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1. Eli and Samuel—Israel’s Last Judges—Debate the Peoples’ Call for a King. 1 Sam. 1-8

- a. Judge Eli’s sons were evil (2), so God blessed Hannah to birth Samuel as judge (1-3).
- b. The Philistines captured the Ark (4), but returned it after God plagued their towns (6).
- c. Israel demanded a king, but Samuel prayed and pleaded with God not to allow it (8).

“And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord,” ... “But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, ‘No! But there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.’ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Obey their voice and make them a king.’ Samuel then said to the men of Israel, ‘Go every man to his city,’” 1 Sam. 3:19-21... 8:19-22

2. Saul—God Allowed Saul to Demonstrate Might, but With a Lack of Faith. 1 Sam. 9-31

- a. Saul became king (11) but sinned in sacrifice (13), and ignored God’s command (15).
- b. Saul lost God’s spirit (16), and God picked David for king, letting him take Goliath (17).
- c. Saul was jealous and tried to kill David (18-20). Samuel and Saul died (25, 31).

“The word of the Lord came to Samuel: ‘I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.’ And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night. And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, ‘Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal,’” 1 Sam. 15:10-12

3. David—Israel Prospered Spiritually and Politically Under King David. 2 Sam., 1 Chron.

- a. David united Israel politically and spiritually. Jerusalem was worship center (2 Sam. 1-7).
- b. David had military triumphs over Philistia, Moab, Zoba, Syria, and Ammon (8-10).
- c. David’s sins of adultery and murder brought troubles to David and Israel’s unity (11-24).

“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,” 2 Sam. 7:12-13 and 1 Chron. 17:14

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