

“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)? _____

- B. The elders of Jabesh asked for seven days to undertake what task (I Sam. 11:3)?

- 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).