

1 Samuel 12:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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	אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם	וַיִּזְעַק ו	מִמִּצְרַיִם	יָעַקֵּב ב	בָּא	כָּאֲשֶׁר
H413	H1	H2199	H4714	H3290	H935	H834
	and your fathers	cried	into Egypt	When Jacob	was come	
אֶהְרֹן ו	וְאַתָּה	מֹשֶׁה ה	אֶת	יְהוָה ה	וַיִּשְׁלַח ח	יְהוָה ה
H175	H853	H4872	H853	H3068	H7971	H3068
and Aaron		Moses		then the LORD	sent	then the LORD
וַיָּשֶׁב וּם	וַיַּעַשׂ	מִמִּצְרַיִם	אֶת	אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם	וַיֹּצֵא יֵאוֹ	
H3427		H4714	H853	H1	H3318	
and made them dwell		into Egypt	and your fathers		which brought forth	
						הִזָּה:
						H2088
						בַּמָּקוֹם וּם
						H4725
						in this place