

Leading up to the Minor Prophets

God's first time declaring a covenant with Abram (Gen 15:1-7).

Jacob is renamed Israel (Gen 32:24-28)

Israelites begin to multiply (Ex 1:1-7)

Israel is God's son (Ex 4:23)

Israel is called to be a nation of ^{Kingdom} priests (Ex 19:3-6)

Israel enters the land of Canaan during the book of Joshua.

During the book of Judges, the Israelites settle into their land & do what they saw as right in their own eyes. This led to a continuing cycle of turning away from the Lord & doing evil, the Lord raising up a judge to bring Israel back to God, & the people following God as long as the judge lived. (Jud 6:11-12, 25-27) (Jud 8:22-23, 28, 33-34) → Story of Gideon ←

Starting 1 Samuel

Hannah was barren & prayed desperately to God for a child, promising that if she had a son, she would give him to the Lord. (1 Sam 1:10-11) God hears her plea & gives her a son, who she names Samuel. After weaning him, she took her son to the house of the Lord in Shiloh & presented him to Eli, the priest. Eli's sons were wicked, did not know God, & did evil in the temple. Therefore, a man of God came to Eli & rebuked him for allowing his sons to commit

such sin, Eli was told both his sons would die on the same day.

Samuel, however, was growing in favor with the Lord. God began calling Samuel when he was still a boy (1 Sam 3:1-14). The Lord made Samuel known as a prophet throughout all Israel.

Read → (1 Sam 4:1-11)

Why did they bring the ark of God into battle?

Why did it not make them victorious?

Which promise of God was fulfilled here?

God plagued the Philistines until they sent back the ark of God along with a guilt offering.

Read → (1 Sam 7:3-14)

Why did God fight for the Israelites this time?

The Israelites then desired to be like the other nations & have a king to rule over & judge them. Therefore, God revealed to Samuel that Saul would be king. Samuel gathered Israel together and anointed Saul as king.

Read → (1 Sam 10:25) What ordinances?

Read → (Deut 17:14-20) Reiterate multiple wives

God tells Saul to attack the Amalekites & to kill & destroy everything.

Read → (1 Sam 15:17-21, 28-30)

God will now select a new king for Israel. He sends Samuel to Bethlehem, to Jesse, to select the next king from among his sons. Upon seeing David, God told Samuel he would be the next king, so Samuel anointed him. (1 Sam 16:12)
After this, the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David.

Due to Saul turning away from God, the Spirit of the Lord departed from him. Sometime after this, the Israelites & the Philistines drew up for battle. Goliath taunted Israel & David set out to face him.

Read → (1 Sam 17:41-47)

What is David's focus in this battle?

How is this different from Saul?

Read → (1 Sam 18:6-9)

Why is Saul upset?

What is wrong with Saul's heart?

Read → (1 Sam 18:12-15)

Why does Saul dread David?

What should Saul's reaction be? (Change of heart towards God)

After this, David spends a lot of time fleeing from Saul. Saul spends year trying to fight God's plan & kill David.

Read → (1 Sam 31:1-6) Death of Saul

Read → (2 Sam 1:1-16) Did the man think he was doing good?
Why did David have him killed?

The men of Judah anointed David as their king, but Abner, Saul's commander, made Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, king of Israel. The 2 Kingdoms were in continual conflict. David's house grew stronger while Saul's house grew weaker.

Read → (2 Sam 3:6-11)

Did Abner know of God's plan to make David king?

Why did Abner fight against David?

What made Abner change his mind?

Read → (2 Sam 5:1-5) David becomes King of Israel

Read → (2 Sam 5:6-10) City of David

In 2 Sam 7, David plans to build a house for the ark of God, but God delivered a message through Nathan the prophet. God tells David He made David king & will continue to make David a great name. He tells David He will make David's son king & establish his kingdom. This son is to build the temple instead of David.

Read → (2 Sam 7:18-22)

What is David feeling in this prayer?

David's great sin comes in 2 Sam 11. David sees Bathsheba bathing, lusts after her, sleeps with her & gets her pregnant. After failing to get her husband, Uriah, to sleep with her, David has him killed.

Read → (2 Sam 12:1-14)

What is David's reaction to the accusation?

Will David be forgiven?

Are there consequences even after being forgiven?

Read → (1 Kings 2:1-4)

What are the main ideas David is trying to get across to Solomon?

Read → (1 Kings 3:6-14)

How is Solomon feeling about taking over as king?

Why does he ask for discernment?

How does God respond?

Solomon began the construction of the temple in his 4th year as king.

Read → (1 Kings 6:11-13)

What is the theme we have been seeing? (Walk with God & keep commandments)

Read → (1 Kings 9:1-9)

Read → (1 Kings 11:1-13)

Solomon didn't follow God's law regarding marrying many women or foreign women.

Why was Solomon influenced away from God?

How can we apply this lesson to ourselves?

Read → (1 Kings 11:26-38)

10 tribes are given away.

Read → (1 King 11:38-40)

Does Solomon ever repent?

The Kingdom is split in two.

Read → (1 Kings 12:1-5, 13-20)

Solomon's son, Rehoboam, is therefore the king of Judah, the southern kingdom, with Jerusalem as its capital.

Jeroboam becomes the king of Israel, the northern kingdom, with Samaria as its capital.

Read → (1 Kings 12:25-33)

Jeroboam, even after hearing God's promise, turned to other gods to try to protect his power.

Thus Israel moved forward into idolatry, in 2 kingdoms, while God tried to bring them back to Himself.