



God's King

1st in the "Samuel" Series

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

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Introduction

In this passage God sets the context for the kind of king he would provide for his people and the world.

The Text: Deuteronomy 17:14-20

¹⁴ "When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. ¹⁸ "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel."

1) The Books of Samuel: A Brief Introduction.

LAW – God's Person	Gen, Exod, Lev, Num, Deut
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HISTORY – God's Pastoring	Josh, Judg, Ruth, 1-2 Sam , 1-2 Kgs, 1-2 Chron, Ezra, Neh, Esther
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WISDOM – God's Parenting	Job, Ps, Prov, Eccl, Song of Sol
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PROPHETS – God's Promising	<u>Major</u> : Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezek, Dan <u>Minor</u> : Hos, Joel, Amos, Obad, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Hab, Zeph, Haggai, Zech, Mal

- Issues:* (1) God shows how he alone establishes his people and their king – the Davidic Covenant.
 (2) The world tempts us to define ourselves and our values by standards other than God.
 (3) God reveals the failures of Israel's kings and the need for a true and faithful King – Jesus.

2) The Context for the Books of Samuel: The Criteria for God's King (Deuteronomy 17:14-20).

- (a) *God's king would be divinely appointed (v. 15).*
 (b) *God's king would rely on God and not the tools of the world (vv. 16-17).*
 (c) *God's king would rule according to the principles of God's Word (vv. 18-20).*

Response

In a world that relies upon warfare, wealth, and politics, God's people trust and obey our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: Describe the characteristics of the best imaginable president of the United States?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why do you think God knew that Israel would want a king “like all the nations” around them (v. 14)?
- 4) In what ways do Christians, just like God’s people in Israel, get influenced by the culture in which we live, and how can we recognize such influence?
- 5) Why might it be significant that the king over the people of God would be chosen by God (v. 15)?
- 6) Based upon vv. 16-17, why would God not want a king who pursues warfare (“horses”), wealth (“trade”), or politics (“wives”)?
- 7) How different are our political leaders, even the one’s we voted for, than the kind of ruler God ultimately will choose?
- 8) How do vv. 18-20 describe the way God’s King will base his governance and life on the Word of God?
- 9) How does Jesus Christ fulfill the requirements for God’s king given in this passage?
- 10) How should the Bible’s message that God will ultimately appoint a true King help us think differently about our current politicians and contemporary politics?

Further study this week: Passages on Jesus the King: Isaiah 9:6-7 (Mon); Daniel 7:13-14 (Tues); 1 Timothy 6:11-16 (Wed); Hebrews 1:1-4 (Thurs); Revelation 5:1-14 (Fri).