

1 Samuel 8

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8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. (They served as helpers; not as judges)

² Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. (They judged under the guidance of Samuel. God never raised them up as judges)

³ And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. (Just like Eli's sons, they fell into perversion, greed and corruption)

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

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. (God warned Israel of what will happen if they have a man king) see Deuteronomy-17:14-20

⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. (It's always a good idea to ask for guidance from God when you aren't sure of what to do)

NOTES: (When people are ruled by crooked leaders, they will seek any form of relief. They think that replacing these two crooks with a king will solve all of their problems)

(This is very much like people in the US today. We are governed by a crooked congress and crooked presidents. People are becoming desperate enough to fall to socialism, which will give total power to the government. They think that anything new is better than the status quo. The real solution would be to keep the government intact and prosecute the crooked officials) – My opinion.

⁷ And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken 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. (God never forces people to accept Him. They lost faith in judges because of the corrupt sons of Samuel)

(They thought a king would do better. They were wrong. A corrupt king would be far worse for Israel than a corrupt judge. They would have done far better to keep God as their King)

⁸According 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. (Give them what they want. Let it be a lesson unto them)

NOTES: (God won't beg people to come into His light. HE asks. If people choose to refuse Him, He will refuse them. Without God's guidance, this wicked world will destroy them and lead them into lust, perversion, greed and self pride)

(If they truly repent, however, God is always there to forgive them and take them back. We have a patient and merciful God)

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

¹⁰And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. (They weren't going to listen, although everything that Samuel told them would come true)

¹¹And 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. (The king won't fight for you. His army <your sons> will do the fighting for him. He won't serve you. You will serve him)

¹²And 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. (ear his ground = to plow his fields – an old Anglo Saxon word)

(His personal workers <your sons and daughters> will make him rich. Your sons and daughters will do the work, he will reap the rewards)

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

¹⁴ And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. (He will seize your lands for himself and for his government workers)

¹⁵ And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. (He will levy taxes on the people, to pay for his servants and for his palace)

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

¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. (You will become his servants by your loss of personal freedoms)

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. (When you realize the king is not serving your interests, but his own; you will cry to God for help. He won't be listening)

(If you leave God, He will not hear you later when it all goes wrong)

¹⁹ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; (The voice of Samuel – it was a warning from God)

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. (He won't go before you. He'll send you to do his bidding)

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

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. (You're going to get what you asked for)

NOTE: (They were just as ignorant as the ignorant young people of the US, today. They think that destroying a republic and changing it into a socialist state will give them "free stuff". It's just the opposite. Socialism enslaves the people and gives all power to the leaders. Russia learned that the hard way. It took the people 80 years to finally regain their freedom)