

1 Samuel 8-12  
1 Samuel 16

Israel is led by 'judges' and prophets to reclaim the Promised Land of Abraham. Their disobedience leads to punishment and the desire for a king. God allows them to have a king, but human kings are no comparison to God leading them. A covenant to David sheds light on the Serpent Crusher: a descendant of David will have the throne forever and will be the true king.



EXPECTATION

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

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 = 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.