

THE ISRAELITES WANTED A KING

1 Samuel 8-10



When Samuel grew old, he made his sons judges over Israel. Samuel's sons were bad leaders of God's people. The elders of Israel went to Samuel and said, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Give us a king to be our ruler, just as all the other nations have."

Samuel prayed to the Lord. God said, "They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. Listen to them, but also warn them about the power a king has over the people. Samuel went to the people and said, "A king will take your sons to join his army, take your daughters to serve in his house, take your best fields, and take a tenth of your crops and your flocks."

The people refused to listen to Samuel. God told Samuel, "Listen to the people, and appoint a king for them."

Now, there was an impressive young man named Saul. One day, his father's donkeys

wandered off, and Saul was sent to find them. Saul's servant recommended they ask Samuel for help. God told Samuel that He would send him a man to rule over His people. When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said, "This is the man who will be king over my people Israel." Samuel took a flask of oil and anointed Saul as the future king.

Later, Samuel called all the people together. Saul was selected as king. When the people saw how tall and impressive Saul was, they shouted, "Long live the king!" Samuel appointed Saul as king.

Christ Connection: The Israelites rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king. When we sin, we also reject God's rule in our lives as King. Jesus, the King of kings, died for our sin and rose again so we could be forgiven.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Match each Bible verse to what it says about King Jesus.

Revelation 1:5 Hebrews 1:8 Philippians 2:8 Philippians 2:10-11

- Jesus is a humble King who died on a cross.
- Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus as Lord.
- Jesus rules the kings of the earth.
- Jesus rules on His throne forever.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Who did God say Israel rejected as king over them? Why?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Sometimes we might be tempted to turn to earthly powers for comfort, protection, or help. Unlike earthly powers, only Jesus can save us from sin. We can submit to Jesus as King, knowing He showed His perfect love to us through His death and resurrection.



THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 103:19 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you trust Him as King in every area of your life.

READ THE WORD

Think about God as King. Read one of the following passages each day this week:

John 7:24

Revelation 15:3

Psalm 119:68

Psalm 24:10

Isaiah 55:7

Psalm 145:13