

Wednesday Night Supplemental Teaching

Covered this week: 1 Samuel - Job

1-2 Samuel

Key Themes

- The institution of kingship
- God's covenant with David's line.
- The recognition that Yahweh

Key Characters: Hanna, Samuel, Saul, David, Jonathan, Joab, Nathan, Absalom

Setting: The end of Samuel's leadership through the end of David's kingship (1050 BC – 970 BC)

Key Verses:

- 1 Sam 2:10 – “The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.”
- 1 Samuel 8:7-8 – “It is not you they have rejected, but...me.”
- 1 Samuel 16:7 – “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Outline

- I. The Shiloh Traditions (1 Samuel 1:1-4:1a)
- II. The Ark Narrative (1 Samuel 4:1b-7:1)
- III. The Institution of the Monarchy (1 Samuel 7:2-12:25)
- IV. The Reign of Saul (1 Samuel 13-15)
- V. David's Rise to Power (1 Samuel 16:1-2 Samuel 5:10)
- VI. David's Successes (2 Samuel 5:11-9:13)
- VII. David's Failures (2 Samuel 10-24)
 - a. Men Acting Against Him; The Succession Narrative (2 Samuel 10-20)
 - b. God Acting Against Him: Appendix (2 Samuel 21-24)

Other Interesting Notes

- There is an early Aramaic inscription from Dan, dating to the 9th century BC, that mentions the battle of the king of Aram against the house of David which is recorded in 1 Kings 15:20. It is the earliest archaeological reference to David.

1-2 Kings

Key Themes

- The Kings could be forces for good or evil.
- The emergence of prophets as the royal conscience.
- The danger of idolatry.
- The tension between the sins of Jeroboam (idolatry) and the promise to David (covenant).

Key Characters: Solomon, Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Elijah, Elisha, Ahab, Asa, Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah)

Key Verses:

- 1 Kings 3:6-14 – Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.”
- 1 Kings 4:29-30 – God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight.”
- 1 Kings 8:22-61 – “So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other.”
- 2 Kings 17:7-15 – ““Do not do as they do,’ and they did the things the LORD had forbidden.”

Outline:

- I. King Solomon (1 Kings 1-11)
 - a. His Succession (1 Kings 1-2)
 - b. His Wisdom (1 Kings 3)
 - c. His Reign (1 Kings 4-11)
- II. King Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:1-22)
- III. Kingdoms of Israel and Judah from 931-853 (12:22-34)
- IV. Prophetic Ministries of Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 17:1-2 Kings 8:15)
 - a. Elijah and King Ahab (1 Kings 17:1-22:40)
 - b. King Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:41-50)
 - c. King Ahaziah (1 Kings 22:51-2 Kings 1:8)
 - d. Elisha and King Jehoram (2 Kings 2:19-8:15)
- V. Kingdoms of Israel and Judah from 852 to 722BC (2 Kings 8:16-17:41)
- VI. Kingdom of Judah from 729 to 587/586 BC (2 Kings 18-24)
- VII. Fall of Jerusalem to Babylon (25:1-21)
- VIII. Historical Appendix A: Governor Gedaliah (25:22-26)
- IX. Historical Appendix B: Jehoiachin in Exile (25:27-30)

Other Interesting Notes

- Calves/Bulls were associated with the storm god Baal in Canaanite religion.
- Israel (the northern kingdom) had 20 kings split up into 9 different dynasties. There were 7 assassinations, 1 suicide, 1 stricken by God, all were judged evil by the book of Kings.
- Judah (the southern kingdom) had 19 kings and 1 queen in 2 ruling dynasties. There were 5 assassinations, 2 stricken by God, 3 exiled to foreign lands, and 8 judged good by the book of Kings.
- The book of Kings mentions 12 prophets.

1-2 Chronicles

Key Themes

- Retelling of the past to inspire hope in the present.
- The reigns of David and Solomon idealized.
- Emphasis upon temple worship and the role of priests and Levites.

Key Characters: All the same people as 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings

Setting: Covers the same time as 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings, but written after the people returned from exile.

Key Verses:

- 1 Chronicles 28:9 – “If you seek him, he will be found by you.”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 – “If my people...will humble themselves and pray...and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear...and will forgive their sin.”

Outline

- I. Genealogical Prologue (1 Chronicles 1-9)
- II. United Monarchy
 - a. David’s Reign (1 Chronicles 10-29)
 - i. Saul’s death (10)
 - ii. David’s ascension (11-12)
 - iii. Return of the ark of the covenant (13-17)
 - iv. David’s conquests (18-20)
 - v. Organization of David’s kingdom (21-27)
 - vi. David’s preparations for the temple (28:1-29:9)
 - vii. David’s farewell and death (29:10-30)
 - b. Solomon’s Reign (2 Chronicles 1-9)
 - i. Solomon’s kingship (1)
 - ii. Construction of the temple (2:1-5:1)
 - iii. Dedication of the temple (5:2-7:22)
 - iv. Solomon’s activities (8-9)
- III. History of Judah (2 Chronicles 10-35:16)
- IV. The Exile (2 Chronicles 36:17-23)

Interesting Notes

- Stylistically, the book is similar to Ezra-Nehemiah and may have been written by the same person/people.
- 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah are likely the latest books of the Old Testament in regard to their composition.
- You can visit Hezekiah’s tunnel mentioned in 2 Chronicles 32:30.