

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE
1 SAMUEL 8

1 Samuel

Samuel
Prophet,
Priest,
Judge

1 7

Saul

Rise

Decline

8 15 16 31

David's
Rise

I. God's preparation to deliver the nation Israel from her enemies by grace.

1 Sam. 1–7

II. God establishes the office of the king.

1 Sam. 8–15

III. God decreases the influence of Saul, and increases David.

1 Sam. 16–2 Sam. 1

**Prov. 20:28, “Loyalty and truth preserve the king,
And he upholds his throne by righteousness.”**

**Prov. 29:4, “The king gives stability to the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.”**

1 Sam. 8:1–3–The setting: The people reject the sons of Samuel, who he made to be judges over Israel, because they are corrupt and pervert the law.

1 Sam. 8:4–5–The elders of Israel gather to meet Samuel at Ramah and request a king over them like all of the nations.

1 Sam. 8:6–9–Samuel takes it personally and reacts to their request, but in prayer, turns to the Lord who tells him that it is He whom the people have rejected and tells Samuel to warn them of the consequences.

1 Sam. 8:10–18–Samuel tells the people all of the consequences and how this will burden them financially and limit their liberty and freedom.

1 Sam. 8:19–20–The people reject the warning and continue to demand a king like all of the other nations.

1 Sam. 8:21–22–The Lord tells Samuel to obey their voice.

Application

Political/National or Individual Decisions

This is where we talk and argue.

Logical sequence

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Pressures of life

These are the real issues, usually ignored.

Epistemology: How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

THE AGE OF THE GENTILES

**EDENIC/
Creation
Gen.
1:27–28**

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**ADAMIC
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3:14–19**

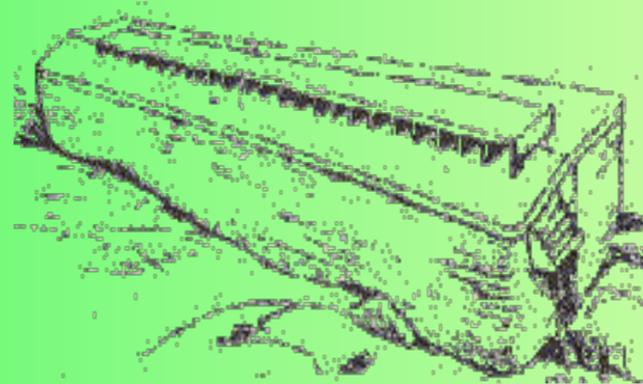
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**NOAHIC
Gen.
9:1–7**



**Dispensation
of
Innocence**

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**Dispensation
of
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**Dispensation
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**Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth. Gen. 9:1**

**Eat meat, not blood.
Gen. 9:2-4**

**Capital punishment for
animals or humans who
kill. Gen. 9:5-7**

**God promised to never
judge the earth by water
again. Gen. 9:9-11**

**The sign is the rainbow.
Gen. 9:12-13**



Deut. 1:13, “ ‘Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.’ ”

Deut. 1:14, “ ‘And you answered me and said, ‘The thing which you have told us to do is good.’ ”

Deut. 1:15, “So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes.

Deut. 1:16, “Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him.

Deut. 1:17, “ ‘You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment is God’s. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.’ ”

Deut. 16:18, “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just [righteous (*tzedeqah*)] judgment.”

Deut. 16:19, “You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.”

Deut. 16:20, “You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”