

3. GIVE US A KING

1 Samuel 8

The title of today's lesson, "Give Us A King," is the theme for all of the thirteen lessons we are now studying. The Israelites turned against God being their King. They wanted a man to be their king. They wanted to be like the wicked nations around them and have a man serve as king, instead of turning to God for all their needs.



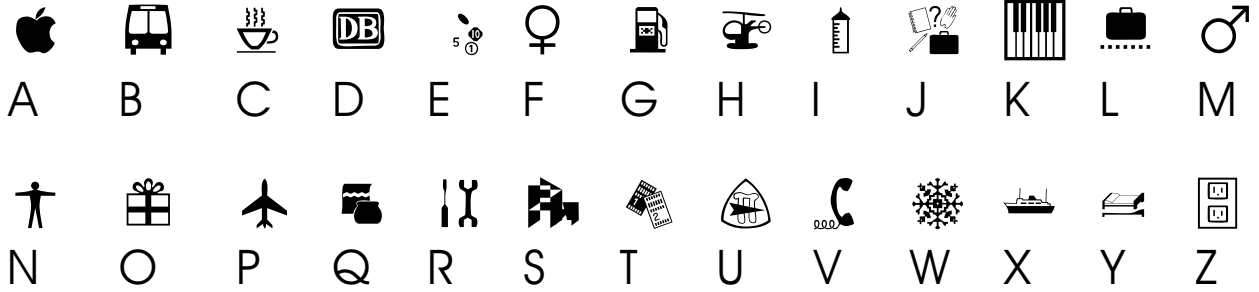
Samuel was old, and "he made his sons judges over Israel" (1 Samuel 8:1). They were not faithful, honest men like Samuel. They took money to do things God did not like. They took bribes (1 Samuel 8:3).

The elders of Israel told Samuel, "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:5).

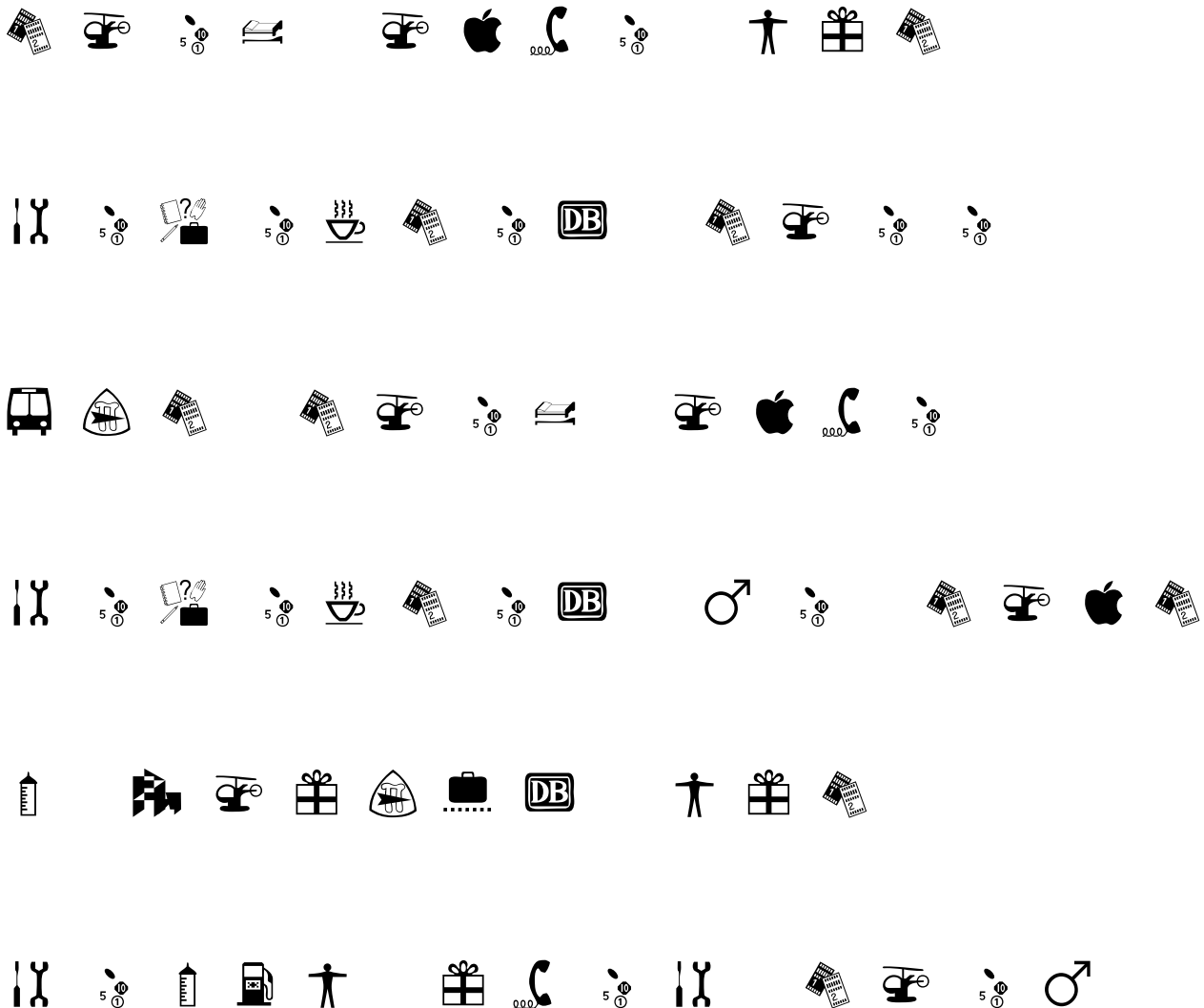
Samuel was not pleased! He prayed to God, and God told him to listen to the people. God explained that the people had not rejected Samuel, but they had rejected God. God told Samuel to warn the people about what the king would do. Samuel told them:

1. The king will take your sons and daughters to work for him.
2. "He will take your fields, and your vineyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants" (v. 14).
3. The king will take 1/10th of the things you grow to eat and give them to his officers and servants.
4. He will take the best of your servants and donkeys to work for him.
5. He will also take 1/10th of your sheep, and turn you into his servants.

