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"Telling God's truth to those who do not want to hear it."

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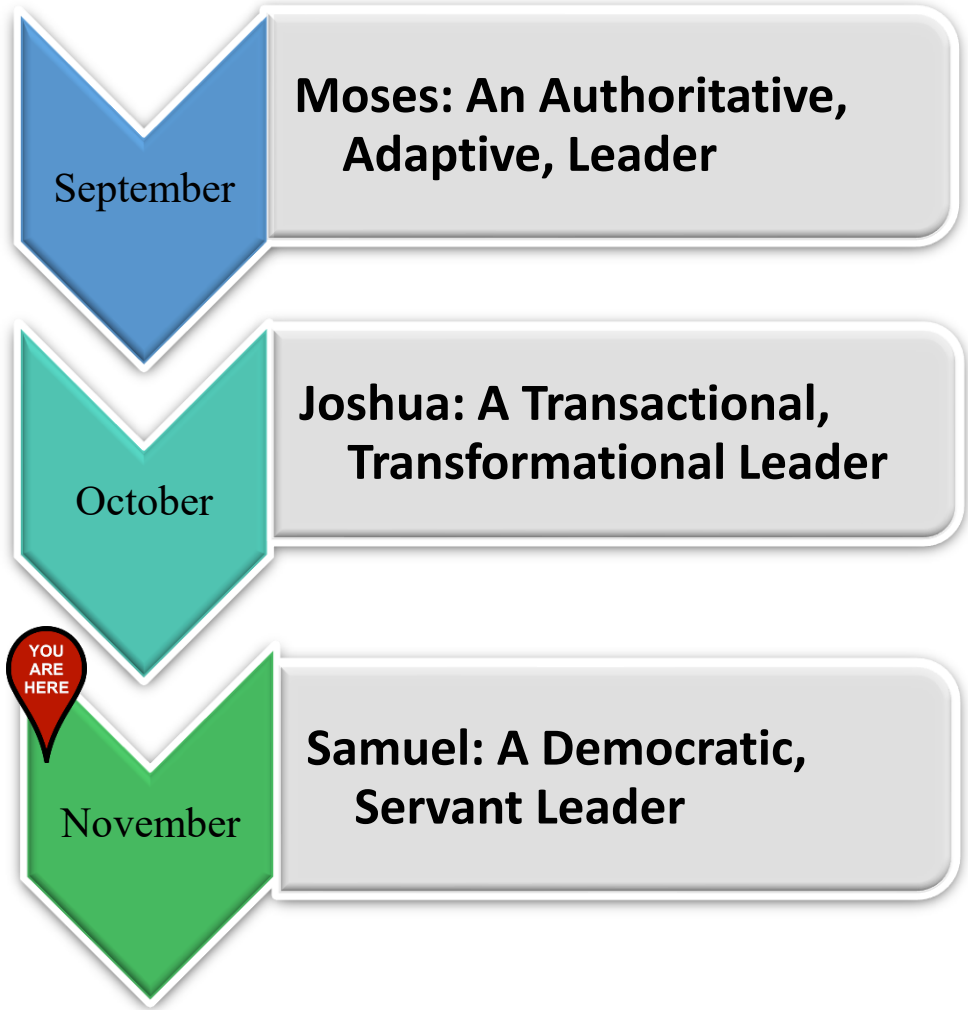
Welcome to Church

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See Him Coming

Glory and power to the one who
loves us,
Honour and praise him forever;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

Glory and power to the one who freed
us
From all our sins by his blood;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

See him coming on the clouds of
heaven,
Every eye behold him now.
He's the Living One, the first and last
Who once was dead,
But now he lives forever and ever.

Glory and power to the one who
made us
A kingdom of priests for God's
service;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus.

See him coming on the clouds of
heaven,
Every eye behold him now.
He's the Living One, the first and last
Who once was dead,
But now he lives forever and ever.

Jesus is the Living One,
Who died and came alive;
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Who was and is to come!

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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end

Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God x2

You Alone Can Rescue

Who, oh Lord, could save
themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

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Your grace is deeper still

You alone can rescue, You alone can
save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out
of death
To You alone belongs the highest
praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, your love goes further still

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"Courage – Be Strong and Courageous"

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1st Nov

- **Divine Calling:** Dedicated From Birth
- Do you feel drawn by God?

