

# 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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אֱלֹהִים וְיְהוָה אֱמֹר אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אָמַר רַבָּה  
And said H413 unto the children Israel H3541 And said the LORD God  
H559 H1121 H3478 H559 H3068 H430

וְאֵצֶל מִצְבֵּה יְהוָה אֲנָכִי אֶל יִתְהַלֵּל אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִשְׂרָאֵל  
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H3478 H5927 H3478 H4714 H5337

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H3027 H4714 H3027

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of all kingdoms and of them that oppressed H853  
H4467 H3905

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