

1 and 2 Samuel Outline(*)

I. Samuel: Prophet and Judge to Israel (1:1–7:17)

- A. Samuel the Prophet (1:1–4:1a)
 - 1. The birth of Samuel (1:1–28)
 - 2. The prayer of Hannah (2:1–10)
 - 3. The growth of Samuel (2:11–26)
 - 4. The oracle against Eli's house (2:27–36)
 - 5. The Word of the Lord through Samuel (3:1–4:1a)
- B. Samuel the Judge (4:1b–7:17)
 - 1. The saga of the ark (4:1b–7:1)
 - 2. Israel's victory over the Philistines and the judgeship of Samuel (7:2–17)

II. Saul: First King Over Israel (8:1–15:35)

- A. The Rise of Saul to the Kingship (8:1–12:25)
 - 1. The demand of Israel for a king (8:1–22)
 - 2. The process of Saul becoming king (9:1–11:13)
 - 3. The exhortation of Samuel to Israel concerning the king (11:14–12:25)
- B. The Decline of Saul in the Kingship (13:1–15:35)
 - 1. The rebuke of Saul (13:1–15)
 - 2. The wars of Saul (13:16–14:52)
 - 3. The rejection of Saul (15:1–35)

III. David and Saul: Transfer of the Kingship in Israel (16:1–31:13)

- A. The Introduction of David (16:1–17:58)
 - 1. The anointing of David (16:1–13)
 - 2. David in the court of Saul (16:14–23)
 - 3. David, the warrior of the Lord (17:1–58)
- B. David Driven from the Court of Saul (18:1–20:42)
 - 1. The anger and fear of Saul toward David (18:1–30)
 - 2. The defense of David by Jonathan and Michal (19:1–20:42)
- C. David's Flight from Saul's Pursuit (21:1–28:2)
 - 1. Saul's killing of the priests at Nob (21:1–22:23)
 - 2. Saul's life spared twice by David (23:1–26:25)
 - 3. David's despair and Philistine refuge (27:1–28:2)
- D. The Death of Saul (28:3–31:13)
 - 1. Saul's final night (28:3–25)
 - 2. David's dismissal by the Philistines (29:1–11)
 - 3. David's destruction of the Amalekites (30:1–31)
 - 4. Saul's final day (31:1–13)

IV. The Consolidation of Kingship in Israel (2 Samuel 1–20)

- A. David's Lament over Saul and Jonathan (1)
- B. David Becomes King over Judah (2–4)
 - 1. Civil War – Abner joins with David but is murdered by Joab (3)
 - 2. Ish-bosheth, son of Saul, is killed (4)
- C. David Becomes King over All Israel (5:1–5)
- D. David Conquers Jerusalem (5:6–25)
- E. David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem (6)

- F. God Promises David an Everlasting Dynasty (7)
 - 1. God's covenant to build the house of David
- G. The Extension of David's Kingdom (8)
 - 1. War against Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ammon, and Amalek
- H. David's Faithfulness to His Covenant with Jonathan (9)
 - 1. David befriends Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son
- I. David Commits Adultery and Murder (chs. 10–12)
 - 1. David's Sin with Bathsheba (11-12)
- J. David Loses His Son Amnon (chs. 13–14)
 - 1. Amnon rapes Tamar; Absalom takes revenge
 - 2. David permits Absalom to return
- K. David Loses His Son Absalom (chs. 15–20)
 - 1. Absalom revolts against David and David flees (15-17)
 - 2. David defeats Absalom; Joab kills Absalom (18)
 - 3. David restored to the throne (19)

V. Final Reflections on David's Reign (2 Samuel 21–24)

- A. Punishment for Saul's sin
- B. Great Faith
 - 1. David's Psalm of Praise (22:1 – 23:7)
- C. Great Strength
 - 1. David's Mighty Men (23:8-39)
- D. Great Sin
 - 1. David's Punishment for the Census (24)

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MAJOR THEMES

- 1. MONARCHY
- 2. DAVIDIC COVENANT
- 3. SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD
- 4. THE PERSONAL AND NATIONAL EFFECTS OF SIN