

Unleashing the Old Testament

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Session 10



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The Monarchy: Part 1 (1 & 2 Samuel)



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1 & 2 Samuel (Introduction)

- ❖ Transition to the monarchy
 - ❖ Probably originally one book
 - ❖ Key personalities: Samuel, Saul, David
 - ❖ Probably written a few generations after events



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1 & 2 Samuel

Transition to the monarchy

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
(Judges 21:25)



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Samuel

Samuel's birth

She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

(1 Samuel 1:10-11)



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Samuel

Eli's sons

Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD. (1 Samuel 2:12)

But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the LORD to put them to death. (1 Samuel 2:25)

Contrasted with...

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man. (1 Samuel 2:26; cf. Luke 2:52)



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Samuel

Samuel hears the voice of God

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

(1 Samuel 3:7)



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Samuel

The Ark in Philistine territory

As soon as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, "What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" And when they learned that the ark of the LORD had come to the camp, the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "A god has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before. Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods?..."

(1 Samuel 4:5-11)



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Samuel

The Ark in Philistine territory

These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness. Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight." So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell. And the ark of God was captured, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

(1 Samuel 4:5-11)



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Samuel

Samuel's role

Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
(1 Samuel 7:15)



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Samuel

An unsuccessful dynasty

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.
(1 Samuel 8:1-3)



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Samuel: The kingdom is established

- ❖ Israel wants a king



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Samuel: The kingdom is established

Israel wants a king

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD...



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Samuel: The kingdom is established

Israel wants a king

And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.” (1 Samuel 8:4-7)



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Samuel: The kingdom is established

- ❖ Israel wants a king
- ❖ Samuel's grief
- ❖ God grants the people's request
- ❖ Ambivalence



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

God chooses Saul

Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines." (1 Samuel 9:15-16)



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

Saul's demise

Impatience/Arrogance:

He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came.

(1 Samuel 13:8-10a)



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

Saul's demise

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. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you." (1 Samuel 13:13-14)



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

Saul's demise

Disobedience:

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king (1 Samuel 15:22-23)



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

Saul's demise

Repay each one according to his work:

Ps 62:12, Prov 24:12, Jer 17:10, Jer 32:19, Matt 16:27, Rom 2:6, Rom 14:12, 2 Cor 5:10, Heb 9:27, 1 Pet 1:17, Rev 2:23, Rev 20:12, Rev 22:12, Acts 10:42, 1 Cor 3:8



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The Rise & Fall of Saul the King

Saul's demise

God stays faithful to the nation:

Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few."

(1 Samuel 14:6)



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David

David chosen

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:7)



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David

Saul's music therapist

And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

(1 Samuel 16:23)



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David

Goliath

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:34-37)



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David

Jonathan

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
(1 Samuel 18:1)

I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women.
(2 Samuel 1:26)



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David

Saul's jealousy

The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.
(1 Samuel 18:10-11)



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David

David's wanderings



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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
(Psalm 23:1-3)

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David**David cares for his family**

And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me." And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

(1 Samuel 22:3-4)



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David**Saul's final demise**

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at Endor."

(1 Samuel 28:5-7)



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David**David becomes king**

And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

(2 Samuel 2:1)



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David

The struggle for the kingship



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David

The ark is brought to Jerusalem

And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. (2 Samuel 6:3)

Then David said that no one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, for the LORD had chosen them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister to him forever. (1 Chronicles 15:2)



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David

God's promise to David

Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son...



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David

God's promise to David

When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

(2 Samuel 7:11b-16)



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David

Bathsheba

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel.

(2 Samuel 11:2)



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David

Bathsheba

- ❖ David sins
- ❖ Foolishness is foolishness
- ❖ David's cover up
- ❖ Value of life
- ❖ David's repentance
- ❖ Moving on
- ❖ God's judgment
- ❖ No one is immune from sin



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David

Bathsheba

Moving on:

Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

(2 Samuel 12:24-25)



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David

David's demise



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David

David as model king

Promise to Solomon (1 Kings 9:4-5)

And as for you (Solomon), if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'



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David

David as model king

Abijah Contrasted to David (1 Kings 15:1-5)

Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah. He reigned for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins that his father did before him, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father...



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David

David as model king

Abijah Contrasted to David (1 Kings 15:1-5)

Nevertheless, for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him, and establishing Jerusalem, because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.



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David

David's census

Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah."
(2 Samuel 24:1)

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
(1 Chronicles 21:1)



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David

The Temple site established

And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people." Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king."



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David

The Temple site established

And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing."

(2 Samuel 24:21-24)



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