to have a king but not yet! He would provide kings, starting with David that would ultimately point to King Jesus. Genesis 49:10 (Line of Judah)!

Instead of waiting and trusting God, the Israelites took plans into their own hands.

*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God .* **Psalm 20:7**

Our greatest longings and desires are meant to be met by Jesus.

We often look to someone or something to meet our deepest longings...anything other than Jesus will come up short. No spouse, job, amount of money, president, etc., will meet those longings. Those longings point to Jesus and what He can meet.

The kings from David until Jesus were meant to point to the ultimate King, King Jesus.

- 2) **To be like everyone else (other nations).** *Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.* **1 Samuel 8:5**

Remember, Israel was God's chosen people, they had been set apart.

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.* **1 Peter 2:9**

Not intended to fit in but stand out. Holy- to be set apart!

- 3) **Comfort and peace**, though it was already there!- *According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.* **1 Samuel 8:8**

What they are putting their hope in will actually give them the opposite of what they desire. (1 Samuel 8:11-18)

Appoint sons over own chariots and some will run before  
Break up men (captains)/ some plow ground/ some make weapons

Take daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers  
Take the best of your fields, vineyards, olive grove and give to servants  
Take 10% of your grain and give to officers and servants  
Finest men and women (servants) and will put them to work  
10% of your sheep and you will be his servants

They were rejecting God, not Samuel, and putting their hope in anything other than Him.

*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.* **1 Samuel 8:18**

- 4) Rebelliousness- 1 Samuel 8 - Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us.

This is not what God desired, though God’s permissive will would allow it to help them see their need for a true King, the righteousness one. All kings would lead the way to King Jesus.

In their rebellion they got what they thought they wanted, but not what they really wanted.

5) **God has provided the True King**

*Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”* **John 19:14**

*And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,<sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.<sup>19</sup> Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.* **John 19:17-19**

*These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”* **Rev 17:14**

*Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.* **Isaiah 9:7**

*And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.* **Luke 1:33**

No King but KING JESUS will meet our longings and desires! Have you put your hope in Jesus, KING JESUS?

Is Jesus your King? If not, why not?

Are you following Him, are you serving Him?