

## Korach, Haftarah, June 26, 2025

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 GOD.  
They offered sacrifices of well-being  
there before GOD; and Saul and  
everyone connected with 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 GOD and in the

שְׁמוּאֵל אֵלֶּיָּהוּ יִי"ד-י"ב:כ"ב  
(יד) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל-הָעָם לֵאמֹר  
וְנִלְכֶּה הַגִּלְגָל וְנִחַדֵּשׁ שָׁם  
הַמְּלוּכָה: (טו) וַיֵּלְכוּ כָל-הָעָם  
הַגִּלְגָל וַיִּמְלִכוּ שָׁם אֶת-שָׁאוּל לִפְנֵי  
יְהוָה בַּגִּלְגָל וַיִּזְבְּחוּ-שָׁם זִבְחִים  
שְׁלָמִים לִפְנֵי יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׁם  
שָׁאוּל וְכָל-אֲנָשָׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַד-מָאָד:  
{פ} (א) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל  
אֶל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל הִנֵּה שָׁמַעְתִּי  
בְּקִלְכֶּם לְכָל אֲשֶׁר-אָמַרְתֶּם לִּי  
וְאִמְלִיךָ עָלֵיכֶם מֶלֶךְ: (ב) וְעַתָּה  
הִנֵּה הַמֶּלֶךְ | מִתְּהַלֵּךְ לִפְנֵיכֶם  
וְאֲנִי זָקֵנָתִי וְשִׁבְתִּי וּבָנֵי הַנֶּם  
אִתְּכֶם וְאֲנִי הִתְּהַלֵּכְתִּי לִפְנֵיכֶם  
מִנְעָרִי עַד-הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ג) הֲנִנִי עֲנֵי  
בִּי נֶגֶד יְהוָה וְנֶגֶד מְשִׁיחוֹ אֶת-שׂוֹר  
| מִי לְקַחְתִּי וּמִי לְקַחְתִּי

presence of this anointed one:

Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey 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, “GOD then is witness, and this anointed one is witness, to your admission this day that you have found nothing in my possession.” They responded, “[God is] witness indeed!” (6) Samuel said to the people, “GOD [is witness]—who appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt. (7) Come, stand before GOD while I cite against you all the kindnesses that GOD has done to you and your ancestors. (8) “When Jacob came to Egypt, ... your ancestors cried out to GOD, and GOD sent

וְאֶת־מִי עָשָׂה לִי אֶת־מִי רְצוֹנִי  
וּמִי־מִי לְקַחְתִּי כֹפֶר וְאֲעֵלִים עֵינִי  
בּוֹ וְאֲשִׁיב לָכֶם: (ד) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא  
עָשִׂיתָנוּ וְלֹא רְצוֹנָנוּ וְלֹא־לְקַחְתָּ  
מִי־אִישׁ מֵאוֹמָה: (ה) וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֲלֵיהֶם עַד יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעַד מְשִׁיחוֹ  
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה כִּי לֹא מָצָאתֶם בְּיָדִי  
מֵאוֹמָה וַיֹּאמֶר עַד: {פ} (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר  
שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֲשֶׁר הָעֵלָה  
אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: (ז)  
וְעַתָּה הִתִּיצְבוּ וְאֲשַׁפֹּטָה אֹתְכֶם  
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֵת כָּל־צְדָקוֹת יְהוָה  
אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה אֹתְכֶם וְאֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם:  
(ח) כֹּאֲשֶׁר־בָּא יַעֲקֹב מִצְרַיִם  
וַיִּזְעָקוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁלַח  
יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן וַיּוֹצִיאוּ  
אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיָּשׁוּבוּ  
בְּמָקוֹם הַזֶּה: (ט) וַיִּשְׁכְּחוּ אֶת־יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וַיִּמָּכֶר אֹתָם בְּיַד סִיסְרָא  
שֹׁר־צָבָא חָצוֹר וּבְיַד־פְּלִשְׁתִּים

Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them in this place. (9) But they forgot the ETERNAL their God; so they were delivered 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 GOD, ‘We are guilty, for we have forsaken GOD and worshiped the Baalim and Ashtaroath. Oh, deliver us from our enemies and we will serve You.’ (11) And GOD 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 ETERNAL your God is your King. (13) “Well, GOD has set a king over

וּבִיד מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב וַיִּלָּחֲמוּ בָם: (י)  
וַיִּזְעֲקוּ אֶל־יְהוָה (וַיֹּאמֶר) [וַיֹּאמְרוּ]  
חָטְאוּנוּ כִּי עֲזַבְנוּ אֶת־יְהוָה וַנַּעֲבֹד  
אֶת־הַבְּעָלִים וְאֶת־הָעֲשָׁתָרוֹת וְעַתָּה  
הַצִּילֵנוּ מִיַּד אֹיְבֵינוּ וַנַּעֲבֹדְךָ: (יא)  
וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֶת־יִרְבֵּעֵל וְאֶת־בָּדָן  
וְאֶת־יִפְתָּח וְאֶת־שָׁמוּאֵל וַיַּצִּל  
אֶתְכֶם מִיַּד אֹיְבֵיכֶם מִסַּבִּיב וַתֵּשְׁבוּ  
בְטָח: (יב) וַתִּרְאוּ כִּי־נִחַשׁ מֶלֶךְ  
בְּנֵי־עַמּוֹן בָּא עֲלֵיכֶם וַתֹּאמְרוּ לִי  
לֹא כִי־מֶלֶךְ יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ וַיְהוֶה  
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִלְּכֶכֶם: (יג) וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה  
הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר בַּחֲרִיתֶם אֲשֶׁר  
שָׁאַלְתֶּם וְהִנֵּה נָתַן יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם  
מֶלֶךְ: (יד) אִם־תִּירָאוּ אֶת־יְהוָה  
וְעַבַּדְתֶּם אֹתוֹ וּשְׁמַעְתֶּם בְּקוֹלוֹ וְלֹא  
תִמְרוּ אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה וְהִיתֶם גַּם־אַתֶּם  
וְגַם־הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ עֲלֵיכֶם אַחֵר  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: (טו) וְאִם־לֹא  
תִשְׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה וּמְרִיתֶם אֶת־פִּי  
יְהוָה וְהִיתָה יַד־יְהוָה בָּכֶם

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

וּבְאַבְתִּיכֶם: (טז) גַּם־עַתָּה הִתְיַצְבוּ  
וּרְאוּ אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר  
יְהוָה עֹשֶׂה לְעֵינֵיכֶם: (יז) הֲלוֹא  
קָצִיר־חֹטִים הַיּוֹם אֶקְרָא אֶל־יְהוָה  
וַיִּתֵּן קִלְוֹת וּמָטָר וַדַּעְו וּרְאוּ  
כִּי־רַעַתְכֶם רַבָּה אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם  
בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה לְשָׂאוֹל לָכֶם מֶלֶךְ: {ס}  
(יח) וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּתֵּן  
יְהוָה קִלְת וּמָטָר בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּירָא  
כָּל־הָעָם מְאֹד אֶת־יְהוָה  
וְאֶת־שְׁמוּאֵל: (יט) וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל־הָעָם  
אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל הִתְפַּלֵּל בְּעַד־עַבְדֶּיךָ  
אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְאֶל־נַמּוֹת  
כִּי־יִסָּפְנוּ עַל־כָּל־חַטֹּאתֵינוּ רָעָה  
לְשָׂאֵל לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ: (כ) וַיֹּאמֶר  
שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם אֶל־תִּירְאוּ אִתְּכֶם  
עָשִׂיתֶם אֵת כָּל־הָרָעָה הַזֹּאת אֲדָּ  
אֶל־תִּסּוּרוּ מֵאַחֲרַי יְהוָה וְעַבַדְתֶּם  
אֶת־יְהוָה בְּכָל־לִבְבְּכֶם: (כא) וְלֹא  
תִסּוּרוּ כִּי | אַחֲרַי הִתְהוּ אֲשֶׁר  
לֹא־יוֹעִילוּ וְלֹא יִצְּלוּ כִּי־תְהוּ

the ETERNAL 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 GOD, but serve GOD 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 God’s great name, GOD will never abandon this people, seeing that GOD undertook to make you a covenanted people.

הַמָּה: (כב) כִּי לֹא־יָטֹשׁ יְהוָה  
אֶת־עַמּוֹ בְּעָבוּר שְׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל כִּי  
הוֹאִיל יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אִתְּכֶם לֹ  
לְעַם: