

THE LAWS OF THE KINGS

In Deuteronomy 17:14-20 Yahweh set the "Laws of the King" which limited the monarchy and prohibited certain excesses:

- ◆ Must be an Israelite
- ◆ He must not acquire many horses
- ◆ He must not send to Egypt to increase the power of his army
- ◆ He must not have many wives
- ◆ He must not acquire vast quantities of wealth.
- ◆ He must keep a copy of these laws with him and must read them every day.
- ◆ He must be a servant to his people and not think of himself as superior to the people.

The Prophet Samuel's warnings against kingship and the fulfillment of his prophecy

Warning	Scripture in 1 Samuel	Fulfillment
Young men drafted into the king's army	8:11, 12	<i>Whenever Saul saw a mighty or brave man he took him into his service.</i> Samuel 14:52
Young men to run in front of the king's chariots	8:11	<i>Absalom provided himself with a chariot and horses and with fifty men to run ahead of him.</i> 2 Samuel 15:1
Required labor for the King	8:12-17	Solomon assigned laborers to build the Temple and his palace. 2 Chronicles 2:17, 18
Acquiring the best of your fields and vineyards	8:14	Queen Jezebel stole Naboth's vineyard. 1 Kings 21:5-16
Using the people's property for his personal gain	8:14-16	Solomon gave away 20 cities to the King of Tyre. 1 Kings 9:10-15
A king will demand a tenth of your harvest and flocks	8:15, 17	Solomon and his son taxed the people heavily. 1 Kings 12:1ff

KING SAUL'S MILITARY BATTLES

BATTLE	VICTOR	SUMMARY	SCRIPTURE
Jabesh-gilead	Israel	Saul delivers the people of Jabesh	1 Samuel 11:1-11
Aphek to Ebenezer	Philistia	The Ark of the Covenant captured	1 Samuel 4:1-11
Mizpah	Israel	Ark returned; God confuses the Philistines who are routed by Israel	1 Samuel 7:7-14
Geba	Israel lead by Jonathan son of Saul	Prince Jonathan defeats the Philistines with 3,000 men	1 Samuel 13:3-4
Gilga	Undecided	Israelite soldiers lose their nerve and flee the battle	1 Samuel 13:5-10
Mt. Gilboa	Philistia	Israel is defeated. Saul and his sons are killed	1 Samuel 31:1-13