

Waiting for the King: Saul and David
(1 Samuel 8:1-22; Matthew 1:1-6a)



Overview of 1 & 2 Samuel

- **Series: 12 Books of History:**
God forms His people into a nation.
- **From the Promise Land to God's faithfulness in a foreign land through judges, prophets, kings, and the temple.**



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- **1 Samuel begins c. 1120 B.C.**
- **2 Samuel ends c. 970 B.C.**
- **Three Major Characters**
 - 1. Samuel**
 - 2. Saul**
 - 3. David**



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“In these chapters, kingship per se is not viewed negatively, but the people’s desire for a king like the nations is criticized, for implicit in their request was a rejection of the Lord’s authority (8:7). They did not trust the Lord to deliver them from their enemies; like all the other peoples they wanted a visible king who would be their national security blanket and a tangible object of trust.”

-Robert B. Chisholm, Jr.

¹⁴"When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,'



¹⁵you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose...¹⁸" And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.



¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,



²⁰that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:14-15a, 18-20



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¹²When 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. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commmits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.



¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

2 Samuel 7:12-16



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**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.**

Proverbs 12:15



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IV. Epilogue: God Sends His Ultimate King: Jesus



**⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**



⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7



²⁰All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.



²²And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' ²³Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

Acts 13:20-23

