

# Israel Asks For a King

*(Based on 1 Samuel 8)*

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When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges. But his sons were not like their father. The judgments they made were not fair because they would take money from the bad people to choose their side.



The people of Israel came to Samuel and said, "You are old. Your sons are not like you. Give us a king to be the boss over us like all the other nations have."



Samuel prayed and the Lord said to him, “Samuel, the people are not rejecting you, they are really rejecting me. They don’t want ME to be the boss over them. Give them what they want, but tell them what their king will be like.”

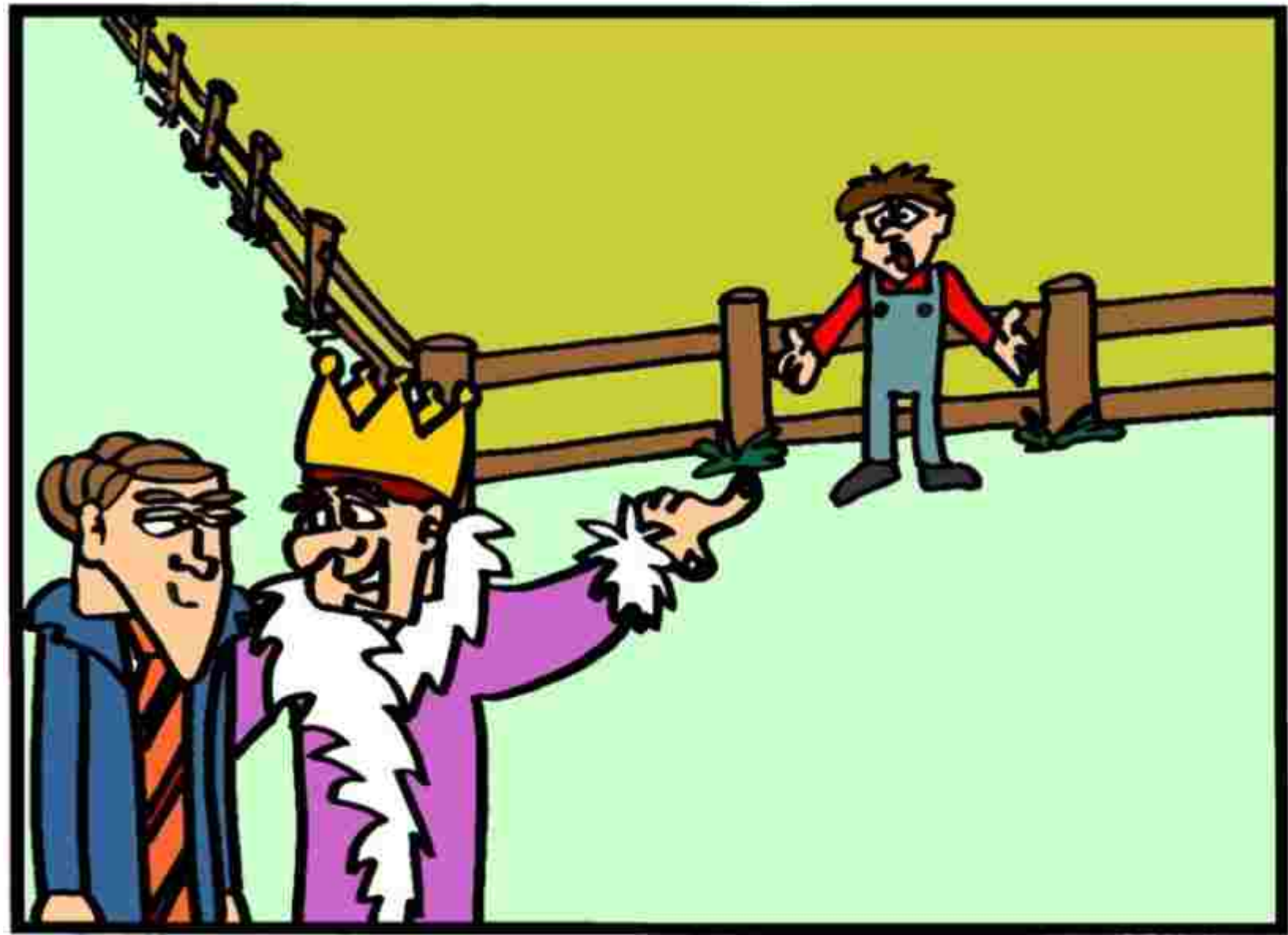




Samuel gathered the people and said, "This is what your king will do. He will take your sons and make them run with his chariots. They will have to make weapons.



He will take your daughters and make them his cooks.



He will take YOUR best fields and vineyards and give them to HIS servants.



He'll take YOUR servants and make them HIS servants.





He'll take ten percent of your sheep and you will be his servants.



When this happens, then you'll cry out because of your king, but the Lord will not listen to your cries about this," said Samuel. After the people heard this, they still wanted a king. "We want to be like all the other countries and have a king over us."



Lord, help me to not care if I am not like everybody around me. I like that you are the boss of my life. You are good and I trust in you.