



THE MAKING OF THE KING

I SAMUEL



Israel's King



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-Gilead, and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.”² But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make a treaty with you,



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus bring disgrace on all Israel.”³ The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days’ respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you.”



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

⁴ When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, they reported the matter in the ears of the people, and all the people wept aloud. ⁵ Now, behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen. And Saul said, “What is wrong with the people, that they are weeping?”



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

**So they told him the news of the men of Jabesh.
6 And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. 7 He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying,**



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

“Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!” Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one man. ⁸ When he mustered them at Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

⁹ And they said to the messengers who had come, “Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh-Gilead: ‘Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have salvation.’ ” When the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh, they were glad.

¹⁰ Therefore the men of Jabesh said,



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

“Tomorrow we will give ourselves up to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you.”

¹¹ And the next day Saul put the people in three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day.



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

And those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. ¹² Then the people said to Samuel, “Who is it that said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Bring the men, that we may put them to death.” ¹³ But Saul said, “Not a man shall be put to death this day,



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel.”¹⁴ Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.”¹⁵ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal.



1 Sam 11:1-15 (ESV)

There they sacrificed peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.



Another Crisis



1 Samuel 11:7 (ESV)

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The Lord gave Israel salvation.



1 Sam 11:12-15 (ESV)

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1 Sam 11:12-15 (ESV)

“Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.” ¹⁵ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.



**As people belonging to the Lord,
submit to God alone as the ultimate
King.**



1 Sam 12:1-5 (ESV)

And Samuel said to all Israel, “Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you. ² And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day.



1 Sam 12:1-5 (ESV)

³ Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it?



1 Sam 12:1-5 (ESV)

Testify against me and I will restore it to you.”

⁴ They said, “You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man’s hand.” ⁵ And he said to them, “The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day,



1 Sam 12:1-5 (ESV)

**that you have not found anything in my hand.”
And they said, “He is witness.”**



The case against Israel



1 Sam 12:12-19 (ESV)

And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, ‘No, but a king shall reign over us,’ when the LORD your God was your king. ¹³ And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you.



1 Sam 12:12-19 (ESV)

¹⁴ If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. ¹⁵ But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD,



1 Sam 12:12-19 (ESV)

**but rebel against the commandment of the LORD,
then the hand of the LORD will be against you and
your king. ¹⁶ Now therefore stand still and see
this great thing that the LORD will do before your
eyes. ¹⁷ Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call
upon the LORD,**



1 Sam 12:12-19 (ESV)

that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking for yourselves a king.”¹⁸ So Samuel called upon the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day,



1 Sam 12:12-19 (ESV)

and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. ¹⁹ And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king.”



1 Samuel 12:20a (ESV)

And Samuel said to the people, “Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil.”



1 Samuel 12:20b-25 (ESV)

Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹ And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. ²² For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake,



1 Samuel 12:20b-25 (ESV)

because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. ²³ Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. ²⁴ Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart.



1 Samuel 12:20b-25 (ESV)

For consider what great things he has done for you. ²⁵ But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.”



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