

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

1 Samuel

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LAW <i>Torah</i>	PROPHETS <i>Nebiim</i>		WRITINGS <i>Ketubim</i>
	FORMER	LATTER	
Genesis	Joshua	Isaiah	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Jeremiah	Job
Leviticus	Samuel	Ezekiel	Proverbs
Numbers	Kings	The Twelve	Ruth
Deuteronomy			Song of Songs
			Ecclesiastes
			Lamentations
			Esther
			Daniel
			Ezra/Nehemiah
			Chronicles
OT	22.7%	23.5%	
26.3%	46.2%		27.5%
OT & NT	17.7%	18.3%	
20.5%	36%		21.5%

LAW	HISTORY	WISDOM & POETRY	PROPHECY	GOSPEL
<p><i>OLD TESTAMENT</i></p> <p>Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy</p>	<p><i>OLD TESTAMENT</i></p> <p>Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther</p> <p><i>NEW TESTAMENT</i> Acts</p>	<p><i>OLD TESTAMENT</i></p> <p>Job Psalm Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs</p>	<p><i>OLD TESTAMENT</i></p> <p>Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekial Daniel Hosea Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi</p> <p><i>NEW TESTAMENT</i> Revelation</p>	<p><i>OLD TESTAMENT</i></p> <p>Matthew Mark Luke John</p>
<p><i>Genres of Biblical Literature</i></p>				

INTRODUCTION

Title: In Hebrew: “*Samuel*”

In the Septuagint (LXX): I Kingdoms

Latin Vulgate: I Kings

Author: ? (Ezra?)

Theme: Judges to Kings (Transition); Theocracy to monarchy

Purpose: Yahweh established a human monarchy over His theocratic nation Israel and guaranteed its future in His Covenant with David.

KEY DATES

- Date of Events of 1-2 Samuel:
From the Birth of Samuel (c. 1110 BC) to the last words of David (c. 970 BC) [ca. 140 years]

OUTLINE

- I. Samuel: Prophet and Judge to Israel (1 Sam 1-7)
 - A. Samuel the Prophet (1:1-4a)
 - B. Samuel the Judge (4:1b-7:17)

