

## **March 11/14 - The Kingdoms Era**

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**The Bible is the story of God redeeming a broken creation through Jesus Christ.**

**Books:** 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Chronicles, 1 & 2 Kings (primary content)

**Timeline:** 1043 BC - 586 BC

**Symbol:** Crown: represents 3 different kingdoms - united, Northern (Israel), Southern (Judah)

### **Timeline of Events**

Samuel leads Israel

Saul's reign - (David in Saul's court, David & Goliath) 1025-1005 BC

David's reign - (Messianic covenant, expands kingdom, Bathsheba, Absalom) 1005-968 BC

Solomon's reign - (best and worst of Israel) 968-928 BC

Rehoboam splits nation - 928 BC

### **Divided Kingdom**

**Northern: Israel (928 - 722 BC) (Assyrians)**

Samaria is capital

Built golden calves, intermarried with other nations

**Southern: Judah (928 - 586 BC) (Babylonians)**

Jerusalem, Temple

Inconsistent kings - some good, some bad

### **Interpretive Issues**

**Israel (Northern Kingdom):** 0 for 20 good kings

**Judah (Southern Kingdom):** 8 for 20 good kings

### **Prophetic Books**

span multiple eras, not always chronological, highly contextualized.

### **Point/Counterpoint Formula**

prophets tell us heaven's perspective

backstage access to the main story

### **Themes**

**1st Act: The Dream of a King**

**2nd Act: The Reality of a King**

**Saul**

***Saul's insecurity.***

***Tried to please every other voice in his life except God's***

**David**

***Tender, repentant heart***

***Doesn't lead in God-given grace***

**Solomon**

***Is the best and worst of Israel***

***Becomes Pharaoh, forgets mission***

**3rd Act - Death of a Dream****Prophetic Message:**

***Repent of judgment***

***Judgment is coming, live as my people***

***Micah 6:8, CSB***

Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.

**4th Act - Promise of a True King**

**Tensions**

Israel & Judah are no more  
Temple is no more  
Where is Messiah?  
Are we still God's chosen people?

**Applications****Know Your Battle**

**Live out the reality of Jesus.**

**Jeremiah 19:7**

Work to see that the city where I sent you as exiles enjoys peace and prosperity. Pray to the LORD for it. For as it prospers you will prosper.