

Adult Class
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The Story of the Bible
Connecting the Dots

The Time Periods...

- Before the Flood
- The Flood
- The Scattering of the People
- The Patriarchs
- The Exodus
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Invasion and Conquest of the Land
- The Judges
- The United Kingdom

The Time Periods...

Before the Flood
Genesis 1 – Creation
Genesis 5 – Generations

The Flood
Genesis 6 – Warning of the Flood
Genesis 8 – Ending of the Flood

Scattering of the People
Genesis 9 – Command to fill the earth
Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel, forced scattering – Generations of Shem to Abraham

The Patriarchs
Genesis 12 – Abraham introduced, promise given to him
Genesis 50 – Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus
Exodus 1 – People in bondage in Egypt
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Joshua 5 – Commander of the Lord's army appears to Joshua

Invasion and Conquest of the Land
Joshua 6 – Jericho
Joshua 24 – Death of Joshua

The Judges
Judges 1 – Reign of the judges (death of Joshua at the conclusion of Joshua)
1 Samuel 9 – Saul anointed King over Israel at beginning of chapter 10

Judges
The United Kingdom
The Divided Kingdom
Judah Alone
The Captivity
Return from Captivity
Years of Silence

The United Kingdom...

- Following the plea for a king, God chooses Saul to be king over Israel.
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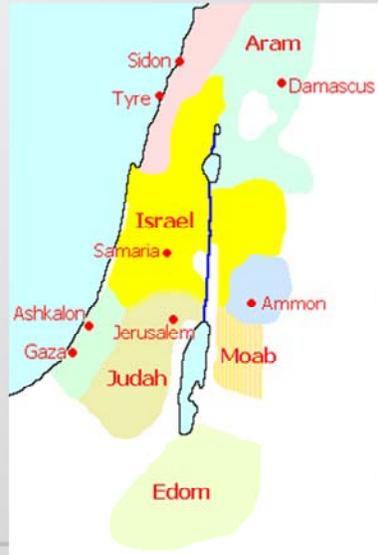
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Where is the capital of Israel at this time?

The United Kingdom...



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- 1 Samuel 10-15
 - Saul is proclaimed king over Israel (1 Samuel 10)
 - Saul establishes his authority (1 Samuel 11)
 - Samuel preaches to the people (1 Samuel 12)
 - Saul shows his true colors (1 Samuel 13-15)
- This section of scripture essentially describes the rise and fall of Israel's first king, Saul
- The remaining part of 1 Samuel describes the raising of the king that will take his place

The ark of the covenant is no longer at Shiloh.

Following the battle in 1 Samuel 4, it seems that the Philistines went on to destroy Shiloh
Psalms 78:60
Jeremiah 7:12

The ark was returned to Kirath Jearim when the Philistines returned the ark. (1 Samuel 7:2)

1 Samuel 10-31 – The reign of Saul

Saul is proclaimed king over Israel (1 Samuel 10)

Still seems to be pretty humble
Saul condemns the people for their wickedness (10:17-19)
Saul is chosen, found to be hiding (10:20-24)
Some rebels exist (10:27)

Saul establishes his authority (1 Samuel 11)
Trouble in the land – during Judges, people were not united (11:1-3)
Saul rallies the people together (11:5-7)
The enemies are defeated (11:11-15)
Saul does not seek vengeance on the rebels – gives praise to the Lord (?)

Samuel preaches to the people (1 Samuel 12)
Samuel asks that the people admit that he has done nothing wrong (12:1-5)
The people had forgotten the Lord over and over – God still was with them, has even placed a king over them where God should have been king (12:6-15)
The people recognize their wickedness (12:16-18)
Final encouragement (12:23-25)

