

Old Testament Overview

I Samuel–II Chronicles

(I Sa 8:6-7)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons covering the "Old Testament."
 - a. We are overview each book so that...
 - i. We may have a better understanding of what the content is.
 - ii. We may have a better understanding of the context.
3. Let us look at our books to overview today, I Sa-II Ch.

I. I Samuel

- A. Name Means + History
 1. Named after the books main character Samuel
 2. He was the last judge of Israel
 3. I & II Sam are one book in the Hebrew Bible
- B. Outline
 1. (1-8) Samuel's Reign
 - i. Samuel's birth and his mothers song – 1-2
 - ii. Samuel's ministry amid corruption – 2
 - iii. Message from God – 3
 - iv. Israel's defeat and Eli's death – 4
 - v. Philistines suffering due to the ark – 5
 - vi. Samuel's ministry – 7
 - vii. Demand for a king – 8
 2. (9-31) Saul's Reign
 - i. Kings selection – 9
 - ii. Coronation – 10
 - iii. Ammonite conquest – 11
 - iv. Samuel's resignation address – 12
 - v. Saul's sin – 13
 - vi. Saul's rash vow – 14
 - vii. Saul's sin and rejection as king – 15
 - viii. Successor selected – 16
 - ix. Goliath – 17
 - x. David's friendship w/ Jonathan – 18
 - xi. Saul's attempts on David – 19-26
 - xii. David's refuge among Philistines – 27
 - xiii. Witch of Endor – 28
 - xiv. David expelled by Philistines – 29
 - xv. David's victory over Amalekites – 30
 - xvi. Death of Saul – 31

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C. Lessons Learned

1. Peer pressure is dangerous (everyone else has a king).
 - i. Peer pressure leads to us relying on others over God, we must pursue God.
 - a. **Mt 6:33** "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."¹
 - b. **Lk 10:27** "So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'""
 - c. **Ja 4:8** "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."
2. Always respect God's elect (David w/ Saul).
 - i. Elders
 - a. **He 13:7** "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct."
 - ii. Leaders of land
 - a. **TI 3:1** "Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work"

II. II Samuel

A. Name Means + History

1. Name is just continued because it is one book in the Hebrew
2. Saul dies and David takes over as King
3. II Sam covers David's reign both in Hebron and Jerusalem

B. Outline

1. (1-7) Coronation of David & consolidation of the kingdom
 - i. Regret over Saul's death – 1
 - ii. Elimination of rivals – 2-4
 - iii. Complete tribal supremacy – 5
 - iv. Ark retrieved by to Jerusalem – 6
 - v. Kingdom secured by God – 7
2. (8-10) Conquests over enemies
 - i. Defeat of Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria, & Edom – 8
 - ii. Kindness extended to Mephibosheth – 9
 - iii. Defeat of Ammon – 10
3. (11) Crimes committed by David
 - i. Adultery & Murder
4. (12-20) Conflicts & confusion that result
 - i. Judgments pronounced...forgiveness & death of son – 12
 - ii. Rape of daughter/murder of son – 13
 - iii. Rebellion of Absalom – 14-18
 - iv. Revolution – 19-20

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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5. (21-24) Appendix of non-chronological events in David's life
 - i. Famine – 21a
 - ii. Military campaigns against Philistines – 21b
 - iii. Song of David – 22
 - iv. David's last words – 23
 - v. Census & Plague – 24
- C. Lessons Learned
 1. There are consequences to sin.
 - i. **Jb 4:8** "Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same."
 - ii. **Ga 6:7** "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."
 2. Forgiveness is possible no matter how bad.
 - i. **Ps 86:5** "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You."
 - ii. **Is 55:7** "Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."
 3. Don't give up (even one after God's own heart messes up).
 - i. **I Ti 6:12** "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

III. I Kings

- A. Name Means + History
 1. Name is based off the fact that this book deals with the kings of God's people.
 2. This too is one book in the Hebrew books.
 3. We see the peace of Israel and the despair of Israel in this book.
- B. Outline
 1. (1-11) The monarchy under Solomon
 - i. Rise to power – 1
 - ii. Advice from father – 2
 - iii. Request for wisdom – 3
 - iv. Solomon's fame – 4
 - v. Construction & dedication of temple – 5-8
 - vi. Accomplishments, wealth, & fame – 9-10
 - vii. Solomon's downfall – 11
 2. (12-22) The Divided Kingdom
 - i. Rehoboam's mistake & northern revolt – 12
 - ii. Jereboam's reign – 13-14a
 - iii. Rehoboam's reign – 14b
 - iv. Abijah & Asa in Judah...Nadab & Baasha in Israel – 15
 - v. Elah, Zimri, Omri & Ahab's reign in Israel – 16a
 - vi. Ahab in Israel – 16b-22
 - vii. Jehoshaphat in Judah – 22

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C. Lessons Learned

1. Listen to your elders (older wiser generation; Rehoboam)
 - i. **Ti 2:1-6** "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. 6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded"
2. Political, economical, or military factors do not effect national success.
 - i. **Ps 33:12** "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance."
 - ii. **Pr 14:34** "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people."
 - iii. **Is 60:12** "For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined."