8th Nov

- **Faithful and Obedient:** Recognising and Accepting God's Will
- Being true to God even when things are not going as you might expect.

15th Nov

- **Effectively Guided Transitions:** Discernment to Handle Difficult Situations
- Telling God's truth to those who do not want to hear it.

22nd Nov

- **Spiritual Discernment:** In Touch with God
- God communicates with us directly, and forbids use of "familiar spirits".

29th Nov

- **Servant Leader**: Personal Testimony
- Samuel's personal integrity, and God's forbearance. He was a "servant" to all.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

Samuel the Man

Samuel's authority was fundamentally religious, and his leadership bridged the transition from a tribal confederacy to a centralized political system, a shift he navigated despite his own initial reservations.

Prophet and Seer:

- gained prominence through divine revelations
    - predicting the fall of the house of Eli.
- primary spokesman for Yahweh,
    - directed the selection and anointing of both Saul and David.

Judge and Military Leader:

- last of 15 judges, Samuel provided leadership in both law and war,
    - inspired the Israelites to victory over the Philistines at Mizpah.

Priest:

- his early life was defined by his service at the sanctuary of Shiloh under the priest Eli.

Summary Table

Event	Approx. Date	Details
Birth of Samuel	1141 BC	
God calls Samuel	1130 BC	Direct encounter with the Lord at about 11 years of age. (1 Sam. 3:8-14)
Becomes priest	1122 BC	Samuel became the priest in Israel following Eli's death. (1 Sam. 4:1-18)
Ends Philistine domination	1101 BC	Judges Israel; leads spiritual renewal; defeats Philistines at Mizpah (1 Sam 7)
Anoints Saul	1051 BC	Anoints Saul as Israel's first king (1 Sam 9–10)
Rebukes Saul	1093 BC	Confronts Saul for sparing Agag; tells him that God has rejected him as king (1 Sam 15)
Anoints David	1063 BC	Secretly anoints David as future king (1 Sam 16)
Death of Samuel	1011 BC	

Map of Israel's Neighbours at time of King Saul

https://builtbyhim.com/2018/09/04/lesson-3-saul-proud-in-heart/

Israel' Governance Structure

- Israel was not a nation as we know it but a confederacy of the 12 tribes each with its own rulers.

- The foundation of Israel's judicial system was the Law given to Moses at Mount Sinai.

- This Law, encompassing moral, civil, and ceremonial aspects, was recorded in the Torah, particularly in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

- The Law served as the ultimate authority, with God as the supreme judge. Deuteronomy 1:17 states, *ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's*

The Judges of Israel

- The Judges of Israel were leaders raised by God to govern and deliver the people after the deaths of Moses and Joshua.

-While the Judges are recorded like a linear history there may have been more than one Judge at any one time (see charts below).

- They carried out military, judicial, and spiritual functions, guiding the tribes of Israel against their oppressors and restoring justice.

- Israel was governed by 15 judges over the period from Moses death to Saul's coronation, each playing a unique role in history, leading the nation through crises while preparing the way for a future monarchy.

- Without centralized authority each man was responsible for his own actions under the Law. *In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes*. **Joshua 17:6**

Picture: Judges and Kings Timeline

‘Chronology of Judges Timeline’

www.bible.ca/chronology

Picture: Judges Timeline

The Judges in the New Chronology

https://www.thebiblicaltimeline.org/articles-videos/the-judges/

Choosing Saul as King

- To enforce the laws of the Torah, keep the tribes united, prevent the kind of religious backsliding that had occurred during the time of the Judges, and organize an army, the Israelite people felt they needed a king.

- Samuel anoints Saul in a private ceremony and gives him three signs to confirm that God has chosen him as king. [1] When the Spirit comes on Saul and God changes his heart he has equipped him to lead Israel as king. [2]

- Samuel then gathers Israel at Mizpah, where the Lord designates Saul by casting lots. [3] Saul's absence when chosen raises questions of his character: is he shy, modest, or fearful, or is this false humility? [4]

- Samuel also writes down the rights and duties of kingship, intended to distinguish Israelite kingship from the surrounding nations and to keep the king's role compatible with the Lord's continued rule as Israel's Great King.

