

1 Samuel 8:4-21 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; 12:32

Topic: This is a voting year, so the topic today is God's program for the nations, what He's done in way of human governments, where are we headed according to God's Word.

1 Samuel 8:4-5: Samuel was the last prophet of God and a judge. In this chapter, Samuel is old and his sons have gone astray and the whole nation of Israel is messed up. Israel is looking around at all the surrounding nations and sees they have kings and they like that system. So they asked Samuel to get them a king.

Vs6: The first thing Samuel does with this issue that he doesn't know how to handle is run to God in prayer. That is exactly right. Turn to God when you have a problem you can't deal with.

Vs7: Jesus told Samuel they have a king, but they have rejected Him. This has nothing to do with Samuel.

Vs8: The people of Israel have a king, but they want to kick Him out of their lives.

Vs9-10: Jesus Christ says "Go ahead, give them a king. But watch out, because this is what is going to happen." Let's parallel this to our nation today. We have a leader, but we don't like him, we reject him, and we want to set up our own leaders.

Vs11: The king that you set up will not be good. He will take the men of the nation and make slaves out of them, to serve him and not God. The people will have no authority whatsoever, and the king will decide and rule all.

Vs12: He will take all your privileges. Look at England today, and any country today that has a man-appointed king government system.

Vs13: The king will make slaves out of the women, too, to cook, clean, breed.

Vs14: The man-appointed king will take all your land and have the slave work on them.

Vs15: The man-king will take a tenth of all your income.

Vs16: He will take all your servants, all your helpers.

Vs17: He will take your entire livelihood and turn you into a servant.

Vs18: If you set up a king by yourself, you will suffer eventually.

Vs19: the people still want Samuel to set up a king for them and they disregard the warning.

Vs20: Christians are not supposed to be like the rest of the world. Here Israel is trying to be like the rest of the world, but they shouldn't do that because they are special, they are set apart from the rest of the world as God's children.

Vs21: Samuel told God that despite the warning, the people of Israel still want a man-appointed king to rule over them.

1 Chronicles 10:1-14: Israel is in a war with the Philistines, and Saul is on Mt. Gilboa, and Israel is losing the war. Saul is ready to commit suicide, and all his sons are dead already. The Philistines found Saul dead, took his head and put it in a temple. They took his body and hung it outside the gates of the city. This was to show that the Philistines' God was stronger than our God, but God told Saul all this was to happen.

Chapter 11, Saul becomes King.

Chapter 12:32: the children of Issachar, who is the 12th child of Jacob, the children of Issachar have an understanding of the times. There were 200 of these men who gathered to support David in becoming king. Now we wonder, who are the descendants today that believe this bible, live by the principles set

forth, and understand what's going on in the nations today. This nation of USA should never have been founded. At first our country was a little Sunday school picnic, founded by backwoods men and merchants. It was founded because God had a purpose: to get His Word spread throughout the world. Today we are not doing it as we were. Today courts are ruling against God in the courts, against prayer in schools, and it takes one lady to complain and get prayers and God out of our country. We have people worshipping rock bands and starlets, and don't care about God at all. But we have done this to ourselves.

Here's our responsibility in voting: take what the candidate says, see how they live, and compare all that to the word of God, to what's written in the bible. Where are our sons of Issachar today? They know the nations, they know what to do.