1 Samuel

Week 8

Overview:

- 1. Man is revived under God's rule (1 Samuel 1-7)
- 2. Man rejects God's rule for his own (1 Samuel 8)
- 3. Man obtains his own rule (1 Samuel 9-12)
- 4. Man suffers under his own rule (1 Samuel 13-31)

Overview:

The book starts out with a corrupted priesthood with the word of God nowhere to be found.

Samuel is called by God to be a prophet to Israel.

The ark of the covenant is stolen by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4)

Israel demands for a king (1 Samuel 8:1-9), God prophesied of this (Deuteronomy 17:14-20). It was not God's desire for them to have a man rule over them.

God warns them about what kind of king they will have (1 Samuel 8:11-18).

They still desire a king because they want to be like the world (1 Samuel 8:19-22).

*God grants their request and gives them a king (Psalm 18:25-26).

Saul:

Saul was Israel's first king and was the people's choice. He was a complete failure even though God gave him his Spirit and made him into another man (1 Samuel 9:27-10:25).

Saul was the people's choice bas on his outward appearance David was God's choice based on his inward character.

*1 Samuel 16:7

Saul had a strong body (10:23), humble mind (9:21), a new heart (10:9), spiritual power (10:10), loyal friends (10:26) and the guidance of Samuel. Yet he failed because he never submitted to God's authority and didn't obey him FULLY.

The LORD rejects Saul in the matter of the Amalakites (1 Samuel 15)

Saul:

His downfall

He intruded into the priest's office

He prophesied but made excuses for sin and disobedience

He broke God's commandment by sparing the Amalekites

He lied to Samuel

He blamed the people for his sin

He became puffed up

He rejected the word of the LORD

He had false repentance

He lost the Holy Spirit and got an evil spirit

He became Jealous of David, tried to murder him

He became bitter against his own son

He drove David from his home and inheritance

He sought revelation from a witch

He swore to protect the witch contrary to the Law

He ended up committing suicide.

David

A man after God's own heart David kept his father's sheep

David defeated Goliath because of his faith in the God of Israel.

David never retaliated against Saul nor sought vengeance against Saul

The Prophet Samuel

Samuel – "asked of God"

Influential because of his integrity and loyalty to God. He was a man of fervent prayer.

It is a sin not to pray for others (1 Samuel 12:23)

He is one of several great leaders God raised up to lead Israel through a transition.

*Transitional leaders: Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Jeremiah, Paul

Samuel dies in chapter 25.

Failures in the book of 1 Samuel

The office of the priest sunk to a low during the days of Eli and his two evil sons.

Saul was a failure.

David was better, but he two sinned against God.

The Hebrew Monarchy began with the people choosing Saul and ended with them choosing Caesar.

2 Samuel

Overview:

Describes the enthronement of David, the consequences of sin, and the establishment of his house.

It covers the 40 year reign of King David (1000 to 960 BC).

The purpose is to carry the history of Israel from the death of Saul to the reign of Solomon.

Important verse:

The Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:11-17

David's family should reign for ever over God's people through one eternal King. This promise was repeated to David, Solomon, in the book of Psalm, by the prophets, Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, and Zechariah over a period of 500 years.

Obviously Jesus Christ is the man that is to rule and reign for ever from the throne of David.

Outline:

David is made king over Judah (1-4)
David is made king over all Israel (5-10)
David's sin (11-12)
David's punishment (13-18)
David's restoration (19-20)
David's closing testimony (21-24)

David was in Hebron from 7.5 years (1-4) David was in Jerusalem for 33 years (5-24)

David is anointed 3 times before reigning over all Israel

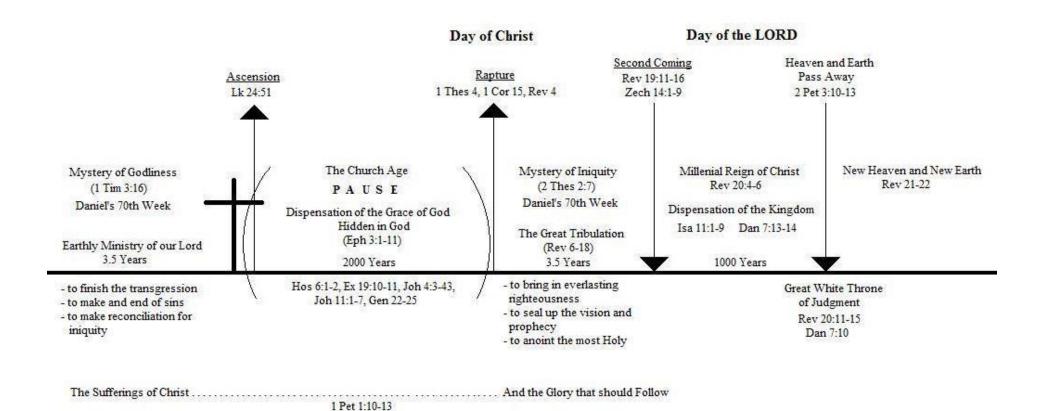
- 1. Only his family knew about it and a few others (1 Samuel 16:12-13)
- 2. Reigned in Hebron with only some Jews following him (2 Samuel 2:4)
- 3. Reigned over all Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-4)

Jesus Christ is anointed 3 times before reigning over all Israel.

- 1. At his birth, only his family and a few others knew (Luke 2)
- 2. At his Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17)
- 3. At his Second Coming (Daniel 9:24)

Daniel's 70th Week until the End of Time

Daniel 9:24-27



David is spoken of as the shepherd of Israel (1 Samuel 5:2)

The book shows David as a wise and generous king. Under David, Israel became a conquering, self-conscious nation and its music and culture of worship sprang to life.

He appointed court recorders and scribes so that the national records could be systematically kept. He began preparations for the building of the Temple.

But at the high point of his power he sinned greatly. He committed murder and adultery and lied about it.

What caused him to sin? He was supposed to go out to war with his men, but he didn't go where he was suppose to be and saw a naked woman.

The record of David shows that God is no respecter of persons.

2 Samuel 12:1-24

When confronted with his sin by Nathan the prophet, he confessed his sin (Psalm 51)

God said to David through the prophet, that he had forgiven David and put his sin away.

His sin caused the enemies of God to blaspheme the LORD.

David pronounces his own punishment (12:6)

- 1. The child dies
- 2. Tamar defiled by Amnon (2 Samuel 13)
- 3. Amnon is slain (13:23-39)
- 4. Absalom estranged from David and rebels and humiliates David (15-19)

God prospers David:

No followers (1 Samuel 16:13) 400 followers (1 Samuel 22:2) 600 followers (1 Samuel 27:12)

The men of Judah (2 Samuel 2:4) The men of Israel (2 Samuel 5:17)

A Great Host (1 Chronicles 12:22)

Chapter 6

David wants to bring the ark to Jerusalem, but violates the word of God in the process.

The Bible says the ark was always to be carried on the shoulders of the priests by staves (Numbers 4:15, 7:9, 10:21, Deuteronomy 10:8, Joshua 3:14).

The ark was to be carried by the sons of Levi. David had the ark placed on a new cart (something Israel learned from the world – the Philistines returned the ark to Israel on a cart – 1 Samuel 6:7).

The Philistines were ignorant of God's law so they were not punished, but David and Israel should have known better, so judgment fell upon Uzzah for touching the ark.

Anything introduced into the worship of God that is contrary to his word deserves judgment (John 4:24).

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So they leave the ark in the house of Obed-edom, and after three months bring the ark to Jerusalem the right way.

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David's song to the LORD (2 Samuel 22)

The last words of David (2 Samuel 23)
The man who was raised up on high, The anointed of God, The Sweet
Psalmist of Israel

2 Samuel 24 David sins by numbering Israel. David confesses his sin (2 Samuel 24:10)

The LORD lets David choose the punishment.

He chooses 3 days of pestilence because God's mercies are greater than man's.

David is told to erect an altar to the LORD. He goes to do so and Araunah desires to give the king oxen to sacrifice. But David said I will pay for them, for he would not offer anything to God that didn't cost him anything.