

09_1SA_08_01 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

09_1SA_08_02 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: [they were] judges in Beersheba.

09_1SA_08_03 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

09_1SA_08_04 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

09_1SA_08_05 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.

09_1SA_08_06 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

09_1SA_08_07 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.

09_1SA_08_08 According 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.

09_1SA_08_09 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

09_1SA_08_10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

09_1SA_08_11 And 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.

09_1SA_08_12 And 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.

09_1SA_08_13 And he will take your daughters [to be] confectionaries, and [to be] cooks, and [to be] bakers.

09_1SA_08_14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, [even] the best [of them], and give [them] to his servants.

09_1SA_08_15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

09_1SA_08_16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put [them] to his work.

09_1SA_08_17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

09_1SA_08_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.

09_1SA_08_19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

09_1SA_08_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.

09_1SA_08_21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

09_1SA_08_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.