

# Overwhelming Kingdom

1 Samuel

## Calendar:

~~Feb. 9 Exodus 20~~

~~Feb. 23 Joshua 1-8, 24. Promised Nation~~

~~Mar. 1 Judges 2-3, 6-9. Unfaithful Nation~~

~~Mar. 15 Ruth. Bitter Nation~~

Mar. 22 1 Samuel 7-16 Overwhelming Kingdom

Mar. 22 Memory Verse 1 Samuel 8:19-20

Mar. 29 2 Samuel 5-7, 11-13 Rising Kingdom

## Memory Verse: Due Mar. 22

1 Samuel 8:19-20. "But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

## Questions for Scripture:

1. Why did this particular story get included when the scriptures were written?
2. What does this scripture say about the world we live in?
3. What does this scripture say about God?
4. How does this scripture teach us how to be the people of God?

## Scripture: 1 Samuel 8

**8** When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. **2** The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. **3** Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

**4** Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, **5** and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." **6** But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, **7** and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. **8** Just as they have done to me,[a] from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. **9** Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

**10** So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. **11** He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; **12** and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his

courtiers. **15** He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. **16** He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle[b] and donkeys, and put them to his work. **17** He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. **18** And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

**19** But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, **20** so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." **21** When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. **22** The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

### **1 Samuel 13:2-15**

**2** Saul chose three thousand out of Israel; two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin; the rest of the people he sent home to their tents. **3** Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba; and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" **4** When all Israel heard that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become odious to the

Philistines, the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal.

**5** The Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude; they came up and encamped at Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. **6** When the Israelites saw that they were in distress (for the troops were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns. **7** Some Hebrews crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

**8** He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to slip away from Saul.[c] **9** So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the offerings of well-being." And he offered the burnt offering. **10** As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived; and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. **11** Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul replied, "When I saw that the people were slipping away from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines were mustering at Michmash, **12** I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down upon me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of the Lord'; so I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." **13** Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you. The Lord would have established your kingdom

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