

# “Through the Bible: I Samuel 7-12”

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## I. Prepare Your Hearts; Demand for a King (I Sam. 7-8)

- A. “And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath jearim, that the time was \_\_\_\_\_; for it was \_\_\_\_\_ years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD” (I Sam. 7:2).
- B. What five requirements did Samuel make of the Israelites in order for the Lord to “\_\_\_\_\_ you out of the hand of the Philistines” (I Sam. 7:3).
1. Return to the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts (I Sam. 7:3).
  2. Put away the \_\_\_\_\_ gods (I Sam. 7:3).
  3. Prepare your \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord (I Sam. 7:3).
  4. Serve him \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 7:3).
  5. Confess “We have \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord” (I Sam. 7:6).
- C. Battling continued between the Philistines and the Israelites, but “the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and \_\_\_\_\_ them” (I Sam. 7:10). It was here Samuel placed a stone and called it \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 7:12). Samuel’s circuit-judging took him from Bethel to \_\_\_\_\_ to Mizpah, but \_\_\_\_\_ was his home (I Sam. 7:16-17).
- D. The people of Israel demanded “make us a \_\_\_\_\_ to judge us \_\_\_\_\_ all the nations” (I Sam. 8:5). They cited two reasons for this petition. What were they?
1. Samuel was \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Samuel’s sons did not \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s ways.
- E. “And the LORD said unto Samuel, \_\_\_\_\_ unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not \_\_\_\_\_ thee, but they have rejected \_\_\_\_\_, that I should not reign over them” (I Sam. 8:7).
- F. Samuel warned the people about a having a king (I Sam. 8:10-18). “Nevertheless the people \_\_\_\_\_ to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, \_\_\_\_\_; but we will have a \_\_\_\_\_ over us” (I Sam. 8:19).

## II. Introduction to Saul; The People Approve of Saul (I Sam. 9-10)

- A. I Sam. 9:2 introduces us to Israel’s first king. His name was \_\_\_\_\_. In what two ways does the Bible describe him?
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Saul and his servant were sent to find some \_\_\_\_\_ which were lost (I Sam. 9:3). It was on this trip they encountered Samuel, referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 9:11). The Lord had told Samuel about this the day before.
- C. After having a meal together, and rising in the morning, Samuel said “Bid the \_\_\_\_\_ pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou \_\_\_\_\_ a while, that I may shew thee the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (I Sam. 9:27).

- D. Samuel presented Saul with a string of information, and detailed instructions regarding what to do as they parted (I Sam. 10:1-8). Indeed, as foretold, “God gave him another \_\_\_\_\_: and \_\_\_\_\_ those signs came to pass that day” (I Sam. 10:9).
- E. Samuel “\_\_\_\_\_ the people \_\_\_\_\_” (I Sam. 10:17) and reminded them of their demand “\_\_\_\_\_, but set a \_\_\_\_\_ over us” (I Sam. 10:19). Samuel showed Israel their first king Saul, to which the people said, “God \_\_\_\_\_ the king” (I Sam. 10:24).

**III. An Attempt to Make a Covenant; Saul Rescues the People (I Sam. 11-12)**

- A. An attempt to “make a \_\_\_\_\_” between the men of \_\_\_\_\_ Gilead and Nahash the \_\_\_\_\_ occurred (I Sam. 11:1). On what condition was Nahash willing to strike a deal (I Sam. 11:2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. The elders of Jabesh asked for seven days to undertake what task (I Sam. 11:3)?  
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- C. Help came in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ whose “\_\_\_\_\_ was kindled \_\_\_\_\_” (I Sam. 11:6). Saul amassed an army of \_\_\_\_\_ men (I Sam. 11:8) and delivered a great victory. So “Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced \_\_\_\_\_” (I Sam. 11:15).
- D. Samuel said “And now, behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ walketh before you: and I am \_\_\_\_\_ and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my \_\_\_\_\_ unto this day” (I Sam. 12:2).
- E. Samuel takes the Israelites on a trip through history in I Sam. 12:8-12. Make a note of who Samuel references in the following verses.
1. I Sam. 12:8 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. I Sam. 12:9 \_\_\_\_\_
  3. I Sam. 12:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  4. I Sam. 12:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Samuel commands “\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD, and \_\_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_ his voice” (I Sam. 12:14). He quickly warns “if ye will not \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the LORD, but \_\_\_\_\_ against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you” (I Sam. 12:15).
- G. Samuel nobly said “Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should \_\_\_\_\_ against the LORD in ceasing to \_\_\_\_\_ for you: but I will \_\_\_\_\_ you the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ way” (I Sam. 12:23).