

FOLLOW
THE

LEADER

The background features a light beige color with a repeating diamond-shaped pattern. A thin, dark brown rectangular border frames the central text. Scattered around the border are decorative elements: two rolled-up scrolls with yellow paper and brown covers, several sprigs of brown leaves, and two lit candles with yellow flames. Small, dark brown diamond shapes are also placed within the design.



THE KING WE
WANT

1 SAMUEL 8:4-7 NIV

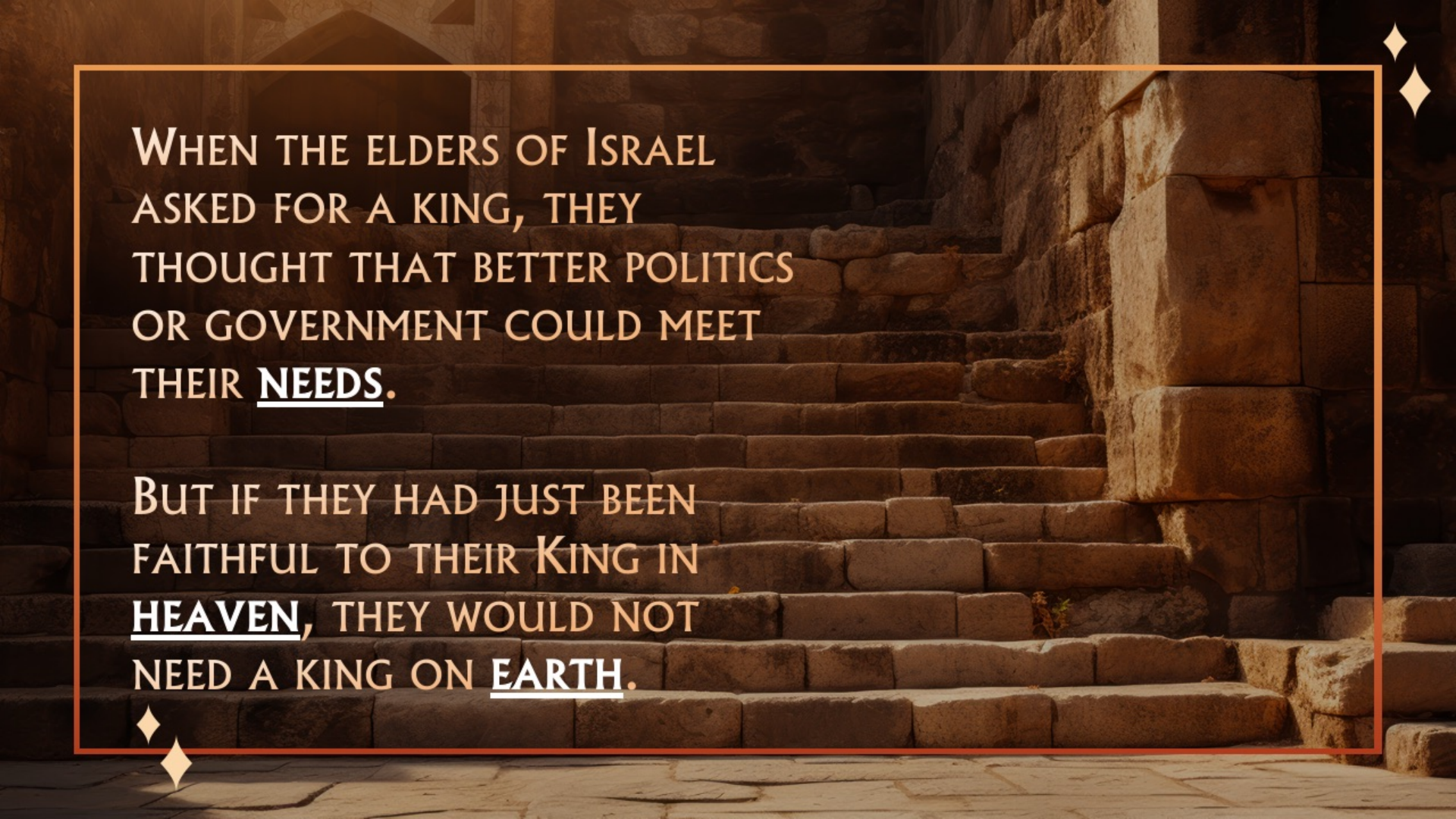
⁴So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." ⁶But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this

displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷And 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."

1 SAMUEL 8:19-22 NIV

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. ²⁰Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

²¹When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. ²²The Lord answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.”



WHEN THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL
ASKED FOR A KING, THEY
THOUGHT THAT BETTER POLITICS
OR GOVERNMENT COULD MEET
THEIR NEEDS.

