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## Lesson 62

## ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

## **Story Elements:**

•	Text:	1	Samuel	8:1	-22
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• Setting: approx. 1050 B.C.

• Main Characters: God and Samuel

• Plot: Samuel's sons become corrupt judges and become the catalysts to Israel's rebellious demand for a king.

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Climax: "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." (v 18)

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Samuel's Wicked Sons	
1. (vv 1-5) As Samuel aged, he attempted to provide Israel with future leaders	by
appointing his sons as judges.	
a. Unfortunately, Joel and Abiah did not follow their father's example, and mu	ıch
like Hophni and Phineas, they abused their leadership by taking bribes a	nd
justice.	
b. The Hebrews used Joel and Abiah's corruption as an excuse to demand the	nat
Samuel give them a	
2. (vv 6-9) Samuel, displeased by the matter, took it to the LORD in prayer. God to	old
Samuel that	
athe demand for a king was not really about Samuel or his sons, but about Israe against God. (v 7)	s'اڊ
bSamuel should give the people what they wanted, but to "	
solemnly" their request. (v 9)	
Israel's Worldly Demand	
3. (vv 10-18) Samuel warned the Israelites about the dangers of installing a monarchy.	

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	Those dangers include the loss of	and	
4.	(vv 19-20) The Israelites dismissed S	Samuel's warning and persisted in	their demand for
	a king. Their rejecting God through _	motives is revealed	d in the statement
	in 1 Samuel 8:19-20:		

19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; **20** That we also may be like ; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

5. (vv 21-22) Samuel yielded to their demand according to the
Application  6. How important it is for God's people to walk in! Joel and Abiah's sinful living provided an excuse for a nation's disobedience.
<b>1 Corinthians 10:31</b> Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. <b>32</b> Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:
7. Samuel's reaction to the request of Israel's leaders is exemplary of men who walk closely with God – he immediately took the situation to God in
<b>Philippians 4:6</b> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
<ul> <li>8. Human government always slides towards The only perfect government is one under King Jesus. What a shame that Israel sought to have what millions of others seek to be free of (tyrannical human government) and forsook what others hope to enjoy (one nation under God).</li> <li>9. The demand of the children of Israel showed that they were more concerned with following the wisdom of the world than the word LORD. In what ways do we do the</li> </ul>
same?