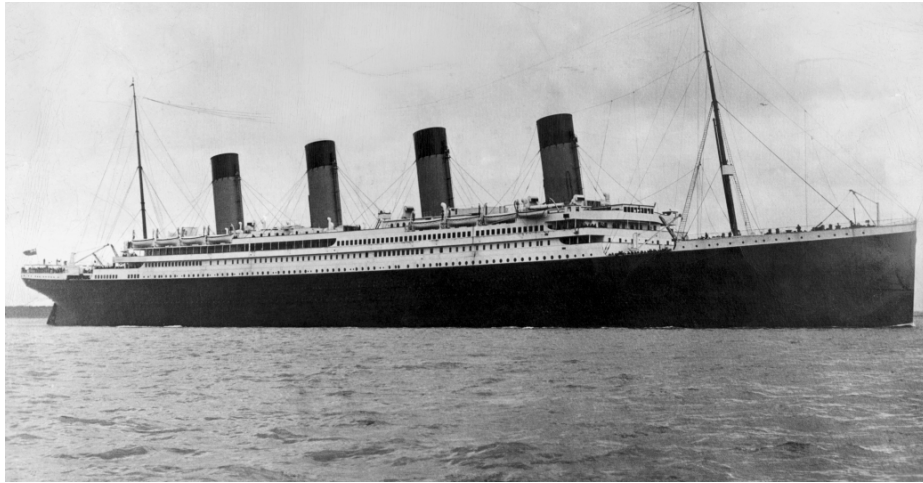
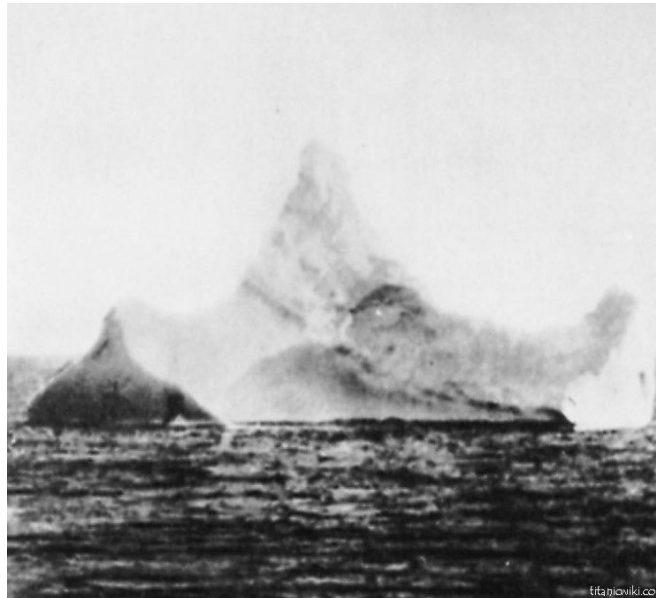


**What Lurks Beneath**  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
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**1 Samuel 8:1-9**



Titanic – as it was sailing



Picture of the actual iceberg



Painting/artist's rendering based on actual survivors.

“Living under the rule and reign of God is the best life possible!”

### **I. How Did We Get Saul?**

“...like all the other nations.” – This is what was lurking beneath the waterline of the people’s heart. It wasn’t all about Samuel and his sons, it was about being like other nations.

v.6 – “Give us a king to judge us.” This greatly displeased Samuel and he prayed.

What displeased Samuel was their desire for a king to judge them, when they already had a king who judged them...GOD! 1 Sam. 12:12

v.7 – “they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.”

To place my hope and trust in something or someone else is to reject God.

### **II. God’s Grace Rejected by Israel (v.9-22)**

To reject the rule and reign of God and pursues other

means is to put yourself into bondage and slavery.

v.19-22 – No! But there shall be a king over us that we also may be like all the nations.

3 Things they wanted this king to do:

- 1) Judge Us
- 2) Go Before Us
- 3) Fight Our Battles

God wanted to show the world through the nation of Israel what the rule and reign of God looked like. Same thing for us today!

John 17:14-17 – “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.[a]They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them[b] in the truth; your word is truth.”

Jesus says in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest.”