

## 1 SAMUEL 8

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- \* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
  - \* FYI -- I could have used a catchy title to help you remember a catchy phrase
  - \* However -- I chose to focus on a purely Biblical title
  - \* Title of study -- 1 Samuel 8
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### Quick overview of the book of Samuel

#### Two books of Samuel:

- \* Many scholars believe that the two books of Samuel were originally one in the Hebrew text
- \* Many scholars believe that the two were divided when they were translated into Greek

#### Author of the book:

- \* There is no reference to the author of the book
- \* Many scholars teach that Jewish tradition claims that the prophet Samuel wrote the books that bear his name
- \* 1 Samuel 10:25 -- mentioned that Samuel made some written record
- \* 1 Samuel 25:1 -- mentioned that Samuel died
- \* Many scholars teach that the prophets Nathan and Gad supplied supplementary information concerning the years following Samuel's death
- \* 1 Chronicles 29:29 -- mentioned some written record in the book of Nathan the prophet and in the book of Gad the seer

#### Theme of the book:

- \* Many scholars describe the transition of leadership in Israel from judges to kings
- \* Some scholars word it this way: "Describing the crucial transition from the theocracy under the judges to the monarchy under the kings"

#### 3 prominent characters:

1. Samuel -- (chapters 1-7) -- the prophet and last judge
  - 1 Samuel 1:20 -- Samuel was born
  - 1 Samuel 3:20 -- Samuel was established as a prophet
  - 1 Samuel 4:10 -- the Philistines defeated Israel (30,000 foot soldiers)
  - 11 -- the ark of God was captured
  - 21 -- the glory had departed from Israel
  - 1 Samuel 7:3-4 -- Samuel said to return to the Lord
  - 5-14 -- Israel defeated the Philistines
  - 15 -- Samuel judged Israel
2. Saul -- (chapters 8-31) -- the first king of Israel

### 3. David -- (chapters 16-31) -- famous king

1 Sam. 8:1-2 Samuel made his sons judges  
3 his sons did not walk in Samuel's ways  
\* dishonest gain  
\* took bribes  
\* perverted judgment  
4-5 elders -- you are old -- make us a king -- like  
the other nations  
6 the request displeased Samuel -- Samuel prayed to God  
7 God said -- listen to them -- they have not rejected  
you, but they have rejected Me  
8 have forsaken Me and have served other gods -- now,  
they are rejecting you  
9 warn them -- tell them about the behavior of kings  
10-18 Samuel warned the people  
19-20 the people still wanted a king  
21 Samuel told God what the people had said  
22 God said -- listen to them  
Gal. 6:7 don't be deceived  
people reap what they sow -- nations reap what  
they sow  
8 corruption -- everlasting life  
Luke 23:27 women mourning and lamenting for Him  
28 He was mourning and lamenting for them  
Gal. 6:9 do not grow weary in well-doing  
10 as you have opportunity -- do good unto all