Saul shows his true colors (1 Samuel 13-15)
Saul gathers his troops to fight the Philistines (13:2, 5-6) – mismatch
Saul pursues his own ideas/desires, sacrifices (13:8-14)
Jonathan and his few men attack the Philistines without Saul – Jonathan relies on the Lord (14:6-7)
The Philistines are killed by the Lord (14:11-15)
Saul exalts his own will – makes a foolish vow (14:23-24)
Jonathan eats honey, not knowing about the vow (25-30) – condemns his father (28)
The people sin because they are so hungry by eating blood (31-32)
Saul takes from the people (33-34)
Saul builds his first altar (14:35)

Saul wants to go finish the Philistines – a priest says they should draw near to God, Saul agrees (36-37)
Perhaps there is sin in the camp, because God does not answer (37)
The sinner will be killed, says Saul, even if it is Jonathan – turns out to be Jonathan
Saul shows he is not an effective leader (43-45)

Allows the people to cancel his "edicts"
Does not just confess his stupidity
Saul loses heart, goes back home, Philistines spared (46)
Saul takes all the mighty men, continues battling the Philistines forever (52)

Saul to wipe out the Amalekites (15:1-3)
Saul fails (15:7-9)
Saul rejected, condemned by God and Samuel (15:10-23)
Focus on verse 22-23
The kingdom is torn from Saul, given to David (24-28)
Samuel corrects Saul's mistake (32-33)

Saul is a selfish and proud man-pleaser – does not seem to care about what God really wants

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The United Kingdom...

- 1 Samuel 16 – David is chosen
 - Samuel is sent by God to Bethlehem to anoint the next king
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Verse 6 – “SURELY” the Lord’s anointed is before Him...

Verse 7 – The Lord looks at the heart

Compare this to how we saw Saul

Verse 11 – Why hasn’t Jesse brought David already?

The youngest son, David, is anointed (12-13)

David begins serving Saul as his musician to soothe him (God replaces His spirit with an evil spirit)

David had a heart after God’s own (1 Samuel 13:14) – What is the contrast between David and Saul?

The United Kingdom...

- 1 Samuel 17 – David vs. Saul
 - David still tending his father's sheep as Goliath comes and laughs at the army of Israel
 - David comes to bring supplies to his brothers and becomes angry when he hears Goliath's taunts
 - Saul gives David his armor and sword, but David is unable to use it – instead he calls on his sling...and the Lord
 - Goliath is defeated by David's sling, and his own sword
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Verse 4 – 6 cubits = 6*1.5 feet = 9 feet, 1 span = 9 inches → Goliath is 9'9"

With all of the equipment, probably weighed a lot, perhaps approaching 1000 pounds.

Verses 8-11 – Goliath taunts the men, they are afraid → focus on “give me a man” (verse 10)

Verse 16 – Goliath challenges Israel for 40 days – Saul doesn't do anything?

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Verse 26 – Goliath defies God, not Saul

Verse 28 – Eliab accuses David of pride – was David really proud? Why would Eliab accuse him so?

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Verses 32-37 – David shows his reliance and faith in the Lord

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Verses 45-47 – David shows that his faith is not in himself, but in the Lord

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Verses 52-53

The United Kingdom...

- 1 Samuel 18-31 – Saul turns on David
 - Saul takes David into the army and makes him a captain
 - Jonathan, Saul's son, becomes close friends with David
 - David's successes cause Saul to become extremely jealous
 - Saul attempts to kill David numerous times in different ways, chasing him around the land with his army
 - David spares Saul's life twice, even as Saul pursues him
 - Finally, Saul dies in battle with the Philistines
 - The men of Jabesh Gilead steal Saul's and his sons' bodies from the Philistines and bury them in Jabesh

The United Kingdom...

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(17:55-18:2) – David enters the army, never returns to his father's house (Saul's selfishness)
As we will see, he has great success, fighting numerous successful campaigns against Philistia

Jonathan, Saul's son, becomes close friends with David

(18:3-4) – They obviously had a very close friendship – probably because of their zeal for the Lord
Because of his love for David, Jonathan is always helping David avoid Saul's wrath

David's successes cause Saul to become extremely jealous

(18:5-9) – People love David more than they love Saul – he wants to kill David
(18:12-16) – Saul recognized that the Lord was with David, not him
(18:28-29) – Saul's son and daughter, God, and the people all love David

Saul attempts to kill David numerous times in different ways, chasing him around the land with his army

(18:10-12) – Saul tries to kill David with a spear
(18:20-27) – Saul tries to use the Philistines to kill David
(19:9-10) – Saul still trying to kill David with a spear

Jonathan advises David that he must flee Israel – David runs to different places, including some enemy territories, in order to

escape Saul's jealous anger

(21:10-15) – David pretends to be insane to avoid being put to death in Philistia

Chapter 22 – Flees to Moab

Chapter 27 – Flees to Philistia

(21:1, 6-9) – David is taken care of by the priests at Nob; Doeg the Edomite tells Saul, who then proceeds to annihilate the city of priests (22:6-10, 16-23) – Abiathar escapes to tell David.

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Chapter 24 – Saul is searching for David, enters the cave David is hiding in to use the bathroom – instead of killing him like his men would have him to, he cuts off a piece of Saul's robe (24:9-10)

Chapter 26 – Saul again is pursuing David, and after he and his men go to sleep, David comes next to him, takes his spear and water jug, despite the pleading of his own men to kill him (26:8-12)

We continually see David's reliance on the Lord – (23:2-5)

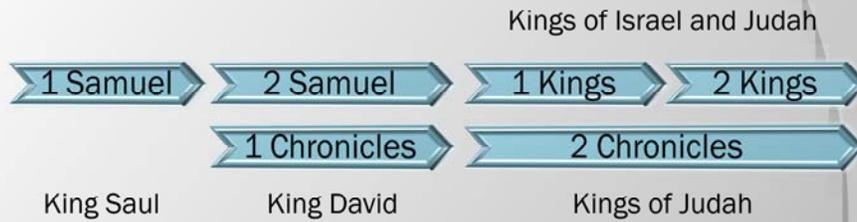
David comes upon the place he had been staying (Ziklag), after it had been raided by the Amalekites (30:3-8)

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Chapter 28 – Saul consults a witch to speak with "Samuel" – prophesied that Saul would die with his sons on the next day (28:16-20)

Chapter 31 – Saul is killed in a battle with the Philistines, along with his sons, as was prophesied

Timeline of Recorded Events



1. 1 Samuel
2. King Saul
3. 2 Samuel
4. 1 Chronicles
5. King David
6. 1 Kings
7. 2 Kings
8. Kings of Israel and Judah
9. 2 Chronicles
10. Kings of Judah

The United Kingdom...

- 2 Samuel 1-6 – David reunites Israel in Jerusalem
 - Upon Saul's death, naturally the nation was thrown into a bit of chaos and confusion
 - David kills the Amalekite who claims to have killed Saul
 - David establishes his kingdom in Hebron while Saul's son, Ishbosheth, reigns the rest of the nation
 - Abner travels to Judah to talk with David; Joab kills him
 - Ishbosheth murdered by David's men; those men are killed
 - David establishes his kingdom in Jerusalem
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In 1 Samuel 31, we see Saul "killed" by his armorbearer, versus here in 2 Samuel 1, we see that an Amalekite claims that he is the one who "finished the job"

Normally, someone might be happy about their chief enemy being killed; David is angry because the Lord's anointed had been killed (recall the times that he spared Saul's life, and the reason he did so)

Focus on David's priority – not his will, but the Lord's will above all else – seeking to do only what God wanted in all things – remember David's focus in 1 Samuel 17 (Goliath) and as he was running from Saul and attacking at different points

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We again see David's focus on finding the Lord's will (2 Samuel 2:1, 4-7)

Joab – commander of David's army

Abner – commander of Saul's army

Abner makes Ishbosheth king over Israel -> civil war

A military game ensues (12-16)

Eventually fighting breaks out, and Abner's forces are forced to flee

Joab's brother chases Abner who tries to convince him to stop, eventually kills him (18-23) – Joab of course will not be happy about this

Abner travels to Judah to talk with David; Joab kills him

Civil war continues (3:1) – Saul's house grows weaker as David's grows stronger

Abner keeps things together in Saul's house (6) – but has a disagreement with Ishbosheth about a concubine (7)

Abner rips Ishbosheth verbally (8-11), then decides to make a covenant with David to give him all the land (12)

David and Abner have a feast and discuss things, then Abner leaves

Joab hears that Abner had been there... and seems to be wanting David to kill Abner (22-27)

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Jerusalem taken (5:4-7)

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The United Kingdom...