BUT IF THEY HAD JUST BEEN
FAITHFUL TO THEIR KING IN
HEAVEN, THEY WOULD NOT
NEED A KING ON EARTH.

**THE FORM OF KINGSHIP THAT THE
PEOPLE WANTED DENIED...**



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...their covenant
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...the Lord as
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...the Lord as the
one who gave
them provision
and protection.



GOD HAD A PURPOSE IN NOT
GIVING ISRAEL A KING UP TO
THAT POINT.

IT WAS BECAUSE HE DID NOT
WANT THEM TO PUT AN UNGODLY
TRUST IN THE KING INSTEAD OF A
GODLY TRUST IN THE LORD.

**THE KING WE
HAVE THAT IS
OVER ALL**



1 TIMOTHY 6:13-20NIV

¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his

own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

HE IS THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS; THE MAJESTY OF MAN FADES IN COMPARISON TO THE GLORY OF JESUS.



THE RICHEST, SMARTEST, MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS ON EARTH ARE EXTREMELY SMALL NEXT TO KING JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20NLT

²⁰But we are citizens of heaven,
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.
And we are eagerly waiting for him
to return as our Savior.

EPHESIANS 2:19-20NIV

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,
²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

**THE TYPE OF
KING GOD
WANTS FOR US**



DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20NIV

¹⁴When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," ¹⁵be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord your God chooses. He must be

from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite. ¹⁶The king, moreover, must not acquire

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20NIV

great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again."

¹⁷He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20NIV

18When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests.

19It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees

20and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS
THAT GOD WANTED
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The king should
be anointed by God

DEUTERONOMY 17:15A NIV

¹⁵be sure to appoint over you a
king the Lord your God chooses.



**GOD WANTED ISRAEL TO HAVE A KING, BUT
OF HIS CHOOSING, AND AT HIS TIMING**

SAUL WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A KING
NOT FROM GOD'S WILL, WHO WAS CHOSEN
BY THE NATION AND AT THEIR TIMING

DAVID IS AN EXAMPLE OF A KING
CHOSEN BY GOD AND IN HIS TIMING.

**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS THAT
GOD WANTED IN A KING:**



The king should **belong**
to God's people.

DEUTERONOMY 17:15B NIV
He must be from among your
fellow Israelites. Do not place a
foreigner over you, one who is
not an Israelite.

**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS THAT
GOD WANTED IN A KING:**



The king should
exercise faith

DEUTERONOMY 17:16NIV

¹⁶The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again."

THE FUTURE KING OF ISRAEL
MUST NOT PUT UNDUE TRUST
IN MILITARY MIGHT, HERE
REPRESENTED BY HORSES THAT
WERE MIGHTY WEAPONS IN A
TIME WHEN MOST SOLDIERS
FOUGHT ON FOOT.



**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS THAT
GOD WANTED IN A KING:**



The king should not put undue **emphasis** on physical indulgence or personal status

DEUTERONOMY 17:17A NIV
¹⁷He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray.

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The king should be ready for sacrifice

DEUTERONOMY 17:17B NIV
He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

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The king should be ready for sacrifice

PROVERBS 29:4 NIV

⁴ By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.



TO THE ONE WHO IS GIVEN LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY, THEY ARE NOT TO USE THIS PRIVILEGED POSITION TO LINE THEIR OWN POCKETS. THEY MUST NOT BE GREEDY, BUT MUST USE THIS POWER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

