

Korach, Haftarah, July 2, 2022

I Samuel 11:14-12:22

(14) Samuel said to the people,
“Come, let us go to Gilgal and
there inaugurate the monarchy.”

(15) So all the people went to
Gilgal, and there at Gilgal they
declared Saul king before the
LORD. They offered sacrifices of
well-being there before the LORD;
and Saul and all the men of Israel
held a great celebration there. (1)
Then Samuel said to all Israel, “I
have yielded to you in all you have
asked of me and have set a king
over you. (2) Henceforth the king
will be your leader. “As for me, I
have grown old and gray—but my
sons are still with you—and I have
been your leader from my youth to
this day. (3) Here I am! Testify
against me, in the presence of the
LORD and in the presence of His

שְׁמוּאֵל אֵלֶּיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִזְבְּחוּ לַיהוָה
(יד) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם לְכוּ
וְנִלְכֶה הַגִּלְגָּל וְנִחַדְדֵּשׁ שָׁם
הַמְּלוּכָה: (טו) וַיֵּלְכוּ כָל־הָעָם
הַגִּלְגָּל וַיִּמְלְכוּ שָׁם אֶת־שָׁאוּל
לְפָנָי יְהוָה בְּגִלְגָּל וַיִּזְבְּחוּ־שָׁם
זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים לְפָנָי יְהוָה וַיִּשְׂמַח
שָׁם שָׁאוּל וְכָל־אֲנָשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל
עַד־מָאֹד: {פ} (א) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל
אֶל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי
בְּקִלְכֶם לְכָל אֲשֶׁר־אַמַּרְתֶּם לִי
וְאַמְלִיךָ עָלֵיכֶם מִלְּךָ: (ב) וְעַתָּה
הִנֵּה הַמֶּלֶךְ | מִתְהַלֵּךְ לְפָנֵיכֶם
וְאֲנִי זָקֵנְתִי וְשִׁבְתִּי וּבְנֵי הַנֶּחֱם
אִתְּכֶם וְאֲנִי הִתְהַלַּכְתִּי לְפָנֵיכֶם
מִנְעַרֵי עַד־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ג) הֲנִנִי עֲנוּ
בִי נֹגֵד יְהוָה וְנֹגֵד מְשִׁיחוֹ אֶת־שׂוֹרֵץ
| מִי לְקַחְתִּי וּמִמּוֹר מִי לְקַחְתִּי

anointed one: Whose ox have I taken, or whose ass have I taken? Whom have I defrauded or whom have I robbed? From whom have I taken a bribe to look the other way? I will return it to you.” (4) They responded, “You have not defrauded us, and you have not robbed us, and you have taken nothing from anyone.” (5) He said to them, “The LORD then is witness, and His anointed is witness, to your admission this day that you have found nothing in my possession.” They responded, “He is!” (6) Samuel said to the people, “The LORD [is witness], He who appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers out of the land of Egypt. (7) Come, stand before the LORD while I cite against you all the kindnesses that the LORD has done to you and your fathers. (8) “When Jacob came to Egypt,...your fathers cried out to the LORD, and the LORD sent

וְאֶת־מִי עָשִׂיתִי אֶת־מִי רְצוֹתִי
וּמִי־מִי לְקַחְתִּי כֹפֶר וְאֵעֲלִים עֵינַי
בּוֹ וְאֲשִׁיב לָכֶם: (ד) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא
עָשִׂיתָנוּ וְלֹא רְצוֹתָנוּ וְלֹא־לְקַחְתָּ
מִי־אִישׁ מֵאֹמֶה: (ה) וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲלֵיהֶם עַד יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעַד מְשִׁיחוֹ
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה כִּי לֹא מִצָּאתֶם בְּיָדִי
מֵאֹמֶה וַיֹּאמֶר עַד: {פ} (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר
שְׂמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלָה
אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: (ז)
וְעַתָּה הִתְיַצְבוּ וְאֲשַׁפֹּטָה אֹתְכֶם
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֵת כָּל־צְדָקוֹת יְהוָה
אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה אֹתְכֶם וְאֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם:
(ח) כַּאֲשֶׁר־בָּא יַעֲקֹב מִצְרַיִם
וַיִּזְעָקוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁלַח
יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן וַיּוֹצִיאוּ
אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיִּשְׁבוּם
בְּמִקּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ט) וַיִּשְׁכְּחוּ
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וַיִּמְכְּרוּ אֹתָם
בְּיַד סִיסְרָא שׂוֹרֵץ־בָּא הַצֹּר

Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place. (9) But they forgot the LORD their God; so He delivered them into the hands of Sisera the military commander of Hazor, into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the king of Moab; and these made war upon them. (10) They cried to the LORD, ‘We are guilty, for we have forsaken the LORD and worshiped the Baalim and Ashtaroth. Oh, deliver us from our enemies and we will serve You.’ (11) And the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you from the enemies around you; and you dwelt in security. (12) But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was advancing against you, you said to me, ‘No, we must have a king reigning over us’— though the LORD your God is your King. (13) “Well, the LORD

