

“There was no king in Israel” | Judges 21:25

- In the days of no King, “everyone did what was right in his own sight.”
- As long as Israel would judge rightness based on the revelation of God through the Torah, all would be well. But, just like in the Garden of Eden, man is never satisfied to stop with divine revelation.
- The period of the monarchy is found in 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, and 1 & 2 Chronicles.
 - The books of Samuel and Kings give the description of God’s rule over Israel.
 - The books of Chronicles give the description of the line of the Messiah.
 - They two segments contain much of the same subject matter, with a different emphasis (much like the Gospels).
 - In the TaNaKh (Hebrew Scriptures), Samuel and Kings are in the Nevim (prophets), while Chronicles is in the Ketuvim (writings).

Israel’s journey toward a king

- The priests failed, and a prophet took their place.
 - 1 Samuel 2:12-17
 - They made the people hate the sacrificial system.
 - They ignored the fact that God made a means for the Levite to be enriched and to eat, but they went further than God allowed.
 - 1 Samuel 2:22-24 – they committed immoral acts in the line of their priestly duties.
 - 1 Samuel 4:15-22, God sent judgement upon the house of priests in a single day.
- The prophet failed, and a king took his place.
 - The prophet created a “royal line” of prophets – 1 Samuel 8:1-2
 - The sons lived for themselves and not for God – 1 Samuel 8:3

- An eerie truth: *when people fail to commune with God they lose communion and get teaching. When the teachers fail to teach, people end up with a king to rule them.*
- The desire for a king was a desire for national death, not life.
 - Hosea 13:9-10
 - Psalm 106:15

The first two kings were a study in contrasts

- Saul, The King after Man’s Own Heart: When Israel selected a king, she selected a king after her own desires.
 - 1 Samuel 8:20, 9:1-2
- David, the King after God’s Own Heart: When God selected a king, He selected a king after His own desires.
 - 1 Samuel 13:14
- The story of Goliath shows the contrasts
 - 1 Samuel 17:21, 33, 38 vs 37, 45-46

God redeemed the kingdom concept by promising to provide a Righteous King

- 2 Samuel 7:8-13 gives the promise of one of the Sons of David who will rule and reign over a restored Israel.
- God is always in the business of redemption, and the ultimate redemption will be spiritual, physical, and governmental.