

INTRODUCTION:

1) TODAY WE WILL BEGIN LOOKING AT *THE ISRAELITE EMPIRE*

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) 1 SAMUEL: KINGDOM BEGINNINGS
- 2) 2 SAMUEL, 1 CHRONICLES: DAVID'S REIGN
- 3) 1 KINGS 1-11, 2 CHRONICLES 1-9: SOLOMON'S REIGN

PART 1 – 1 SAMUEL: KINGDOM BEGINNINGS:

Q 1) WHAT DOES 1 SAMUEL RECORD?

OUTLINE OF 1 SAMUEL...

- I. Eli: Priest and Judge, 1–4
 - A. Birth of Samuel (1:1–2:11)
 - B. Sins of Eli and his sons (2:12–26)
 - C. Two warnings to Eli (2:27–3:21)
 - D. Judgment of Eli (4)
- II. Samuel: Prophet, Priest, and Judge, 5–8
 - A. The ark restored to Israel (5:1–7:2)
 - B. Revival and victory under Samuel (7:3–8:3)
 - C. Israel asks for a king (8:4–22)
- III. Saul: Israel's First King, 9–15
 - A. Saul is anointed by Samuel (9:1–10:16)
 - B. Saul is praised after a victory (10:17–11:11)
 - C. Saul becomes king (11:12–12:25)
 - D. Saul fails to wait for Samuel (13:1–15)
 - E. Saul defeats the Philistines and others (13:16–14:52)
 - F. Saul disobeys at the Amalekite victory (15:1–35)
- IV. David: National Hero, 16–31
 - A. David is anointed and kills Goliath (16–17)
 - B. Saul seeks to kill David; Jonathan befriends him (18–20)
 - C. David flees, and Saul hunts for him (21–26)
 - D. The Philistines give David refuge (27)
 - E. Saul consults a witch at Endor (28)
 - F. David recovers his family and wealth (29–30)
 - G. Saul dies (31)

THREE THEOLOGICAL STRESSES:

The ancient promise of God: that kings would issue from the Patriarchs is fulfilled.

Genesis 17:6 — *I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.*

Genesis 35:11 — *And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.*

Reveals the error of attempting to run ahead of the promises of God and to bring to pass with human effort what only God can and should do.

Teaches the principle that the all-wise and all-powerful God is Sovereign and when nations or individuals submit to His dominion, there is great blessing.

PART 2 – 2 SAMUEL, 1 CHRONICLES: DAVID'S REIGN:

Q 2) WHAT DOES 2 SAMUEL COVER AND TELL US ABOUT?

Q 3) WHAT DOES 1 CHRONICLES SHOW, EMPHASIZE, AND RECORD?

OUTLINE OF DAVID'S REIGN...

Event or Topic	2 Samuel	1 Chronicles
I. David's Political Success	1–5	1–10
A. Genealogies	—	1–9
B. David mourns Saul's death	1	10
C. David's seven years as king of Judah	2–4	—
D. David as king over all Israel	5:1–5	—
E. David conquers Jerusalem and makes it the national capital	5:6–10	—
II. David's Spiritual Success	6–7	11–17
A. David makes Jerusalem a religious center	6	13–16
B. God's covenant with David	7	17
III. David's Military Success	8–10	18–19
A. Victories over Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Aram, and Edom	8	18
B. David and Mephibosheth	9	—
C. Victory over Ammon	10	19
IV. David's Sin as King	11:1–12:14	—
A. David's adultery with Bathsheba	11	—
B. David's rebuke from Nathan	12	—
V. Judgment on David's Household	12:15–15:6	—
A. Death of David's son from adultery	12:15–23	—
B. Amnon's rape of Tamar, his half-sister	13:1–22	—
C. Absalom's revenge and deceit	13:23–15:6	—
VI. Judgment on David's Kingdom	15–20	—
A. Absalom steals the kingdom	15–17	—
B. Absalom is murdered; David mourns	18:1–19:8	—
C. David is restored; partly forgives Shimei	19:9–20:26	—

OUTLINE OF DAVID'S REIGN (CONTINUED)...

Event or Topic	2 Samuel	1 Chronicles
VII. David's Last Years	21–24	21–22; 29
A. Three-year famine	21:1–14	—
B. War with the Philistines	21:15–22	20:4–8
C. David's psalm, last words, and mighty men	22–23	—
D. David's sin in counting his fighting men; God's judgment and mercy	24	21:1–27
E. David's preparations for Solomon to build the temple	—	22
F. David's death	—	29:22– 30

PART 3 – 1 KINGS 1-11, 2 CHRONICLES 1-9: SOLOMON'S REIGN:

Q 4) WHO WAS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING?

Q 5) WHO WAS JUDAH'S LAST KING?

OUTLINE OF SOLOMON'S REIGN...

Event or Topic	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
I. Solomon Becomes King	1–4	1
A. Rise above Adonijah	1:1–2:46	—
B. Wisdom from God	3–4	1:1–13
C. Trade and prosperity	—	1:14–17

OUTLINE OF SOLOMON'S REIGN (CONTINUED)...

Event or Topic	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
II. Solomon's Building Programs	5–9	2:1–8:16
A. The temple in Jerusalem	5–7	2:1–5:1
B. Solomon's palace	7:1–8	—
C. Dedication of the temple	8:1–9:9	5:2–7:10
D. Treaty with King Hiram of Tyre	9:10–25	—
III. Solomon's International Relations	9–10	8–9
A. Ships at Ezion Geber	9:26–28	8:17–18
B. Queen of Sheba	10:1–13	9:1–12
C. Money and trade	10:14–29	9:13–31
IV. Solomon's Disobedience and Death	11	—
A. Foreign wives and idolatry	11:1–8	—
B. Judgment and enemies	11:9–43	—

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Read about the Kingdom Beginnings, the Reign of David, or the Reign of Solomon. Follow the outline to break up your reading. If you choose to use an Audio Bible, that is fine too.

