

1 Samuel 12:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

Analysis

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Samuel begins Israel's history with Jacob's descent into Egypt and the exodus deliverance. The pattern of crisis ('your fathers cried unto the LORD'), divine response (God 'sent Moses and Aaron'), and deliverance ('brought forth your fathers out of Egypt') establishes the paradigm that will repeat throughout his review. This pattern demonstrates that God has always provided leadership in response to genuine need - making Israel's current demand for a king appear as failure to follow established means of seeking divine help.

Historical Context

The exodus was Israel's foundational salvation event, commemorated annually at Passover. Samuel's appeal to this history reminded his audience that their national existence depended entirely on divine intervention, not human military power or political organization.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the exodus pattern of crying out to God apply to current crises?
2. Why do we sometimes seek human solutions before genuinely crying out to the LORD?

Interlinear Text

אֶל אֲבֹתֵיכֶם וַיַּזְעַק בְּאֶרְךָ בְּאֶרְךָ וְיַעֲשֵׂה יְמִינְךָ וְמִמְּעָכֶם יְמִינְךָ בְּאֶרְךָ בְּאֶרְךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר
H834 was come H935 When Jacob H3290 into Egypt H4714 cried H2199 and your fathers H1 H413

אֶת מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה
then the LORD H3068 sent H7971 then the LORD H3068 Moses H4872 and Aaron H175 H853

וְיַשְׁבֵן וְיַשְׁבֵן וְיַשְׁבֵן וְיַשְׁבֵן וְיַשְׁבֵן
which brought forth H3318 and your fathers H853 into Egypt H4714 and made them dwell H3427 H1

בָּזָה: בְּמָקָם
in this place H4725 H2088