

# 1 Samuel 12:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Samuel's concluding warning maintains covenant conditionality: 'if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.' The inclusion of 'your king' emphasizes that monarchy provides no escape from covenant consequences. The Hebrew saphah ('consumed' or 'swept away') denotes complete destruction. This solemn warning frames all of Israel's subsequent monarchical history and prophetically anticipates the exile that would eventually fulfill it. Hope and warning together characterize biblical preaching.

## Historical Context

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This warning was fulfilled ultimately in 586 BC when Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and ended the monarchy. The prophets would repeatedly cite Israel's covenant violations as explanation for national catastrophe. Samuel's warning established the theological framework for interpreting Israel's monarchical history.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How should sobering warnings balance encouraging promises in Christian proclamation?
2. What does the eventual fulfillment of Samuel's warning teach about the seriousness of covenant faithfulness?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאַם      וְעַתָּה      וְתִרְא      וְתִרְא      וְאַתָּה      וְאַתָּה  
H518      But if ye shall still      But if ye shall still      H1571      H859      H1571

H7489      H7489

מְלָכֶךָ      וְתִבְשֶׂא  
both ye and your king      ye shall be consumed  
H4428      H5595

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 24:20** (Parallel theme): If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

**Isaiah 3:11** (Evil): Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

**Deuteronomy 28:36** (Kingdom): The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

**Hosea 10:3** (Kingdom): For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

