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(15) And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

(16) And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

(17) And his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

**Chapter 8**

(1) And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

(2) Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba.

(3) And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

(4) Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

(5) And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

(6) But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

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(1) And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

(2) Now the name of his firstborn was Joel {Jehovah is his God}<sup>a</sup>; and the name of his second, Abiah {worshiper of Jehovah}<sup>b</sup>: *they were* judges in Beersheba<sup>c</sup>.

(3) But his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after wealth, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

(4) Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah,

(5) And said to him, Indeed, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

(6) But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}.

8:2a - Joel {יואל} - JAH is his God {JAH is a short form of Jehovah}

8:2b - Abiah {אביה} - father [worshiper] of JAH {JAH is a short form of Jehovah}

8:2c - Beersheba {באר שבע} - "well of an oath" - Gen. 21:31

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(7) And the LORD said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

(8) According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

(9) Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

(10) And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

(11) And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

(12) And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

(13) And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

(7) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you: because they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.

(8) According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, they have forsaken Me, and served other gods, so they also do to you.

(9) Now therefore listen to their voice: however protest solemnly to them, and show them the manner of the king who shall reign over them.

(10) And Samuel told all the words of the LORD {Jehovah} to the people who asked of him a king.

(11) And he said, This will be the manner of the king who shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

(12) And he will appoint for himself captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

(13) And he will take your daughters *to be* perfume makers, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

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(14) And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even* the best *of them*, and give *them* to his servants.

(15) And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

(16) And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

(17) He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

(18) And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

(19) Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

(20) That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

(21) And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

(22) And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

(14) And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, *even* the best *of them*, and give *them* to his servants.

(15) And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

(16) And he will take your men servants, and your maid servants, and your best young men, and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work.

(17) He will take the tenth of your sheep: and you shall be his servants.

(18) And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which you have chosen for yourself; and the LORD {Jehovah} will not listen to you in that day.

(19) Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, No; but we will have a king over us;

(20) That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

(21) And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Samuel, **Listen to their voice, and make them a king.** And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Let every man return to his city.