




# Theocracy

~ (*noun*)

A system of government in  
which God is recognized as   
the supreme ruler.

# **1 Samuel 8**

**<sup>5</sup> 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.**

# Monarchy

~ (*noun*)



A system of government in which a king or queen holds absolute or significant power.

# I. God's Opposition

- **<sup>12</sup> “A king will force your sons to become soldiers. He will choose which of your sons will be officers over 1000 men and which will be officers over 50 men.**
- **“A king will force some of your sons to plow his fields and gather his harvest. He will force some of your sons to make weapons for war and to make things for his chariots.**
- **<sup>13</sup> “A king will take your daughters and force some of them to make perfume for him and some to cook and bake for him.**

- **14 “A king will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves. He will take them from you and give them to his officers. 15 He will take one-tenth of your grain and grapes, and he will give them to his officers and servants.**
- **16 “A king will take your men and women servants. He will take your best cattle<sup>[a]</sup> and your donkeys. He will use them all for his own work. 17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks.**
- **“And you yourselves will become slaves of this king. 18 When that time comes, you will cry because of the king you chose. But the LORD won’t answer you at that time.”**

## II. God's Option

# III. Israel's Outcry

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- <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

# IV. Israel's Outcome