**Bible Overview: Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles**

* The OT is the account of a Nation – Israel.
* The NT is the account of a Man – Jesus.
* The Incarnation, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event in all of history.
* His death purchased us, and He is alive today and will return to establish His Kingdom on earth.
* The most exalted privilege is to know Him and that what the Bible is all about.

**1st and 2nd Samuel:**

* Samuel (the last of the Judges),
* Saul (the first king) and David (greatest king).
* 1st and 2nd Kings: David’s reign of 40 years, Solomon,
* The Divided Kingdom,
* Exile: Assyrian/Babylon.

**1st Samuel**

**Chapters 1-7: Samuel**

* Equaled only to Moses in stature and influence in history of Israels.
* Ends the period of the Judges- establishes the monarchy (kings)
* Founds school of the Prophets.
* Anoints first King – Saul
* Anoints second King – David
* 1 Samuel 8:7 – God tells Samuel, they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me.
* Samuel laments this decision knowing what’s ahead – taxes for sure.

**Chapters 8-15: Saul**

* Promising beginning but sad ending.
* Was impatient, disobedient, irreverent, deceitful and had two major failures. The second disqualified him from the kingship.
* Failed to kill Agag, king of the Amalekites – Haman of the Book of Esther is descendent of Agag.
* The witch at Endor
* Died in battle with son Jonathan.

**Chapters 16-31: David**

* Goliath
* Military Victories.
* Great Popularity.
* Marries Saul’s daughter – ends poorly.
* Enter’s into ministry in Saul’s court.
* Flee’s to Ziglag.
* Threatened by Saul – cave scene – can not lift my hand against God’s anointed.

**2nd Samuel Chapter 1-12 David’s Triumphs.**

* King of Judah at Hebron 7 years
* King of all Israel at Jerusalem 13 years.
* Chapter 7: 11-13 – the Davidic Covenant – unconditional
* Psalm 89: 35-37
* Acts 2:30 – Gabriel to Mary
* Rev 5:5 – Lion of the Tribe of Judah; Root of David.
* Conquerors Philistines, Syrians, Ammoniates, Moabites, Edomites, and the Amalekites.
* Poet, Song Writer, excellent administrator.
* Bathsheba and Uriah
* Consequences
  + The sword did not depart from his house.
  + Absalom rebelled against him – civil war.
  + Slept with his father’s concubines in broad daylight for all to see.
  + Loss of moral authority – rape of Tamar
  + Not allowed to build the temple.

**1st Kings: Chapters 1-11 Solomon**

* Given wisdom from God.
* Builds the Temple
* The zenith of Israels fame, prosperity, and power.
  + Silver was considered as no value.
  + Everything was golden.
  + Queen of Sheba.
  + Annual income 666 Talents of Silver (Talent was 30 lbs.)
* Wrote 3000 Proverbs.
* 700 wives – many foreign, plus 300 concubines.
* Chariots
* Temples to Chemosh, Molech, Baal, and Ashtoreth
* Chapter 11:13 – kingdom stripped from Solomon.

**1 Kings 12-22 – Kingdom Divided**

* Rehoboam and Jeroboam – Judah (southern kingdom) and Israel (northern kingdom).
* Rehoboam – increase taxes.
* Jeroboam – established alternative sight to worship – Bethel.
* Elijah – last six chapters
  + Major prophet to Northern Kingdom
  + Mentioned twice in NT – Transfiguration and Two Witnesses in Revelation 11
  + 8 Major miracles – Raising the dead, withheld rain 3 ½ years, Prophets of Baal.
  + Mt. Carmel victory over 450 prophets of Baal.
  + Fled from Jezebel.
  + Did not see death – translated to heaven.
* Jezebel
  + Wife of King Ahab
  + Cunning, cruel, godless, wicked, and malicious
  + Stole Nahab’s vineyard and had Nahab killed.
  + Jehu executed her to fulfill the prophecy given by Elijah – eaten by dogs.

**2nd Book of Kings**

* **Chapters 1-10 Annals of Israel, the Northern Kingdom**
  + Ministry of Elisha
  + Ends with the death of King Jehu, Israels 10th King.
* **Chapters 11-17 Alternating Annals of both Kingdoms**
  + Jonah, Amos, and Hosea are prophets to the Northern Kingdom.
  + This section ends with the Assyrian Captivity of Israel.
* **Chapters 18-25 Annals of Judah, the Southern Kingdom**
  + Obediah, Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah prophets to the Southern Kingdom.
  + Book end with the Babylonian Captivity.

**Elisha**

* Receives Elijah’s mantle.
* Received a “double portion” of anointing.
* Reveals the army of God surrounds Elisha – 2 Kings 6:8-16

**Northern Kingdom**

* Lasted 250 years.
* Had 19 Kings
* 7 Dynasties
* Taken into captivity in 722 B.C.

**Southern Kingdom**

* 1 Dynasty (Davidic)
* 20 Lasted 370 years.
* Kings
* Babylon Captivity 606 B.C. – lasted 70 years.
* Two excellent Kings: Hezekiah, Josiah – let reforms.
* Worst King: Manasseh – ruled for 30 years.

**1st Chronicles**

**Chapters 1-9 Israel’s Main Genealogies**

* Adam to Jacob
* Jacob to David
* David to Zedekiah
* Tribal Allotments

**Chapters 10 – 29 David’s Reign at Jerusalem**

* David is the Lord’s Anointed
* The Ark of the Lord
* The Covenant of the Lord
* The Temple of the Lord

**2nd Chronicles**

**Chapters 1-9 Solomon’s 40-year Reign as King**

* Early years of King Solomon
* The Building of the Temple
* The Glory of Solomon

**Chapters 10 – 36 Judah’s History (Southern Kingdom) to the Exile**

* The divided Kingdom
* The 20 Kings of Judah
* The Deportation to Babylon