Finding the Truth: Understanding the Bible

Lesson 4

Studying the Bible: Samuel to Saul

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The Historical Context

Philistines: A threat to Israel

- Organized Soldiers
- Superior weaponry
- Able to act in concert

Israel desirable for trade routes

- Samuel is aging
- His sons lack his integrity

Theological Context

The Israelite King (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

- Appointed by God
- Native born Israelite
- Should not seek to amass wealth and power
- Not amass or harem
- Learn and then govern by the law of God
- Never consider himself above the Law

Samuel's warning of Kingship

- Your freedom will be restricted
- Conscription of the people
- Loss if land (eminent domain)
- Continued rise in taxes

New Testament Kingship: Looks forward to Jesus

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8-16

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Suggested Reading

HTRTBBBB, pgs. 82-87

Notes