

LIGHT FOR LIFE

EXPLORING GOD-BREATHED GLORY

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For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

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Psalm 36:9

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SAMUEL

Author: (Samuel, Nathan, Gad)?

Date: c. 931 - 722 B.C.

Canon: 3rd of Prophets
(Historical Books)

Establishing and Anticipating
God's Kingdom and King



BOOKENDS

Narrative	Poem	Poems	Narrative
Barren woman blessed and exalted	New mother responds in thanksgiving and exalts God	Triumphant king gives thanks for victories	Self-exalting king judged and abased
1 Sam 1:1 – 1:28	1 Sam 2:1 – 2:10	2 Sam 22:1 – 23:7	2 Sam 24:1 – 24:25
A	B	`B	`A

OVERALL STRUCTURE

SAMUEL		SAUL		DAVID		
Prophet	Judge	Appoint ment	Failure	Rise	Reign	Review
(I) 1:1 - 4:1	4:1 - 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 BC		1050 BC		1010 BC		970 BC

EXTENDED NARRATIVE

Conquest	Establishment of the Kingdom		Exile
	Idolatry	David Anointed King Davidic Covenant	Idolatry
Josh 1:1 – Judges 16:31	Judges 17:1 –	— 1 Kings 11:43	1 Kings 12:1 – 2 Kings 25:30
1406 BC — (820 years) — 586 BC			

HISTORICAL PURPOSE

To present an historical narrative of Israel's transition from a theocratic *confederacy* to a theocratic *monarchy*; God's kingship to God's king.

1 SAMUEL

- Provides the record of transition between confederacy to monarchy; from judgeship to kingship; from Samuel to Saul.
 - Documents the reign of the first king of God's kingdom

2 SAMUEL

- Provides a narrative of God's chosen king, David.
 - Documents the establishment of God's kingship covenant and appoints the capital of His kingdom

THEOLOGICAL PURPOSE

God is the only true King, obedience the only wise course, and God's Kingdom will come with God's King.

- To call attention to the failure of man-centered government:
 - anarchy (*an*– no + *archos*– head)
 - democracy (*demos*– the people + *kratia*– rule, authority, power)
 - autocracy (*auto*– self + *kratia*– rule, authority, power)
 - human sovereignty
- To call God's people in the present to live with increasing anticipation for God's Kingdom and King.

STRUCTURE

David's Triumphs			David's Transgressions	David's Troubles	
1:1 – 10:19			11:1 – 11:27	12:1 – 24:25	
Political	Spiritual	Military		Home	Kingdom
Obedience			Disobedience	Judgment	
Success			Sin	Sorrow	
1:1 – 10:19			11:1 – 11:27	12:1 – 24:25	
Hebron (7.5 years)	Jerusalem (33 years)				

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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.

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2 Samuel 7:12–13

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THE INSTRUMENTS OF GOD

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- The Priests
- The Ark of the Covenant
- The Word of God
- The Prophets
- **The Kings**

KING SAUL

- He was known for being tall and handsome (1 Sam 9:1–3)
- He was appointed to serve the Lord (1 Sam 9:16)
- He refused to punish those who were unwilling to pay him homage (1 Sam 10:27)
- He was an able and inspiring leader (1 Sam 11:12-15)
- He was gifted to speak as a prophet (1 Sam 19:24)

KING SAUL

- By all human standards, Saul was a successful king
 - Defeated the Ammonites (1 Sam 11:1-11)
 - Defeated the Philistines (1 Sam 13:3)
 - Defeated the Philistines (1 Sam 13:5)
 - Defeated the Moab, Ammon, Edom, and Zobah (1 Sam 14:47)
 - Defeated the Amalekites (1 Sam 15:1-9)
 - Defeated the Philistines (1 Sam 17:1)
 - [Defeated by the Philistines and Dies (1 Sam 31:1-6)]

KING SAUL'S PRIDE

- Lack of the Fear of God
- Fear of Man
- Compromise
- Envy and Jealousy
- Anger
- Spiritual Depression
- Paranoia
- Fear of Death
- Occult
- Suicide

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THE LIFE OF KING DAVID

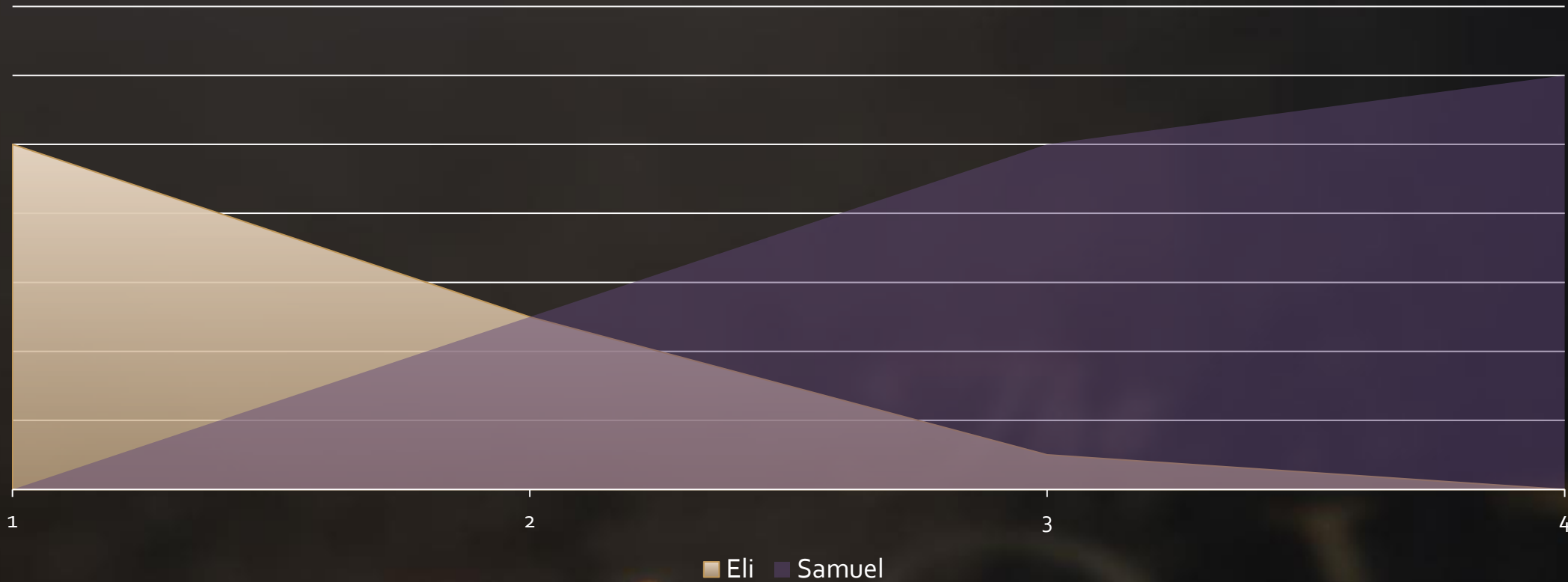
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SAUL AND DAVID

- Rejection of Saul (15)
 - Election of David (16:1-13)
 - Erosion of Saul (16:14-23)
- Rise of David (17)

