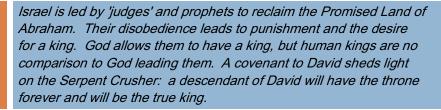
### Ep. #7 - Expectation

# THE STORY OF GOD

## 1 Samuel 8-12 1 Samuel 16





GOD: <u>He is faithful and keeps His promises</u>, <u>despite the "back and forth" unfaithfulness of humans</u>.

HUMANS: We reject God's authority again and ask for a human king. We like to do what's right in our own eyes.

Remember: When you ask for the WRONG THING you get the WRONG RESULTS. God was their king. They rejected Him and wanted a human king. The king they got (Saul) was a king that met human standards... NOT GOD'S.

2 Samuel 7:22 – "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!" (David's prayer of Thanks)

### THE OLD TESTAMENT CYCLE:

Step 1: Walk in VICTORY

Step 2: Things go GOOD, forget GOD & worship IDOLS

Step 3: Things get BAD/trouble COMES

Step 4: Cry out & REPENT (turn back to God)

Step 5: God RESCUES - uses different judges (generals, not Judy's), prophets, and priests.

\*Now, repeat steps 1-5 over, and over, and over, and over, and...

#### At this point in time, we find Israel:

Judges 21:25 – "In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." (underline the problem here)

Israel **HAS** God as king. Wants a king like **EVERYBODY ELSE**. (*Read 1 Samuel 8*)

NEWSFLASH: Israel IS NOT like all the other nations. The LORD was their God.

The people's choice for king = **SAUL** (he met human standards - looked the part)

Saul eventually rejected: Read 1 Samuel 15:22–23 (God desires OBEDIENCE)

God's choice for king =  $\underline{DAVID}$  (he was fulfilling the promise through David)

The eventual SERPENT CRUSHER would come from the line of DAVID: Luke 2:4 & Matthew 1:6-16

God doesn't work the same way we do: Read 1 Samuel 16:7 (God looks at the HEART)

The right king brings **FREEDOM**. The wrong king brings **SLAVERY**.