

Samuel 1 ch. 8: Meachem Lorberboim's Workshop

2 In his old age Samuel appointed his sons judges over Israel.
3 His first-born was named Joel, his second son, Abijah; they judged at Beer-sheba.
4 His sons did not follow his example but sought illicit gain and accepted bribes,
5 perverting justice.
6 Therefore all the elders of Israel came in a body to Samuel at Ramah
7 and said to him, "Now that you are old, and your sons do not follow your
8 example, appoint a king over us, as other nations have, to judge us."
9 Samuel was displeased when they asked for a king to judge them. He prayed to
10 the LORD, however,
11 who said in answer: "Grant the people's every request. It is not you they reject,
12 they are rejecting me as their king.
13 As they have treated me constantly from the day I brought them up from Egypt to
14 this day, deserting me and worshiping strange gods, so do they treat you too.
15 Now grant their request; but at the same time, warn them solemnly and inform
16 them of the rights of the king who will rule them."
17 Samuel delivered the message of the LORD in full to those who were asking him
18 for a king.
19 He told them: "The rights of the king who will rule you will be as follows: He will
20 take your sons and assign them to his chariots and horses, and they will run before
21 his chariot.
22 He will also appoint from among them his commanders of groups of a thousand
23 and of a hundred soldiers. He will set them to do his plowing and his harvesting,
24 and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.
25 He will use your daughters as ointment-makers, as cooks, and as bakers.
26 He will take the best of your fields, vineyards, and olive groves, and give them to
27 his officials.
28 He will tithe your crops and your vineyards, and give the revenue to his eunuchs
29 and his slaves.

- He will take your male and female servants, as well as your best oxen and your asses, and use them to do his work.
- 17 He will tithe your flocks and you yourselves will become his slaves.
- 18 When this takes place, you will complain against the king whom you have chosen, but on that day the LORD will not answer you."
- 19 The people, however, refused to listen to Samuel's warning and said, "Not so! There must be a king over us.
- 20 We too must be like other nations, with a king to rule us and to lead us in warfare and fight our battles."
- 21 When Samuel had listened to all the people had to say, he repeated it to the LORD,
- 22 who then said to him, "Grant their request and appoint a king to rule them." Samuel thereupon said to the men of Israel, "Each of you go to his own city."
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א וַיְהִי, כַּאֲשֶׁר זָקַן שְׁמוּאֵל; וַיִּשָּׂם אֶת-בָּנָיו שׁ פְּטִים, לְיִשְׂרָאֵל. ב
 וַיְהִי שָׁם-בָּנוּ הַבְּכוֹר יוֹאֵל, וְשֵׁם מְשֻׁנְהוּ אַבְיָה--שׁ פְּטִים, בְּבֶאֱר
 שָׁבַע. ג וְלֹא-הָלְכוּ בָנָיו בְּדַרְכּוֹ, וַיִּטּוּ אַחֲרֵי הַבָּצֵעַ; וַיִּקְחוּ-שׁ חֵד--
 וַיִּטּוּ, מִשְׁפָּט. {פ}

ד וַיִּתְקַבְּצוּ, כֹּל זִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-שְׁמוּאֵל, הַרְמְתָה. ה
 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו, הֲנִיחָה זִקְנֹתָ, וּבְנֵיךָ, לֹא הָלְכוּ בְּדַרְכֶיךָ; עֲתָה,
 שִׁימָה-לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ לְשִׁפְטֵנוּ--כְּכֹל-הַגּוֹיִם. ו וַיִּרַע הַדָּבָר, בְּעֵינֵי שְׁמוּאֵל,
 כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמְרוּ, תָּנֶה-לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ לְשִׁפְטֵנוּ; וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל שְׁמוּאֵל, אֶל-יְהוָה.
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ז וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אֶל-שְׁמוּאֵל, שְׁמַע בְּקוֹל הָעָם, לְכֹל אֲשֶׁר-יֹאמְרוּ
 אֵלֶיךָ: כִּי לֹא אֶתְךָ מְאַסּוּ, כִּי-אֶתִי מְאַסּוּ מִמֶּלֶךְךָ עָלֵיהֶם. ח כְּכֹל-
 הַמַּעֲשִׂים אֲשֶׁר-עָשׂוּ, מִיּוֹם הָעַלֹתִי אֹתָם מִמִּצְרַיִם וְעַד-הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה,
 וַיַּעֲזְבוּנִי, וַיַּעֲבְדוּ אֱלֹהֵי הַיָּם אַחֲרָיִם--כִּן הָמָּה עֹשִׂים, גַּם-לָךְ. ט וְעַתָּה,

שָׁמַע בְּקוֹלָם: אַךְ, כִּי-הָעַד תָּעִיד בָּהֶם, וְהִגַּדְתָּ לָהֶם, מִשְׁפַּט הַמֶּלֶךְ
אֲשֶׁר יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵיהֶם. {ס}

י וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל, אֵת כָּל-דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה, אֶל-הָעָם, הַשְׂאֵלִים מֵאִתּוֹ
מֶלֶךְ. {ס}

יא וַיֹּאמֶר--זֶה יִהְיֶה מִשְׁפַּט הַמֶּלֶךְ, אֲשֶׁר יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵיכֶם: אֶת-בְּנֵיכֶם
יִקַּח, וְשָׂם לוֹ בְּמַרְכָּבָתוֹ וּבְכַרְשָׁיו, וְרָצוּ, לְפָנָי מְרַכְּבָתוֹ. יב וְלִשְׂוֹם
לוֹ, שְׁרֵי אֲלָפִים וְשְׁרֵי חֲמֹשִׁים; וְלִחְרָשׁ חֲרִישׁוֹ וְלִקְצָר קְצִירוֹ,
וְלַעֲשׂוֹת כָּלִי-מְלַחֲמָתוֹ וְכָלִי רֶכֶב. יג וְאֶת-בְּנוֹתֵיכֶם, יִקַּח, לְרִקְחוֹת
וְלִטְבָּחוֹת, וְלֹא פוֹת. יד וְאֶת-שָׂדוֹתֵיכֶם וְאֶת-כַּרְמֵיכֶם וְזֵיתֵיכֶם,
הַטוֹבִים--יִקַּח; וְנָתַן, לַעֲבָדָיו. טו וְזֹרְעֵיכֶם וְכַרְמֵיכֶם, יַעֲשֶׂר; וְנָתַן
לְסַרְיִסָּיו, וְלַעֲבָדָיו. טז וְאֶת-עַבְדֵיכֶם וְאֶת-שְׂפָחוֹתֵיכֶם וְאֶת-בַּחֲוָרֵיכֶם
הַטוֹבִים, וְאֶת-חֲמוֹרֵיכֶם--יִקַּח; וְעָשָׂה, לְמִלְאכָתוֹ. יז צֹאֲנֹכֶם,
יַעֲשֶׂר; וְאִתָּם, תִּהְיוּ-לוֹ לַעֲבָדִים. יח וְזַעֲקוֹתֶם, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, מִלְּפָנָי
מִלְּכֹכֶם, אֲשֶׁר בְּחִרְתֶּם לָכֶם; וְלֹא-יַעֲנֶה יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא.
יט וַיִּמָּאֲנוּ הָעָם, לִשְׁמֹעַ בְּקוֹל שְׂמוּאֵל; וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֵאמֹר, כִּי אִם-מֶלֶךְ
יִהְיֶה עָלֵינוּ. כ וְהִינּוּ גַם-אֲנַחְנוּ, כְּכָל-הַגּוֹיִם; וְשִׁפְטָנוּ מִלְּפָנָי וַיִּצְא
לְפָנֵינוּ, וַנִּלְחַם אֶת-מְלַחֲמֹתֵינוּ. כא וַיִּשְׁמַע שְׂמוּאֵל, אֵת כָּל-דְּבָרֵי
הָעָם; וַיַּדְבָּרֶם, בְּאָזְנֵי יְהוָה. {פ}

כב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-שְׂמוּאֵל שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלָם, וְהִמְלַכְתָּ לָהֶם מֶלֶךְ;
וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל אֶל-אֲנָשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לָכוּ אִישׁ לְעִירוֹ.