- The human king was to be Yahweh's vice-regent, subordinate within an authority structure Yahweh himself stipulated. [6]

1 Samuel 8:4-20

[4]Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to
Samuel unto Ramah, [5] And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons
walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
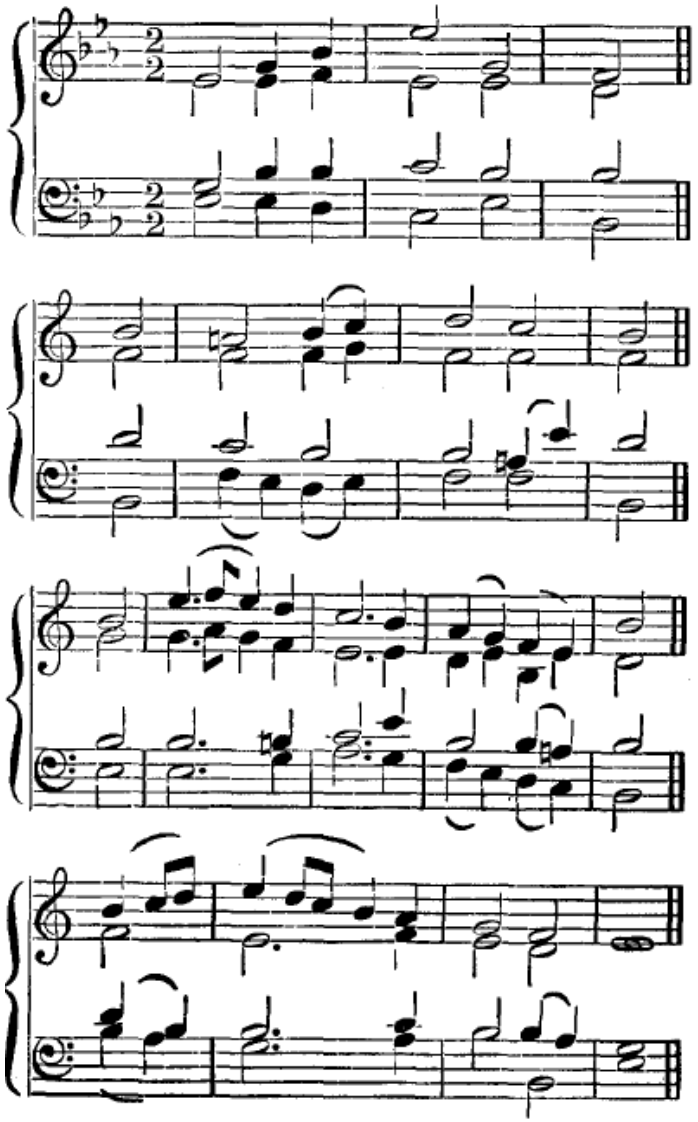
[6] But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge
us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. [7] And the LORD said unto Samuel,
Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they
have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign
over them. [8] According to all the works which they have done since the day
that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have
forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. [9] Now
therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them,
and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

[10] And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of
him a king. [11] And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall
reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his
chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties;
and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his
instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. 13 And he will take your
daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. 14 And he
will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best
of them, and give them to his servants. 15 And he will take the tenth of your
seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your
goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. 17 He will
take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye shall cry
out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the
LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they
said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20 That we also may be like all
the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight
our battles.

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(Heb. 2/17; Luke 2/11–14)

JESUS, the woman's seed,
Kept all Jehovah's laws,
And though His body after died,
It ne'er corruption saw.

By bearing Adam's blame,
And keeping all the laws,
The woman's holy seed became
The King of righteousness.

But now He comes again,
He comes as King of Peace;
O'er all the earth extends His reign,
And makes all wars to cease.

The angels' song fulfils,
Glory to God on high;
And peace on earth—to men good-will,
And everlasting joy.

1 Samuel 10:18-24 Choosing the king.

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I
brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the
Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed
you: 19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out
of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay,
but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by
your tribes, and by your thousands. 20 And when Samuel had caused all the
tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 When he
had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family
of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they
sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD
further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold
he hath hid himself among the stuff. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence:
and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people
from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye
him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the
people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Acts 11:1-18 Giving an Unpopular Message (like Samuel did)

11 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: 6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. 8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my

mouth. [9] But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.
[10] And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.
[11] And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. [12] And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: [13] And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; [14] Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

[15] And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. [16] Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.
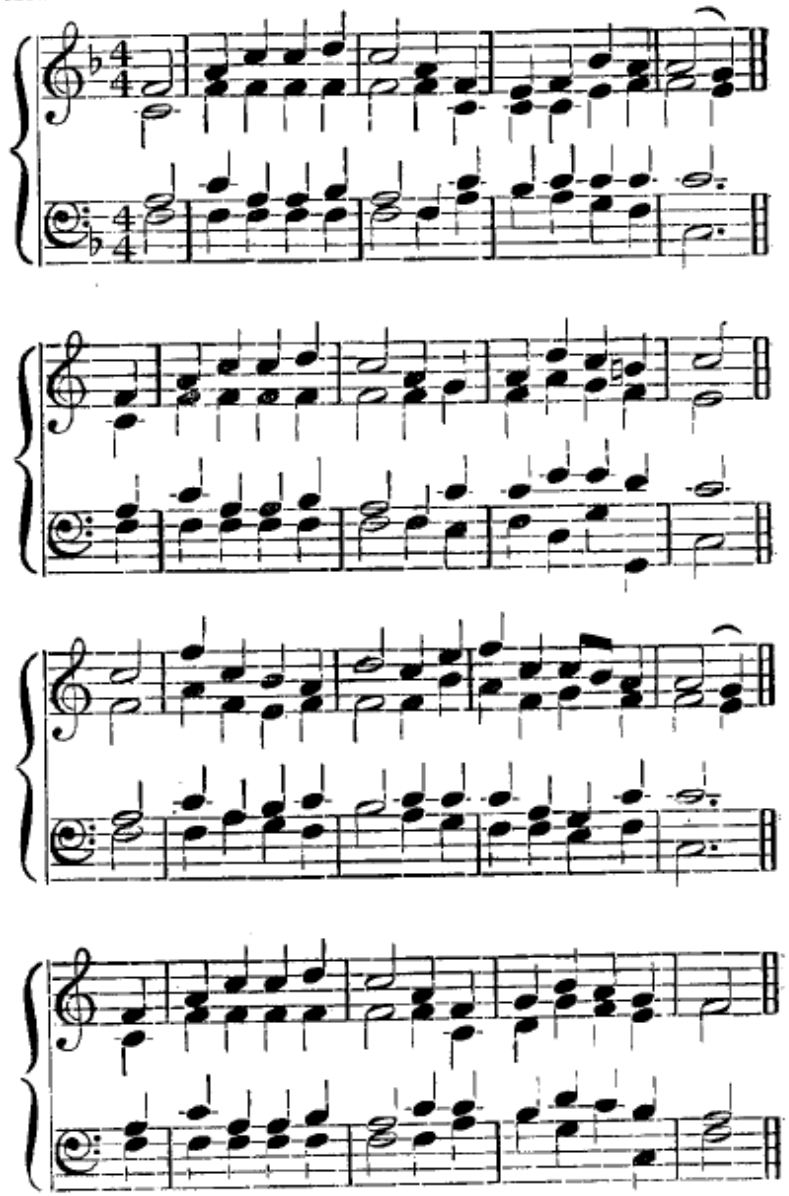
[17] Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?
[18] When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Message

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(John 8/12; Mic. 4/1,2; Rev. 22/1—4)

THE light of life is flowing
The darkness to dispel,
And is in truth revealing
The myst'ries of the fall;
All Isr'el it is bringing
From ev'ry distant shore,
No more will they be mourning,
Their blindness to deplore.

The laws from Zion coming
All Isr'el will obey,
The gospel light all shining
Will lead to perfect day:
On th' earth they will be reigning,
The Bridegroom and the Bride,
And in their light, all shining,
The nations shall reside.

That tree of life, once guarded
By swords of flaming fire,
Is now to Isr'el offer'd,—
Its fruit they do desire.
The nations will be healed
Throughout this earthly ball,
The man of sin revealed,
And truth receiv'd by all.