

## 1 Samuel 12 key words

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Samuel said to all Israel, "I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a **king** over you. See, it is the **king** who leads you now; I am old and gray, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day. Here I am; testify against me before **YHWH** and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you." They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone." He said to them, "**YHWH** is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness." Samuel said to the people, "**YHWH** is witness, who **made** Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore take your stand, so that I may enter into judgment with you before **YHWH**, and I will declare to you all the saving deeds of **YHWH** that he **made** for you and for your ancestors. When Jacob went into Egypt and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your ancestors cried to **YHWH** and **YHWH** sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your ancestors out of Egypt, and settled them in this place. But they forgot **YHWH** their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of **King** Jabin of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the **king** of Moab; and they fought against them. Then they cried to **YHWH**, and said, 'We have **sinned**, because we have forsaken **YHWH**, and have **served** the Baals and the Astartes; but now rescue us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will **serve** you.' And **YHWH** sent Jerubbaal and Barak, and Jephthah, and Samson, and rescued you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you lived in safety. But when you saw that **King** Nahash of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a **king** shall reign over us,' though **YHWH** your God was your **king**. See, here is the **king** whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; see, **YHWH** has set a **king** over you. If you will **fear** **YHWH** and **serve** him and heed his voice and not **rebel** against the commandment of **YHWH**, and if both you and the **king** who reigns over you will follow **YHWH** your God, it will be well; but if you will not heed the voice of **YHWH**, but **rebel** against the commandment of **YHWH**, then the hand of **YHWH** will be against you and your **king**. Now therefore take your stand and see this great thing that **YHWH** will **make** before your eyes. Is it not the wheat harvest today? I will call upon **YHWH**, that he may send thunder and rain; and you shall know and see that the **evil** that **you have made** in the sight of **YHWH** is great in demanding a **king** for yourselves." So Samuel called upon **YHWH**, and **YHWH** sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly **feared** **YHWH** and Samuel. All the people said to Samuel, "Pray to **YHWH** your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our **sins** the **evil** of demanding a **king** for ourselves." And Samuel said to the people, "**Do not be afraid**; **you have made** all this **evil**, yet do not turn aside from following **YHWH**, but **serve** **YHWH** with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. For **YHWH** will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased **YHWH** to **make** you a people for himself. Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should **sin** against **YHWH** by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only **fear** **YHWH**, and **serve** him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. But if you still do **evil**, you shall be swept away, both you and your **king**."