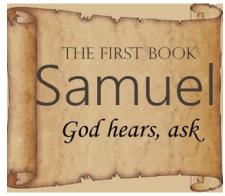
1 SAMUEL 7 vs 1



In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.





- ¹ And the men of Kiriath-jearim came, and took the Ark of the LORD, and brought it to the house of Abinadab in the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Ark of the LORD / from the days of Adam, the father of all mankind, to when Messiah came and was betrayed; and until He comes again, His people are asked to keep, to guard and protect what is valuable to Him in each epoch.
- ² And it happened, while the Ark remained in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.
- ³ And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you return to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the strange gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts to the LORD, and serve Him only: and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.
- ⁴So the children of Israel put away the Baals and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.
- ⁵ Then Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you.
- ⁶ And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.
- ⁷ Now when the Philistines heard the children of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the leaders of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they feared the Philistines.
- ⁸ Then the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.
- ⁹ And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD: and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel; and the LORD answered him.

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¹⁰ Now as Samuel offered up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with great thunder on that day against the Philistines, and confused them; and they were thrashed before Israel.

¹¹ And the men of Israel went from Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

¹² Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Thus far the LORD has helped us.

¹³ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no longer into the border of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

¹⁴ And the cities which the Philistines took from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel delivered their territory from the hands of the Philistines. So there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵ Now Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

 $^{16}\,\mathrm{And}$ he went annually on circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places.

¹⁷ Then his return was to Ramah; for his house was there; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar to the LORD.

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