

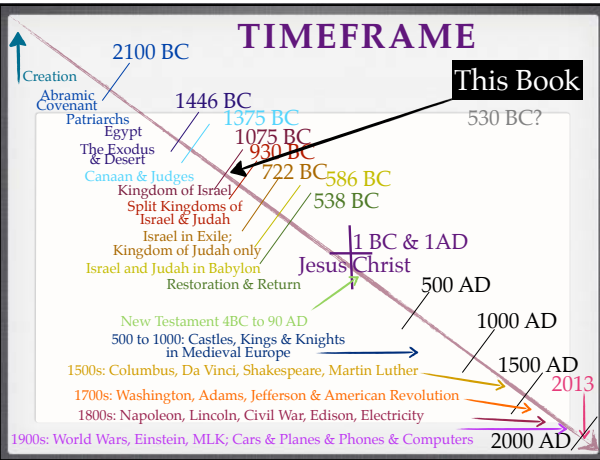
I SAMUEL

Book of Transition from Judges to Kings



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TIMEFRAME



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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History ✓
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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Author

- ◆ These books are named after the person God used to establish kingship in Israel. He not only anointed Saul and David, Israel's first two kings, but he also showed the relationship between kings and God.
- ◆ Samuel showed that God's covenant continues--God is still king

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

- Everyone

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Storyline

- ◆ Chapters 1 through 3
- ◆ Young Samuel
- ◆ Remember? 3:4-5: "Then the Lord called Samuel.
- ◆ Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, you called me."
- ◆ But Eli said, "I did not call."

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By the way

- ◆ Moses
- ◆ Deuteronomy 17: 14
- ◆ "When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you...and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us, be sure to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses."

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Required Reading: Ch. 7

- ◆ Samuel is a judge and deliverer
- ◆ Lord gives victory over the Philistines, which shows that Samuel is doing the will of God

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Required Reading: Ch 8

- ◆ People are begging Samuel and the Lord for a king (who knows why?)
- ◆ God finally give them one because THEY wanted one (God is love)
- ◆ First, Samuel warns them: Chapter 8
- ◆ 8:14, "He will take the best of your fields..." et cetera
- ◆ 8:19 "But the people refused to listen to Samuel. 'No!' they said. 'We want a king over us. 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.'"

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Samuel anoints Saul

- ◆ God chooses another "dude"--just a donkey wrangler--not a priest or politician, not a well-respected man in the community
- ◆ God does things His own way
- ◆ Saul is tall

Lord rejects Saul, chooses David

- ◆ 16:1 "The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him..."ESV
- ◆ 16:12-13 "And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him...And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David..."ESV

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David & Goliath

◆Chapter 17

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Storyline: Saul tries to kill David

- ◆David flees for his life
- ◆Chapter 18-26
- ◆Jonathan--son of Saul,
friend of David

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Storyline: David seeks
Refuge in Philistia

◆Saul and his sons are
killed in battle

Major OT Themes found in this Book: 17

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

■ "The major contribution of I and II Samuel is the negative and positive views of the kingship...In calling for a king, the people were rejecting God's rule, but the throne that God established with David would be established forever in the person of Jesus Christ the Messiah." CBH 47

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

- Lots-- including this painting

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KEY VERSE

- I Samuel 13:13-14
- Copy it.
- The Lord tells Saul that his kingdom shall not continue (because he hasn't been following God.)

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REQUIRED READING

■ Chapters 7, 8, 13

WHEN TO TURN HERE

■ ?



LUTHER SAYS:

■ Moses instructs [a prospective king] to rule with trust in God alone and with the knowledge that he has been appointed and preserved by His Word.
■ ...Saul disobeyed...LSB 431-432



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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

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- ◆ Human Beings are Sinful
- ◆ Throughout the time that Israel has a king, God will send prophets to instruct, remind, and foretell
- ◆ Prophets will often “battle” with kings
- ◆ Saul will reject Samuel and God, and follow his heart--
- ◆ 1 Sam 13:13 “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.’”ESV

LIFE LESSONS FROM I SAMUEL

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- Why did the people want a king?
- Why did God not give them a king to start with?
- Why did God end up giving them a king after all?
- How is that kingship still reigning?

ACTIVITIES

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- Games!