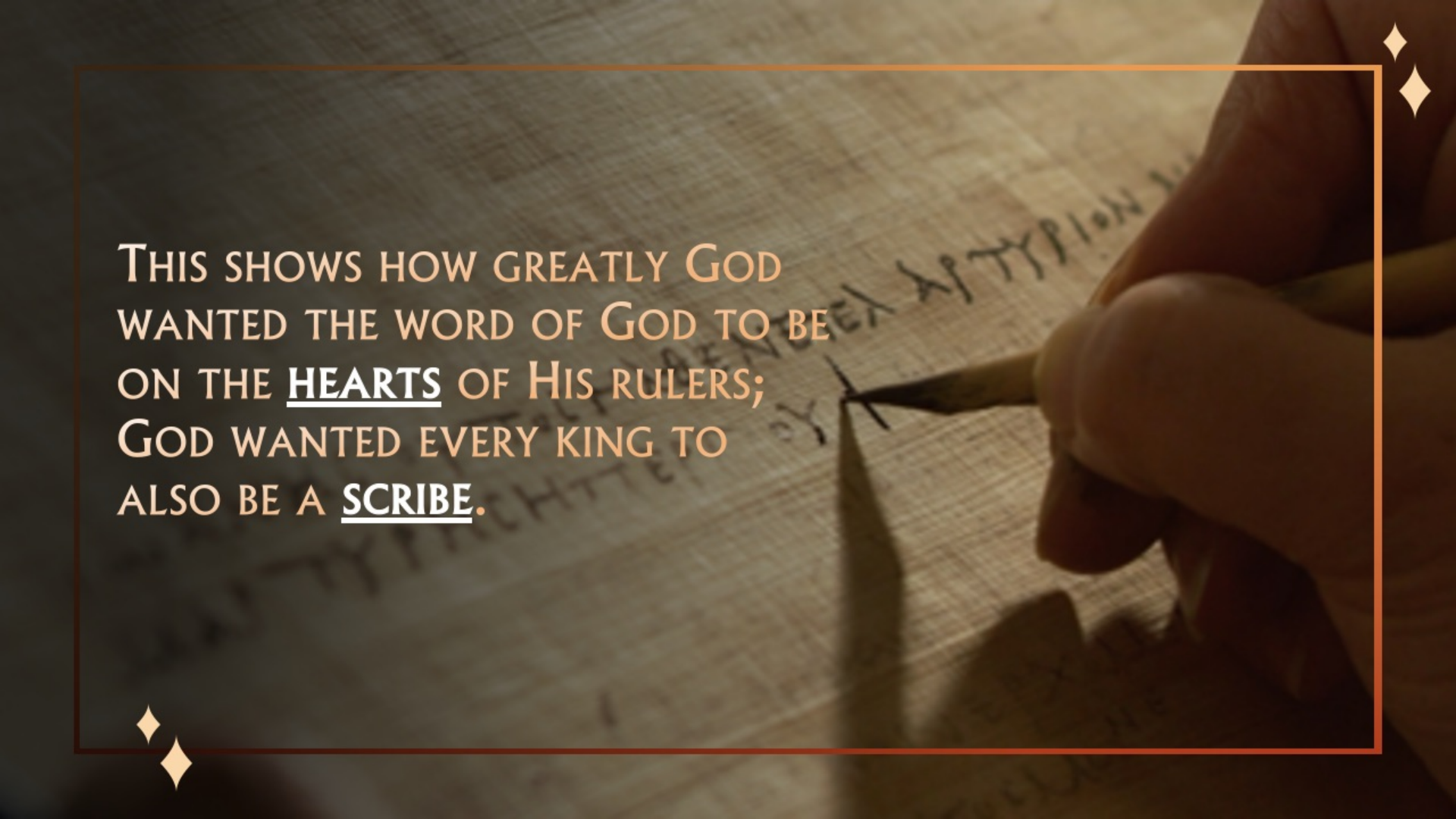
**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS THAT
GOD WANTED IN A KING:**



The king should
know the scriptures

DEUTERONOMY 17:18-19 NIV

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, writing on a piece of aged, textured parchment. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the scroll with some faint, illegible markings. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the tip of the quill.

THIS SHOWS HOW GREATLY GOD
WANTED THE WORD OF GOD TO BE
ON THE HEARTS OF HIS RULERS;
GOD WANTED EVERY KING TO
ALSO BE A SCRIBE.



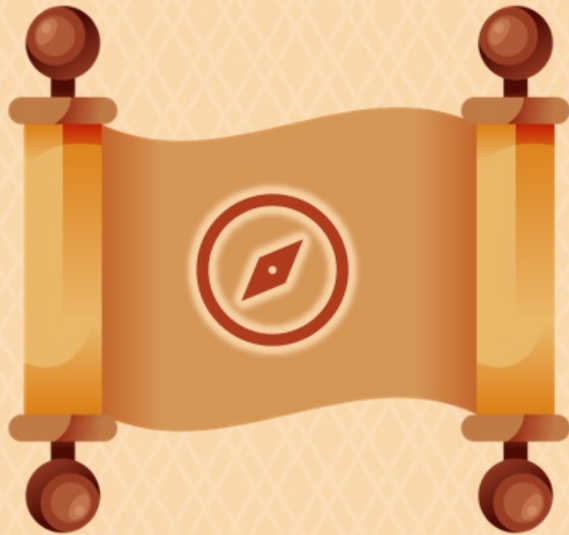
**SEVEN DISTINCT
QUALIFICATIONS THAT
GOD WANTED IN A KING:**



The king should be an example
of obedience and humility

DEUTERONOMY 17:20A NIV
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than his fellow Israelites and turn
from the law to the right or to
the left.

EVERYONE NEEDS
THE WORD OF GOD.



BUT THE GREATER OUR
RESPONSIBILITIES, THE
GREATER OUR NEED
TO DEPEND ON THE
TRUTH OF GOD'S
WORD.

God will give Israel
“their king”



SAUL

Later, after “their king”
fails, God will give Israel
“His king”



DAVID