

Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category C: Israel – Kingdom Intelligence Report #3

Topic: A Kingdom with a King!

Did the request of the people for a king catch God by surprise? Not in the least. The petition was fully anticipated by God and revealed through Moses in Deuteronomy 17:14. Since the people did not possess such foresight, God warns them of the consequences of their craving for a king in 1 Samuel 8:10-17, and the buyer's remorse that would ensue (v18). But did the people listen? Did the Exodus generation listen at Kadesh-Barnea? Of course not! Neither did this generation, in reconsidering the withdrawal of their demand (vv. 19-22).

So God's sovereignty and man's choice are very much on display in 1 Samuel 8:1-22. Most of us would agree that God does not author evil. But it is also undeniable that He does allow it. So He allows the Israelites of Samuel's generation to have their own way. Does this hinder the furtherance of God's Plan B? Not at all. God allows their request but with a qualifier of His own; revealed through Moses in Deuteronomy 17:15 –

“. . . you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God choseth, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not a countryman.”

In establishing the premise that Israel's King would be an individual of God's choosing, the stage is set for the establishment of yet another unconditional covenant; essential in not only furthering Plan B, but in restoring Plan A. However, the focus of this covenant would not only involve genealogy and geography, but a throne of absolute dominion over the entire earth, confirmed by the prophet in Isaiah 9:6-7 –

**“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
from then on and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”**

This covenant with David and his ultimate descendant confirms that Adam 2.0 would restore Plan A by ruling and reigning as a king. It also proves beyond the shadow of any doubt, that no mere human king or group of individuals who think they are kings, will ever be able to accomplish that task. It will be the zeal of the Lord of hosts which will accomplish this.