IV. II Kings

A. Name Means + History

1. Name is derived from the continuation of I Kings
2. II Kings picks up where I Kings left off and records events to the 37th year of King Jehoiachin's captivity about circa 561 B.C.
3. It records the decline of God's people in the north, Israel, and in the south, Judah.
4. Active prophets during this time were...
 - i. Israel – Amos & Hosea
 - ii. Judah
 - a. Joel
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Jeremiah
 - d. Habakkuk
 - e. Zephaniah
 - f. Micah
 - iii. Assyria
 - i. Jonah & Nahum
 - iv. Edom
 - i. Obadiah

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1. (1-17) The Divided Kingdom
 - i. List of all the kings of Israel starting w/ Ahaziah
 - ii. Most noted...
 - a. Fall of Israel to Assyria – 17
2. (18-25) Judah Alone
 - i. List of all the kings of Judah starting w/ Hezekiah
 - ii. Most noted
 - a. Fall of Judah to Babylon – 24-25

C. Lessons Learned

1. It all comes down to what is said by God in the end about you...
 - i. You did right or evil in the sight of God.
 - a. **Mt 25:33** "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."
 - b. **Ph 4:3** "And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life."

V. I Chronicles

A. Name Means + History

1. Name stems from the LXX because of chronicling that is done about Israel's history.
2. I & II Ch are one book in the Hebrew.
3. This is a chronicle of history from Adam to David's death.
4. These chronicles were made for the returning exiles of Judah.

B. Outline

1. (1-9) Genealogies from Adam to David
 - i. Adam-Jacob – 1
 - ii. Jacob-David – 2
 - iii. David to captivity – 3
 - iv. The 12 tribes – 4-8
 - v. Citizens of Jerusalem & Saul's family – 9
2. (10-29) David's Life and Reign
 - i. Death of Saul – 10
 - ii. David's ascension & capture of Jerusalem – 11a
 - iii. David's mighty supporters – 11b-12
 - iv. Transportation of the ark – 13
 - v. Victory of Philistines – 14
 - vi. Ark brought to Jerusalem – 15
 - vii. Thanksgiving for ark – 16
 - viii. Request & deny to build Temple – 17
 - ix. Wars – 18-20
 - x. Sinful census – 21
 - xi. Temple prep – 22
 - xii. Levites organized – 23-26

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- xiii. David's leaders – 27
 - xiv. Farewell address to nation and son Solomon – 28-29
 - xv. Solomon's ascension & David's death – 29
- C. Lessons Learned
- 1. We must learn from the past.
 - i. **Ro 15:4** "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."
 - ii. **I Co 10:11** "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."
 - 2. Children of God need reminding.
 - i. **II Pt 1:12** "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth."
 - ii. **Ro 15:14-15** "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. 15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God"
 - iii. **Ph 3:1** "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe."

VI. II Chronicles

- A. Name Means + History
- 1. II Ch picks up where I Ch left off with the reign of Solomon and continues through the fall of Judah.
 - 2. Notice the kings of Israel are excluded because this was written for the exiles that were returning from Babylon ie Judah.
- B. Outline
- 1. (1-9) Solomon's Reign
 - i. Solomon's wisdom and wealth – 1
 - ii. The temple – 2-7
 - iii. Solomon's fame and death – 8-9
 - 2. (10-36) The Divided Kingdom: Judean Kings
 - i. List of the kings from Rehoboam to Zedekiah
 - ii. Notice in ends ch36 with the Persian decree
- C. Lessons Learned
- 1. Focus on your particular problem to fix it.
 - i. II Ch written solely with reminding Judah what Judah had done wrong to get captive.
 - ii. If you struggle with lying studying lying.
 - a. **Rv 21:8** "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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- iii. If you struggle with stealing study stealing.
 - a. **Ep 4:28** "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need."
- iv. Build up through study what you do right.
 - a. **Ro 14:19** "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."

CONCLUSION

- 1. When you look at the O.T. one thing is certain...God is active in our affairs.
 - a. He is active because He cares.
 - b. He is providentially not miraculously working.
- 2. The question isn't is God active in your life the question is are you active in His life?
- 3. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**