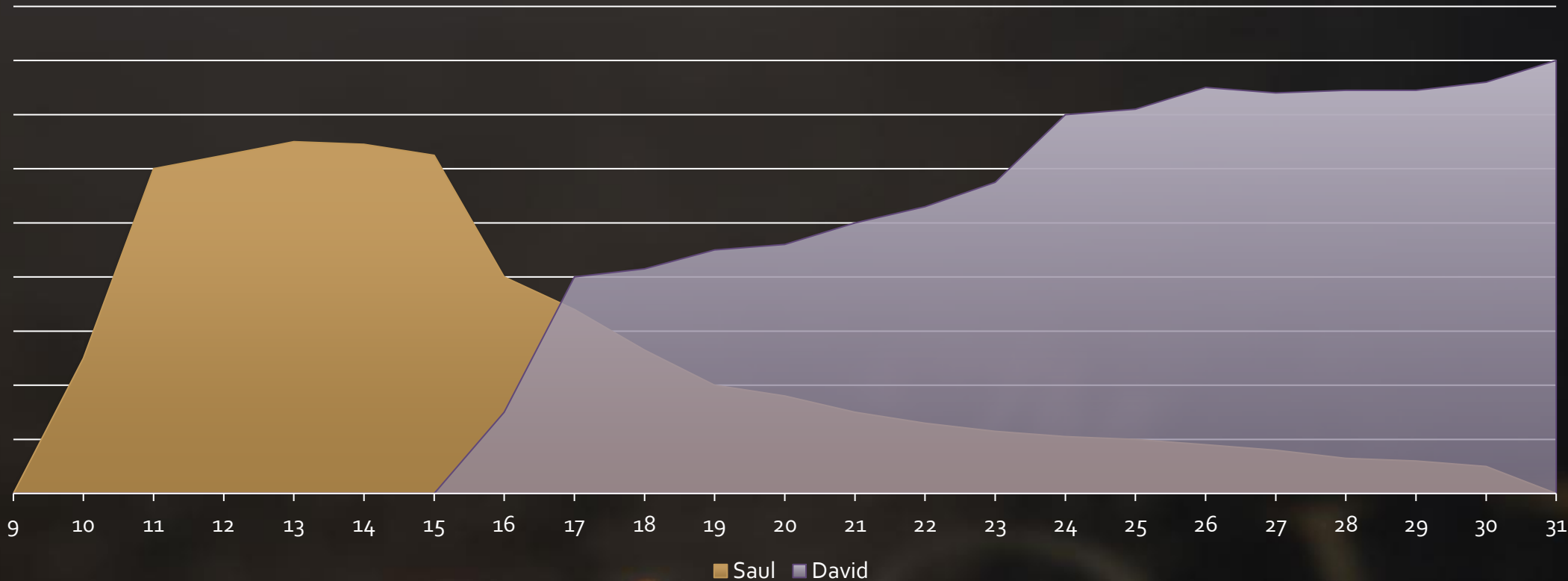
RISE AND FALL OF MEN

Spiritual Leaders



RISE AND FALL OF MEN

National Leaders



DAVID

2 Samuel 11 — 12

1 Samuel 16 — 2 Samuel 10

2 Samuel 13 — 1 Kings 2

DISCOURSE



REFLECTIONS

- Saul relentlessly tries to kill
 - David entrusts himself to the Lord
 - Saul dies
 - David mourns the loss of Saul
 - David despises those who opposed Saul
- Ish-boseth is setup as a rival king
 - David entrusts himself to the Lord
 - Ish-boseth dies
 - David mourns the loss of Ish-boseth
 - David despises those who opposed Ish-boseth

LESSONS

1. Division Dishonors God
2. Submission Honors God
3. Right—Not Might—Makes Right

OBSERVATIONS

- Anointed King
- Unites God's Kingdom
- Used to Establish God's Holy Mountain
- Used to Usher in God's Holy Presence
- Used to Prompt for God's Permanent Dwelling

MESSIANIC ANTICIPATION

- David
- Shared Reverence with God
- One Who Fulfills Righteousness and Salvation
- High Priest – “King of Righteous”
- God Himself
- God Incarnate
- Gospel: For the Sake of Christ’s Name
- Davidic Covenant for the Nations

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COVENANTS

- Noah
- Abraham
- Israel
- David

GOD'S COVENANTS

Abrahamic Covenant

Mosaic Covenant

DAVIDIC COVENANT

CHRIST

New Covenant

SHADOWS OF CHRIST

- God's Chosen One / [Saul] man's chosen one
- Anointed
- Humble Origins
- Unacknowledged by his Family
- Willing Servant
- Zeal for the Lord
- Defeats the Giant Enemy of God's People (without any assistance from the people)
- Does Not Demand his Rightful Entitlements
- Suffers Wrongful Persecution (by the hands of men who assume rule and authority)
- Does Not Avenge for Himself
- Fears the Lord
- Delights in the Lord
- Betrayed by a Close Companion
- His People Turn Against Him
- Willingly Intercedes for His People
- Establishes His Throne
- Ushers in the Holy Presence of God
- Calls for God's Permanent Dwelling
- Instrumental in the Covenant of God's Kingdom