

## 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings

### The Independent Period

#### A King over Israel

- A king over Israel was eventually going to take place for God had declared it in the days of Abraham and Jacob
- "And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."--- Gen 17:16
- "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people."--- Gen 49:10

#### The Choosing Of A King

- The People's choice for a king was for the wrong reason
- They wanted a king to lead them against their enemies
- However it was God who was fighting their battles
- "...No, but **we will have 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."--- 1 Sam 8:19-20

- The people in wanting a king was a rejection of God
- "And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; **for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me**, that I should not reign over them."---1 Sam 8:7
- Israel when in fellowship with God defeated their enemies but when out of fellowship they were overcome by their enemies

### Saul Chosen King

- **Saul was of the smallest tribe Benjamin**
- **Even though God tells Samuel to anoint Saul as king He does so according to the standard of the people "...like all the nations"**
- **"There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people."-- 1 Samuel 9:2**

### Saul Makes Three Major Mistakes

- His success went to his head and humility gave way to pride and he offered a sacrifice which was an exclusive function of the priests—1 Samuel 13
- He made an order for the people to abstain from food which weakened the people and sentenced his son Jonathan to death. This showed the people they had chosen a fool for king—1 Samuel 14
- He deliberately disobeyed the Lord which resulted in the Lord's rejection of him as king—1 Samuel 15

### Saul Spared King Agag

- The Lord wanted Saul to kill everyone and everything in Amalek
- "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"-- 1 Samuel 15:2-3
- **Saul's disobedience results in a man named Haman, a descendant of Agag, a wicked man who attempts to destroy the Israelites in the Book of Esther**

### God Rejected Saul as King

"And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. **The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart**, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."-- 1 Samuel 13:13-14

## David Was God's Choice As King

- David was from the tribe Judah
- David is chosen by God's standard
- "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."--- 1 Samuel 16:7

## Goliath The Giant

"And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span( 9.5-10.5 feet). He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze (125 lbs). And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels" (15 lbs)-- 1 Samuel 17:4-7

- Goliath was descendant of the giants- "nephilim"-fallen ones ; they were giants in size and ungodly in nature.
- The "nephilim" were the offspring of the fallen angels and the daughters of men in Genesis 6
- Giants such as Goliath or Og, king of Bashan (**Numbers 13:33, 1 Samuel 17**). **Deuteronomy 18:10; 3:11** describes Og's bed: "...behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites?

- Nine cubits (13.5 feet) was its length, and four cubits (6 feet) its breadth, according to a common cubit." (Cubit was 18 inches; some thought 21-25 inches)
- **2 Samuel. 21:18-22:** describes another giant with six fingers and six toes
- This was the kind of man David was willing to fight for God and Israel
- "Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"--1 Samuel 17:26

### David's Sling and Stones



### The Davidic Covenant

"... since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."""---2 Samuel 7:11-16

### Important Points in the Davidic Covenant

- God will make David a house
- God will make a seed of David to reign after him
- God will make David's seed to have a kingdom that will endure forever
- God said, "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son"
- God will extend mercy towards David that He did not extend towards Saul

## The Davidic Covenant Is A Messianic Covenant

- In Genesis 3:15 God promised that a "seed" would come that would crush the Devil
- In the Abrahamic covenant God promised a nation from Abraham that all the nations would be blessed through Abraham's "seed"
- In the Davidic Covenant God promises that David's "seed" would rule forever as a king
- These covenants were for the coming reign of Jesus "the son of David, the son of Abraham"--Matt. 1:1

- "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham"--Matt 1:1
- "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh"-- Romans 1:1-3
- "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."--- Revelation 5:4-5

## David Makes Jerusalem The Capital Of Israel

- God's Love For Jerusalem
- "Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually....Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever"

----2 Chronicles 6:6;7:16;33:7

## The United Kingdom



### The Divided Kingdom



### The Promised Messianic Kingdom



### God is Faithful

- Despite constant failure of the kings of Judah and the kings of Israel God remains faithful to the Davidic covenant
- The kings of Israel were not of the seed of David
- The kings of Judah were the promised seed
- Prophets begin to play a key role during the reign of the kings especially Elijah and Elisha

- God in His grace warns over and over again
- God's role in advising and influencing the kings is represented through the prophets
- The kings ultimate failure results in the kingdom of Israel being conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC and it is never to be rebuilt
- The kingdom of Judah lasted until 606 BC and was conquered by the Babylonians
- God is faithful to the Davidic covenant and brings the kingdom of Judah back to the land under the reign of Cyrus the King of Persia