

# 1 Samuel 10:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Samuel begins with the prophetic messenger formula 'Thus saith the LORD' (koh amar YHWH), establishing divine authority for his words. He rehearses Israel's redemptive history: the Exodus ('brought up from Egypt'), ongoing deliverance ('out of the hand of the Egyptians'), and continued salvation from 'all kingdoms' and oppressors throughout the judges period. This historical recitation (historical prologue) follows ancient covenant patterns where God's saving acts established the basis for Israel's obligations. The verb 'brought up' (he'eleti) implies more than geographical movement; it speaks of elevation, rescue, and purposeful deliverance. By grounding the kingship discussion in Exodus memory, Samuel frames Israel's request against God's faithful record. The implied question hangs in the air: given all God has done, why do you want a human king?

## Historical Context

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The Exodus served as Israel's foundational saving event, constantly referenced in covenant renewals and prophetic indictments. Reciting God's saving acts before addressing current issues followed ancient Near Eastern suzerainty treaty patterns, where the great king's beneficent history established grounds for vassal obligations.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does remembering God's past faithfulness inform how we evaluate present desires?
2. Why is it significant that Samuel grounds the kingship discussion in Exodus redemption?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַר	אֶל	בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
And said	H413	unto the children	Israel	H3541	And said	the LORD
H559		H1121	H3478	H559	H3068	God
						H430
יִשְׂרָאֵל	אָנֹכִי	הָעַלִּי יְתִי	אֶת	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִצֵּרִים	וְאֶצִּיל
Israel	H595	I brought up	H853	Israel	of the Egyptians	and delivered
H3478		H5927		H3478	H4714	H5337
אֶתְּכֶם	וּמִיַּד	מִצֵּרִים	וּמִיַּד	כָּל		
H853	and out of the hand	of the Egyptians	and out of the hand	H3605		
	H3027	H4714	H3027			
הַמַּמְלָכֹת	וּמִיַּד	הַלְחֹצִים	אֶתְּכֶם:			
of all kingdoms	and of them that oppressed		H853			
H4467	H3905					

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