וּבִיד־פְּלִשְׁתִּים וּבִיד־מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב
וַיִּלְחַמוּ בָם: (ט) וַיִּזְעְקוּ אֶל־יְהוָה
(וַיֹּאמֶר) [וַיֹּאמְרוּ] חָטְאנוּ כִּי
עֲזַבְנוּ אֶת־יְהוָה וַנַּעֲבֹד
אֶת־הַבְּעָלִים וְאֶת־הָעִשְׂתָרוֹת
וְעַתָּה הִצִּילְנוּ מִיַּד אֹיְבֵינוּ וַנַּעֲבֹדְךָ:
(י) וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֶת־יִרְבֵּעֵל
וְאֶת־בְּדָן וְאֶת־יִפְתָּח וְאֶת־שְׁמוּאֵל
וַיִּצֵּל אֶתְכֶם מִיַּד אֹיְבֵיכֶם מִסְבִּיב
וַתִּשְׁבוּ בַטָּח: (יב) וַתִּרְאוּ כִּי־נָחַשׁ
מֶלֶךְ בְּנֵי־עַמּוֹן בָּא עֲלֵיכֶם וַתֹּאמְרוּ
לִי לֹא כִּי־מֶלֶךְ יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ וַיְהוֶה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מְלֹכְכֶם: (יג) וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה
הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר בְּחָרְתֶם אֲשֶׁר
שָׂאֲלַתֶם וְהִנֵּה נָתַן יְהוָה עָלֵיכֶם
מֶלֶךְ: (יד) אִם־תִּירְאוּ אֶת־יְהוָה
וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֹתוֹ וּשְׁמַעְתֶּם בְּקוֹלוֹ וְלֹא
תִמְרוּ אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה וְהִיתֶם
גַּם־אַתֶּם וְגַם־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ
עָלֵיכֶם אַחֲרֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: (טו)
וְאִם־לֹא תִשְׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה

has set a king over you! Here is the king that you have chosen, that you have asked for. (14) “If you will revere the LORD, worship Him, and obey Him, and will not flout the LORD’s command, if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, [well and good]. (15) But if you do not obey the LORD and you flout the LORD’s command, the hand of the LORD will strike you as it did your fathers. (16) “Now stand by and see the marvelous thing that the LORD will do before your eyes. (17) It is the season of the wheat harvest. I will pray to the LORD and He will send thunder and rain; then you will take thought and realize what a wicked thing you did in the sight of the LORD when you asked for a king.” (18) Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day, and the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel. (19) The

וּמְרִיתֶם אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה וְהִיתָה
 יְד־יְהוָה בְּכֶם וּבְאַבְתֵּיכֶם: (טז)
 גַּם־עֲתָה הִתְיַצְבוּ וּרְאוּ אֶת־הַדְּבָר
 הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה עֹשֶׂה
 לְעֵינֵיכֶם: (יז) הֲלוֹא קִצְר־חַטִּים
 הַיּוֹם אֶקְרָא אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּתֶּן קִלּוֹת
 וּמָטָר וּדְעוּ וּרְאוּ כִּי־רָעַתְכֶם רַבָּה
 אֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂיתֶם בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה לְשֹׂאוֹל
 לְכֶם מֶלֶךְ: {ס} (יח) וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוּאֵל
 אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּתֶּן יְהוָה קִלְת וּמָטָר
 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּירָא כָּל־הָעָם מֵאֵד
 אֶת־יְהוָה וְאֶת־שְׁמוּאֵל: (יט)
 וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל־הָעָם אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל
 הַתְּפִלָּה בְּעַד־עַבְדֶּיךָ אֶל־יְהוָה
 אֶלְהֶיךָ וְאֶל־נַמּוֹת כִּי־יִסְפְּנוּ
 עַל־כָּל־חַטֹּאתֵינוּ רַעָה לְשֹׂאֵל לָנוּ
 מֶלֶךְ: (כ) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם
 אֶל־תִּירְאוּ אִתְּם עֲשִׂיתֶם אֵת
 כָּל־הָרָעָה הַזֹּאת אַךְ אֶל־תְּסוּרוּ
 מֵאַחֲרֵי יְהוָה וְעַבַדְתֶּם אֶת־יְהוָה
 בְּכָל־לְבַבְכֶם: (כא) וְלֹא תְסוּרוּ כִּי

people all said to Samuel,
“Intercede for your servants with
the LORD your God that we may
not die, for we have added to all
our sins the wickedness of asking
for a king.” (20) But Samuel said to
the people, “Have no fear. You
have, indeed, done all those wicked
things. Do not, however, turn away
from the LORD, but serve the
LORD with all your heart. (21) Do
not turn away to follow worthless
things, which can neither profit
nor save but are worthless. (22) For
the sake of His great name, the
LORD will never abandon His
people, seeing that the LORD
undertook to make you His
people.

אָחֲרַי הִתְּהוּ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִוָּעִילוּ
וְלֹא יִצְּלוּ כִּי־תִהְיוּ הֶמָּה: (כב) כִּי
לֹא־יִטֹּשׁ יְהוָה אֶת־עַמּוֹ בְּעִבּוֹר
שְׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל כִּי הוֹאִיל יְהוָה
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶתְכֶם לְוָלָדָם: