

The People Demand a King



Refer to 1 Samuel 8 v 1-7

1) In what ways were the Children of Israel supposed to be different to the nations surrounding them? (Think of what they worshipped, their behaviour, how they were governed, etc)



2) Who was the real King of the Children of Israel?

3) What was the main reasons the people now demanded a king? (v 4-5)

4) What were they doing to God by asking for a king? (v 7)

God granted the people their desire and gave them a king. It was not good for them but He al-



lowed it to teach them God's ways are best. We make bad choices when we ignore God's kind rules.

5) Can you think of two people in the Bible who made a disastrous choice in rebellion against God which affected the rest of mankind?

A challenge!

Christians should be different from people of the world. If you are a Christian, can other people tell you are a Christian? If you are not a Christian yet, you are like the Children of Israel who did not accept the rule of the Lord God! This is serious. It leads to everlasting disaster. Pray to God to bring you to Him.

What will a king be like?

Samuel warned the people what a king would be like. Read 1 Samuel 8 v 10-18.



Look at verses 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17. They all say a king will _ _ _ _ people and things.

What will he do with:

→ their sons (v11)

→ their daughters (v13)



→ the best fields, vineyards and olive groves (v14)

→ a tenth of their grain (v15)

→ their servants and animals (v16-17)

→ them! (v17b)

→ How will the people feel in the end? (v18)

What are you taking from God? Do you give Him the praise and worship of your heart that He rightly deserves? Have you given Him special thanks for sending a Saviour to deal with your sin?

