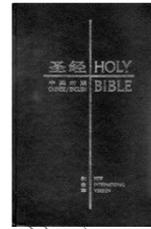


## From Israelites' Asking for a King to American Election ( I Samuel 8:1-22 )



## Newspaper and Bible



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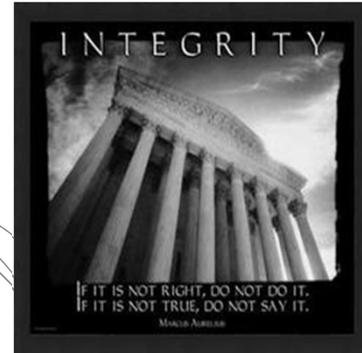
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- When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. (Proverbs 29:2)
- 23:3 ... 'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, <sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.' (II Samuel 23:3-4)



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- <sup>6</sup> But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup> As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."



## Judges (Chapter 2)

- <sup>2</sup> and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? <sup>3</sup> And I have also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; they will become traps for you, and their gods will become snares to you.'"
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- <sup>18</sup> Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. <sup>19</sup> But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

## Asking for a King



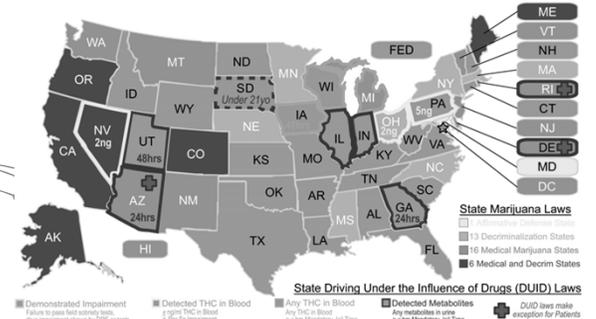
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## NORML CANNABIS LAWS OF AMERICA





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- <sup>10</sup> Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. <sup>12</sup> Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. ...
- <sup>18</sup> When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

## Forbidden City



## King Solomon



## History of Israel

- Few good kings in Southern Kingdom
- No good kings in Southern Kingdom
- Finally Perished

# American Gov't

The diagram illustrates the three branches of the American government: Executive (White House), Legislative (U.S. Capitol), and Judicial (Supreme Court). It also includes the Seal of the President of the United States and a stack of newspapers, including the New York Times.

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- <sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. <sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."
- <sup>21</sup> When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD.
- <sup>22</sup> The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king." Then Samuel said to the Israelites, "Everyone go back to your own town."

The image contains two separate scenes. On the left, a hand is shown placing a ballot into a white box labeled 'VOTE'. On the right, a silhouette of a person is kneeling in prayer against a light background.