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(8) When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

(9) And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

(10) And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

(11) And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

(12) And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God *was* your king.

(13) Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

(14) If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

(8) When Jacob had come into Egypt, and your forefathers cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, then the LORD {Jehovah} sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your forefathers out of Egypt, and caused them to live in this place.

(9) And when they forgot the LORD {Jehovah} their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

(10) And they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah}, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth {pagan idols}: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.

(11) And the LORD {Jehovah} sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety.

(12) And when you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said to me, No; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD {Jehovah} your God *was* your king.

(13) Now therefore see the king whom you have chosen, *and* whom you have desired! and, see, the LORD {Jehovah} has set a king over you.

(14) If you will fear the LORD {Jehovah}, and serve Him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah}, then both you and also the king who reigns over you shall continue following the LORD {Jehovah} your God:

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(15) But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

(16) Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

(17) *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

(18) So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

(19) And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

(20) And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

(21) And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain.

(22) For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

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(15) But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah}, then the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} shall be against you, as *it was* against your forefathers.

(16) Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD {Jehovah} will do before your eyes.

(17) *Is it* not wheat harvest today? I will call to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He shall send thunder and rain; that you may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, in asking for yourselves a king.

(18) So Samuel called to the LORD {Jehovah}; and the LORD {Jehovah} sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD {Jehovah} and Samuel.

(19) And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, that we not die: because we have added to all our sins *this* evil, to ask for ourselves a king.

(20) And Samuel said to the people, Do not be afraid: you have done all this wickedness: but do not turn aside from following the LORD {Jehovah}, but serve the LORD {Jehovah} with all your heart;

(21) And do not turn aside: because *then you would go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; because they *are* vain.

(22) Because the LORD {Jehovah} will not forsake His people because of His great Name's sake: because it has pleased the LORD {Jehovah} to make you His people.

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(23) Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

(24) Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great *things* he hath done for you.

(25) But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Chapter 13

(1) Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

(2) Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

(3) And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

(4) And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

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(23) Furthermore as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD {Jehovah} in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

(24) Only fear the LORD {Jehovah}, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: because consider how great *things* He has done for you.

(25) But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king.

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(3) And Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

(4) And all Israel heard *that* Saul had destroyed a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also was despised by the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.