II. Saul: The First King of Israel (1 Sam 8-15)

A. The Demand of Israel for a King
(8:1-22)

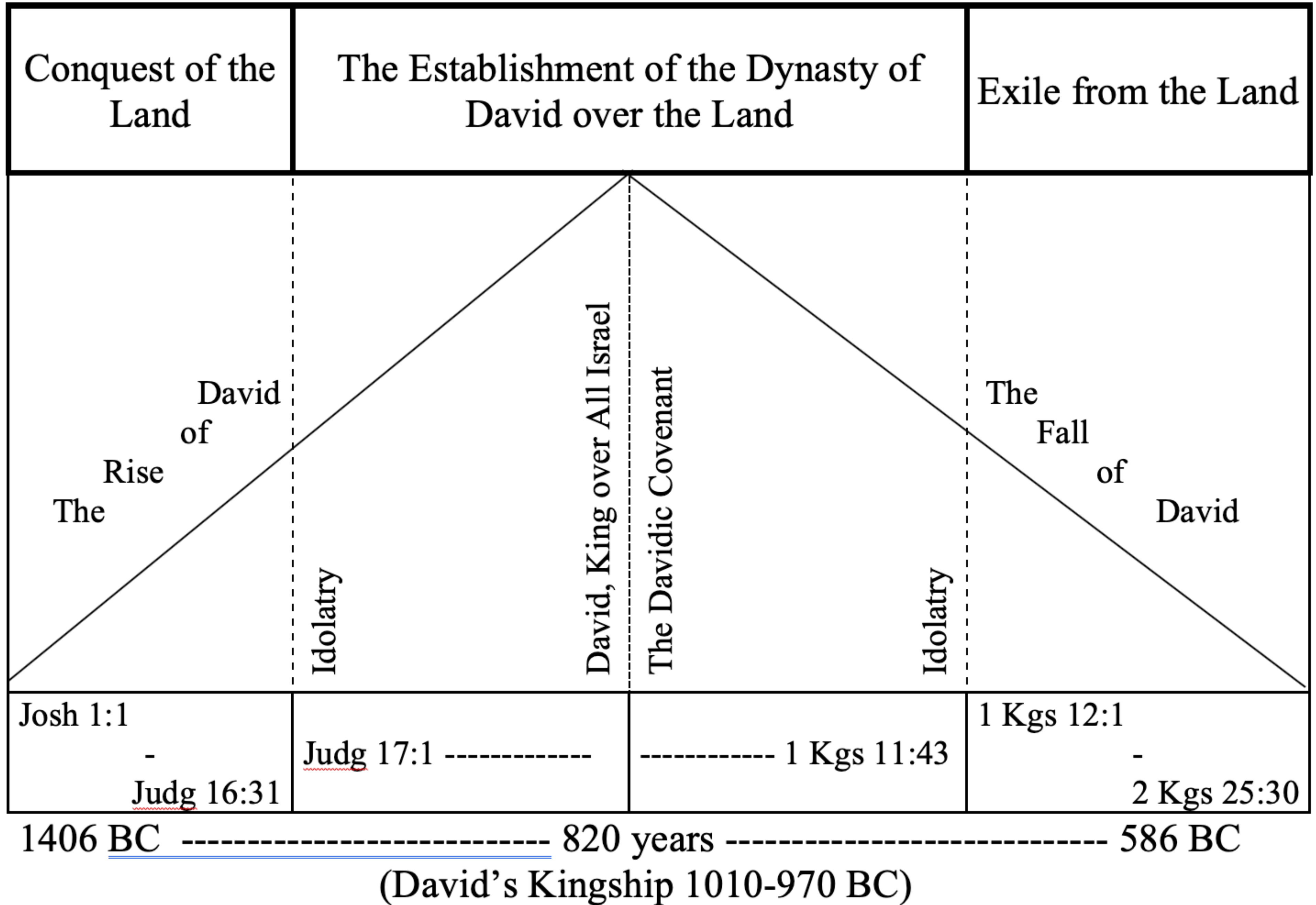
B. The Rise of Saul to the Kingship
(9:1-12:25)

C. The Decline of Saul in the Kingship
(13:1-15:35)

III. David: The Lord's Elect King of Israel (1 Sam 16-31)

THE STRUCTURE OF SAMUEL

SAMUEL		SAUL		DAVID		
<i>The Prophet</i>	<i>The Judge</i>	<i>His Appointment</i>	<i>His Failure</i>	<i>His Rise</i>	<i>His Reign</i>	<i>The Review</i>
I/1:1 - 4:1a	4:1b - 7:17	8:1 - 12:25	13:1 - 15:35	16:1 - 31:13	II/1:1-20:26	21:1 - 24:25
60 YEARS		40 YEARS		40 YEARS		
1110	1050			1010	970 BC	



KEY CHAPTERS

1-4 Eli to Samuel

8-10 Choose a King

13 Saul assumes priestly office

15 Saul spares Amalekites

16 David anointed

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17 Goliath slain

18 David: Jonathan's friend, Saul's enemy

24 David spares Saul's life

25 David and Abigail

28 Saul and the witch of Endor

31 Saul and his sons killed

KEY PASSAGES

15:20-23 “To obey better than sacrifice”

16:7 God looks on the heart

KEY PEOPLE

- **Samuel** - Son of Elkanah and Hannah; a Nazarite; a Priest; a Judge; a King MAKER
- **Saul** - first king of Israel; son of Kish a Benjamite; first of many bad kings Israel would suffer through. Hannah - wife of Elkanah and mother of Samuel

KEY PEOPLE

- **Eli** - High Priest and Judge of Israel; wicked sons - Hophni and Phineas
- **Jonathan** - eldest son of Saul and close friend of David; father of Mephibosheth
- **David** - Son of Jesse; anointed by Samuel as King of Israel; first of few good kings.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel: Looking on the Heavens*
- Robert D. Bergen, *1 Samuel* (New American Commentary).

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