

# 1 Samuel 12

## *The People's King*

1. **In that day...**
  - a. *Passover, Unleavened, First fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles*
  - b. The Lord came as the Anointed (Messiah). Some believed. Some rejected.
  - c. Israel endures a great tribulation, and cries for help, 'thy kingdom come'
  - d. The Lord proves himself king when he returns to judge and destroys the nations
  - e. The people will look at him and mourn for their sin - Zech 12:9-10
  - f. The Lord fulfills his promise to them. They enter a kingdom and new covenant
  - g. Ch 9-10, Saul was anointed. Ch 11, Saul proves himself king. Ch 12 ...
  
2. **12:1-5 - The Witness of the LORD - (Now, witness before the LORD)**
  - a. They are in Gilgal to "renew the kingdom there" - 1 Sam 11:14-15
  - b. Gilgal - Here they remembered and renewed covenant, 12 stones - Josh 4:5-7, 5:1-9
    - i. 1st camp, first Passover, first fruits in the land - Josh 5:10-12
  - c. 1-2 - Samuel is old, served his whole life, and has ordained the king they requested.
  - d. They didn't use nails, but they did stab him in the back - 1Sam 8:6-7, 2 Cor 11:7,12:15
  - e. 3 - "*Here I am*" - Judge me (so I can judge), have I ruled badly? - Ps 51:3-4, Rom 3:4
  - f. 4-5 - "*LORD is witness... and his anointed*" - Samuel did right, a strike to conscience.
  
3. **12:6-15 - The Righteous Acts of the LORD - (Now, reason before the LORD)**
  - a. 6 - "*LORD advanced Moses and Aaron*" - He sent them to deliver you (1<sup>st</sup> command)
  - b. 7 - "*Now...all the righteous acts of the LORD*" - A history of the LORD's help - Jdg 5:11
  - c. 8-9 - "*when they forgot the LORD*" = They fell into hands of Sisera, Philistines, Moab.
  - d. 10 - "*they cried... we have sinned*" - Conviction, confession, cry for help (7:9-12, 11:3,9)
    - i. "*served Baalim and Ashtaroth*" - in Judges and in 1 Sam 7:3-4
  - e. 11 - "*LORD sent*" -Jerubbaal (contender of Baal-Gideon) Jdg 6:25-32, Jephthah Jdg 11
    - i. Heb 11:32 lists Barak and Samson among the men who conquered thru faith.
    - ii. 'Bedan' causes men to choose among the many great judges the LORD sent.
    - iii. He sent 'contender of Baal' 'son of judgment' a deliverer 'asked of God'
  - f. 12 - "*Nay; but a king shall reign over us*" -They rejected the LORD, and got a man king
  - g. 13 - Samuel, "asked of God", man who asks for Israel, gives the king they asked for.
  - h. 14-15 - "*if... then...*" - A renewal of the bless-curse law covenant, this time with a king
    - i. The king is subject to the law covenant, the people responsible for the king.
    - ii. If they "will not obey" and "rebel" a king will not save them from the LORD
  
4. **12:16-19 - The Conviction of the LORD - (Now, stand before the LORD)**
  - a. 16 - "*stand and see*" - this sign, warning, terror, witness of the LORD - Heb 2:3-4
  - b. 17 - "*your wickedness is great... in asking for a king*" - a miracle for that season
  - c. 18 - "*the LORD sent thunder and rain*" - like in Egypt Exo 9:23, Sinai Exo 19:16, Jonah
  - d. 19 - "*fear the LORD... pray we die not*" -Fear of the LORD begin of wisdom (and books)
    - i. "*this evil, to ask us a king*" - They fear Samuel's warnings and repent.
    - ii. "*and Samuel*" "*thy God*" - Things have changed since 1 Sam 7:8

5. **12:20-25 - The Faithfulness of the LORD** - (*Now, be faithful as the LORD*)
- a. 20 - *"ye have done... yet turn not aside"* - Repentance precedes service.
  - b. 21 - *"which cannot profit nor deliver"* - vain like kings, false gods, idols, riches, etc.
  - c. 22 - *"The LORD will not forsake his people"* - faithful to his promises Rom 11:27-28,15:8
  - d. *"his great name's sake"* - 1<sup>st</sup> - Who he is, his holiness, his word -Jer 14:7-9,21,Eze 36:22
  - e. *"it hath pleased the LORD to make you"* - His purpose is his good pleasure (see v15)
  - f. 23 - Like in ch. 7 they ask Samuel to pray, and he does, but will speak the truth.
  - g. 24 - Right way: fear the LORD, serve him in truth, consider great things he has done
    - i. If their hearts change, then God will be their king. Don't forget the LORD.
  - h. 25 - *"But..."* - this is a covenant/kingdom. Their hearts will be judged.
  - i. *"consumed, both ye and your king"* - your king, not mine. The king is not the LORD.