God warned them that they would cry out to Him because of the king, but He would not hear them because they had rejected Him. The people would not listen to what Samuel told them, but said, "Nay; but we will have a king over us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles" (1 Sam. 8:19,20). God told Samuel to go ahead and "make them a king" (v. 22). In our next lesson we will learn about the first king of Israel, a man named Saul.



Use the code to write out what God told Samuel about the Israelites wanting a man to be their king.



Samuel appointed his two sons to serve as judges. Fill in the missing words (found in **1 Samuel 8**). Write your answers below. Letters with a darker underline will spell the place where Samuel's judges worked.

1. Samuel's sons got money dishonestly. They "took _____" (v. 3).
2. The _____ got together to talk to Samuel (v. 4)
3. Samuel was not happy when the people said, "Give us a king to _____ us" (v. 6).
4. Then "Samuel _____ unto the Lord" (v. 6)
5. Samuel warned the people about what a King would do. God reminded Samuel of the way the Israelites had "_____ other gods" (v. 8)
6. Samuel told them the king would "take your sons and appoint them for himself, for his _____, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots" (v. 11).
7. Samuel went on to say that some of their sons would be taken to grow crops, "and to _____ his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots" (v. 12).
8. The people wanted a king like the nations around them. They said they wanted a king so, "our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our _____" (v. 20).
9. _____ listened to the people and told God what they had said (v. 21).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____ _____
6. _____ _____
7. _____ _____
8. _____ _____
9. _____ _____

NOTE TO THE CUSTOMER: This lesson is a good illustration of how these lessons can be used in the multi-age classroom. All children study the same lesson topic. Older children spend more time doing written work, while younger ones may work on a simple written activity and then color while the teacher assists older students with the more difficult activity.

Also please note the manner in which I explain the relationship between the old law and the new law. Being raised in a denomination, I realize that many of the denominational errors are related to an inability to rightly divide the Word.

Scroll down to the next page to view the booklet which clearly depicts the differences between the kingdom under the old law and the kingdom, or church, in the Christian age.

Teachers' instructions:

Lesson Three: Give Us A King

OBJECTIVES:

This lesson explains why this book is called *GIVE US A KING*.

Your number one goal should be to help students understand that by demanding a king, the Israelites were rejecting God's leadership.

Explain how the Israelites ignored God's warnings.

Print the folder with the title page and two pages comparing the Mosaical Age and the Christian Age. Use cover stock if possible. Tape together in the center between the two pages with text. Let children color the title on the cover. Take time in class to explain these two pages.

Print the lesson and activities on colored paper. Young children should complete only the code. Older children should be able to complete the code and also fill in the blanks.

If you are explaining the lesson to a multi-age classroom, use the folder for a visual aid. If you have the posters on the wall showing the three Bible ages, point to the Mosaical Age chart and the Christian Age chart at the appropriate times. When you come to the point in the lesson where Samuel was warning them about what would happen if they chose to follow an earthly king, have the older students take turns reading the five numbered points on the regular lesson.

Answers for pages three and four: 1. Bribes, 2. Elders, 3. Judge, 4. Prayed, 5. Served, 6. Chariots, 7. Reap, 8. Battles, and 9. Samuel. Word they will see vertically: Beersheba.

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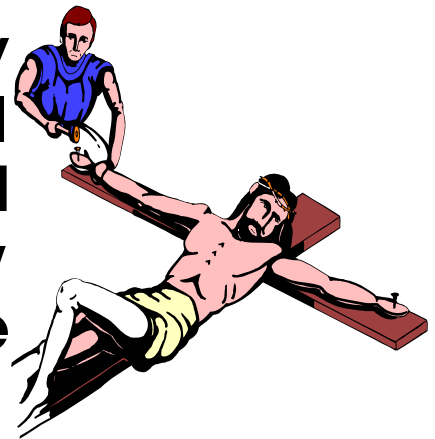
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MOSAICAL LAW

God wanted to be the only king during the Mosaical Age, but the Israelites wanted an earthly king. The old law was nailed to the cross. The Mosaical Law ended.



During the Mosaical Age:

At first there was only one type of kingdom. God was the King both of:

1. The earthly kingdom
2. The spiritual kingdom

God gave the Israelites judges to rescue them from their enemies and to show them how they should obey God. Then the Israelites asked God to give them a king to be over their nation. King Saul was the first king over Israel. The Israelites did not want God to be the King of the earthly kingdom.

JESUS IS KING



Jesus is now King of His spiritual kingdom. The kingdom is the church. We live in the Christian Age. Jesus is the head of His church. Jesus wants to be our King. Jesus is our King if we obey the Bible.

During the Christian Age:

There are many kinds of earthly kingdoms. Some have presidents for their leaders and some have kings. In some nations people can vote for their leaders, but in others they can not.

Christians can live in any type of earthly kingdom. God made Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords who is in charge of His spiritual kingdom (Acts 2:36, 1 Tim. 6:15). Christians love Jesus and obey the teachings of the NT. Jesus is their King.