- 2 Samuel 7 – God’s Covenant with David
 - David wishes to build a house for God
 - God chooses to build David’s house instead
 - Very similar ideas to Abraham’s promise
 - David’s kingdom will be established *forever*
 - David’s descendant will build for God a temple
 - David praises and thanks God for His blessing
 - Note especially:
 - Verse 19 – recognition of the prophecy’s scope
 - Verse 24 – reminiscent of previous covenants
 - The humility of David, God’s servant

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We also see a new man on the scene, Nathan the prophet

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Genesis 12

Genesis 26:1-5

Genesis 28:12-15

David’s kingdom will be established *forever* – things are coming together

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- 2 Samuel 11-12 – David's Sin and Consequences
 - David commits adultery with Bathsheba
 - He tries to cover it up, but fails, and ultimately chooses to have Uriah the Hittite, her husband, killed in battle
 - God, through Nathan, chastises and reveals the punishments that David will endure for his sin
 - The sword will never depart David's house
 - Evil will be raised from his own house
 - His neighbor will lie with his wives in public
 - His son shall die, though David shall not

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2 Samuel 8-10 – David wins many battles and conquers land

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- ◉ 2 Samuel 13-24 – David's Tumultuous Life
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 - Absalom takes control over Israel
 - David is forced to flee from his throne
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 - Eventually Absalom is killed
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Eventually Absalom is killed – 2 Samuel 18 – Joab kills him

The problem of the Gibeonites returns – 2 Samuel 21

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- ◉ 1 Kings 1-2 – Solomon becomes King of Israel
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 - David, along with Nathan and Bathsheba, develop a plan to depose Adonijah as "king" and crown Solomon
 - Adonijah is spared temporarily
 - David gives Solomon final instructions before he dies
 - Solomon takes vengeance on his father's enemies
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 - Joab
 - Shimei

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Recall Absalom – 2 Samuel 14:25

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David gives Solomon final instructions before he dies – 2:1-4, 10

Solomon takes vengeance on his father's enemies

Adonijah – had tried to take the throne

Joab – had killed Absalom, and in general was not a righteous individual

Shimei – had thrown stones and cursed David – 2 Samuel 16:5-8

The United Kingdom...

- 1 Kings 3-11 – Life of Solomon
 - Solomon makes a treaty with Pharaoh; foreign marriage
 - Solomon asks for wisdom from the Lord; receives more
 - Solomon's wisdom is demonstrated for the first time
 - The temple is built and dedicated to the Lord
 - Solomon becomes extremely wise, rich, and famous in his lifetime, but seems to lose his zeal for the Lord...
 - Solomon's heart is turned from the Lord by all of the foreign women that he had brought into his house
 - Enemies are raised up to take the kingdom
 - Solomon dies

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1 Kings 3-11 – Life of Solomon

Solomon makes a treaty with Pharaoh; foreign marriage – 3:1

Solomon asks for wisdom from the Lord; receives more – 3:5-14

Solomon's wisdom is demonstrated for the first time – story of the two women

The temple is built and dedicated, and the glory of the Lord begins to inhabit it – 8:10-13

Solomon becomes extremely wise, rich, and famous
Queen of Sheba – 10:1-9

Solomon loses his focus on the Lord it seems – 10:14-29

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Judgment against Solomon – 11:9-13

Enemies are raised up to take the kingdom from Solomon

Jeroboam – 11:28-35

Solomon dies – 11:40-43

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