

THEOCRACY >>> MONARCHY

Genesis & Job

Exod/Lev/Num/Deut/Josh/Judg/Ruth

1 & 2 SAMUEL
1 Chronicles
Ps / Prov / Song / Eccles

1 & 2 Kgs/2 Chr/Isa/Jer/Hos/
Joel/Amos/Obad/Jonah/Mic/
Nahum/Hab/Zeph
Lam / Dan / Ezek / Ezra / Esther / Neh
Hag / Zech / Mal

2000 BC

1500 BC

1000 BC

931 BC

722 BC

400 BC



CHRONOLOGY

Gen. 1-11
Beginning of Human race

Gen. 12-50
Beginning of Hebrew race

The Exodus
Wilderness & Conquest

THE UNITED KINGDOM

ISRAEL - NORTH
JUDAH - SOUTH

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

ASSYRIANS INVADE

EXILE IN BABYLON 597 - 539 BC / RETURN FROM BABYLON

THE SINGLE KINGDOM

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Jesus Christ, the son of David

ENEMIES

Philistines
Intermarriage
Business deals

KEY VERSES

'Make us a king to judge us like all the nations', 1 Sam. 8. 5

'This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you', 1 Sam. 8. 11

'I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath', Hos. 13. 11

'My father shall not find thee, and thou shalt be king over Israel', 1 Sam. 23. 17

PROPHET / PRIEST / JUDGE

SAMUEL

I will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

The praying man of the sanctuary

Samuel means 'and God heard'

Elkanah / Peninnah / Eli
Hophni & Phineas / Ichabod

Hannah

'And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth', 1 Sam. 1. 12

THE PEOPLE'S KING

SAUL

God gave him another heart.

The fleshly man with the spear

'From his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people', 1 Sam. 9. 2; 10. 23

'For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart', 1 Sam. 16. 7

Jonathan

DAVID

The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart.

The spiritual man with the sling

'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him', 1 Sam. 16. 7

Abigail

'Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his axe, and his coultter, and his axe, and his mattock', 1 Sam. 13. 19

Amalek
Saul preserved Agag of the Amalekites. Amalek represents the flesh. 1 Sam. 15. 20 / 30. 1

THE JOURNEY OF THE ARK

Service is not based on succession but devotion and obedience to God - 'Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel', 1 Sam. 8. 19 / 'Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams', 1 Sam. 15. 22 / 'who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth', Gal. 3. 1

THE ARK IN THEIR MIDST - DISCERNMENT

'And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep',

'Ebenzer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us', 1 Sam. 7. 12

THE ARK WAS MISSING - DEFEAT

'And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain',

God save the King!
The power of prayer!

THE ARK WAS MOVED - DEPARTURE

'And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord',

'And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul', 1 Chr. 13. 3

Crying in prayer, 1 Sam. 1. 10

Continuing in prayer, 1 Sam. 1. 12

Answer to prayer, 1 Sam. 1. 27

Rejoicing in prayer, 1 Sam. 2. 1

Gathered in prayer, 1 Sam. 2. 1

Ceasing to pray is a sin, 1 Sam. 12. 23

Samuel - the praying man
The longing of a woman in touch with God
- dependant upon God in prayer
1 - Hanna's life of supplication - requesting a son to serve God
2 - Hanna's living sacrifice - reasonable service offered to God
3 - Samuel's service - responding to the call of God

The loss of the Ark of God (6. 2)
- defeat without God's presence
3 - Where the ark was - Samuel's position
4 - Ark is taken - The glory departed
5 - Ark abused - Philistines suffer
6 - Ark opened - punishment of death
7 - Ark returned - victory for Israel

Saul - the fleshly man
The lust for a King instead of God
- departure from God's purpose
8 - The people demand a King. Samuel prays
9 - God's choice of Saul as King
10 - Saul is anointed King
11 - Saul's first victory

'Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel: and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us: That we also may be like all the nations', 1 Sam. 8. 19-20

New Testament references to 'Samuel'

'Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days', Acts 3. 24
'And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet', Acts 13. 20
'And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets', Heb. 11. 32

The lessons from fleshly living against God
- disobedience to God's precepts
12 Samuel's exhortation to the people
13 Saul's foolish behaviour
14 Jonathan's favour fight and food
15 Saul's rebellion sparing Agag

David - the spiritual man
The lessons from spiritual living in the fear of God
- dependency upon God's provision
16 David anointed - Saul troubled
17 David defeats Goliath with God
18 David behaves wisely
19 David a fugitive escapes with Jonathan
20 David in the field with Jonathan
21 David exiled, with Ahimelech - eating shewbread
22 Doeg slays the priests
23 David on run strengthened by Jonathan
24 David spares Saul in the cave
25 Samuel's death - Abigail marries David
26 David and Abishai spare Saul again
27 David lives with Philistines at Ziklag
28 Saul visits the witch of Endor
29 Philistines don't want David fighting with them
30 David defeats the Amalekites
31 Death of Saul