

Questions for 1 Samuel 8:1-22

1. A) What are the similarities and differences between what happened with Eli's sons and Samuel's sons? B) Why did Israel want a king? (Verses 1-5)

2. A) Discuss how God comforts Samuel in this pivotal moment. B) What was the actual reason that Israel wanted a king? C) Why did God grant their request to have a king over them? D) Was God eventually going to give Israel a king anyway? (Verses 6-9)

3. A) What kind of king was God going to give them? B) Are these descriptions better, worse, or equal to the types of kings that existed in those days? C) Why was the Lord not going to hear them if they cried out because of their king? (Verses 10-18)

4. A) Why would the people of Israel choose to have a king after hearing this description? B) What are the differences between a Monarchy and a Theocracy? (Verses 19-22)

5. What are the impacts of this request upon the history of Israel, their spirituality, and how the Messiah would be viewed?