

THE UNITED KINGDOM

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PART I

A. From 1050 to 931 B.C. Israel was under a united kingdom ruled by Saul, David and Solomon

1. that equates to 119 years of 7000 years' worth of history
2. the United Kingdom is our topic and may be helpful if we understand:
 - a. its inception
 - b. its fall - know as the Divided Kingdom (which may sound more familiar to us)

B. The Kingdom divides

1. time is at death of Solomon *1 Kings 11:41-43*
2. reason for division *1 Kings 12:1-15*
3. the Division *1 Kings 12:16-24*

C. Reign of Kings

1. Israel Jeroboam I 931-910 B.C.
2. Judah Rehoboam 931-913 B.C.

PART II

A. Prior to the United Kingdom

1. dominion given to 1st man and woman *Genesis 1:26-28*
 - a. through the fall the Dominion was lost
 - b. Satan became the "Prince of the world" *Matthew 4:8-10*
John 14:30

(Dominion means: to be master, rule, ruler, government, power)
2. after the flood the principle human government was established under the covenant with Noah *Genesis 9:6-22*
3. then came a Theocratic kingdom in Israel (see definition next page)
 - a. the call to Abraham was the creation of a distinctive people which God's purpose for the human race may be worked out *Genesis 12:1-3*

b. the law came and was established through Moses

Exodus 3:1-10
Exodus 19:3-7
Exodus 20:1-7
Exodus 24:12-18
(Exodus 20:1-17
The law)

c. administration under leader - judges

Joshua 1:1-5
Judges 2:16-18

d. Israel was under this leadership of Judges

1 Samuel 7:15-17

** Theocratic Government - God governing/ruling through divinely chosen people

1. who spoke and acted for God in a governing function
2. at this time - the spokesman for God was the judge's father, a prophet named Samuel *1 Samuel 8:1-3*
3. thus we see the people approaching Him with their desires - requests and his responding in behalf of God
4. future Theocratic Kingdom *Luke 11:31-33*
1 Corinthians 15:24

PART III Israel Demands A King

1 Samuel 8:4-5

A. Their reason

1. they wanted to conform to the ways of the world (per vrs. 5, vrs. 20)
 - a. other nations had kings and strong kingdoms
 - b. other nations prospered
 - c. other nations had ornate palaces and cities (equating to status)
 - d. very reason we are told not to conform to the world

Romans 12:2

PART IV God's Displeasure In Their Choice

1 Samuel 8:6-9

A. Samuel warns the people about having asking

1 Samuel 8:10-18

B. Ornate palaces - cities come with a price

1. the men will be drafted into the armies or as palace guards or servants for the king

2. their daughters will be drafted as cooks or perfumers
3. the king will exact taxes upon them, taking their lands, animals and produce
4. their liberty and freedoms will greatly changed to produce a wealthy, powerful, ornate Kingdom

PART V God Grants Them A King According To Their Requests Because They Rejected The Warning *1 Samuel 8:19-22*

** (Interesting character of God - will allow our free agency but tries to direct or warn us but when we reject, He may allow to happen.)

PART VI Saul Becomes Israel's 1st King

- A. Chosen by God to be king - delivered to Samuel *Samuel 9:1-21*
1. verse 2: Saul's qualities
 - a. goodly - handsome
 - b. goodlier - more handsome
 - c. higher - taller
 2. verse 21: a Benjamite
 - a. small tribe of Benjamin
 - b. God chooses the least *1 Corinthians 1:27**1 Samuel 9:1-22,27*
- B. Saul anointed to be Israel's king *1 Samuel 10:1-7*
1. captain over his (God's) inheritance *Exodus 34:9*
- Deuteronomy 32:9*
2. Saul given gift from God (Holy Ghost?) *1 Samuel 10:8-16*
- C. Saul Publicly announced as king *1 Samuel 10:17-27*
1. verse 25: "manner of the kingdom"
 - 1 Samuel 9:16* - "manner"
 - 1 Samuel 15:1* - "kingdom" (by God's direction)
 - Deuteronomy 31:24-26* - "laid before Lord" (book)
 - a. written witness laid before God - people will be accountable
 - b. judged according to books - written word of God

- D. God confirms Saul's kingship before the people
1. through Samuel the Prophet *1 Samuel 12:6-11*
 2. the confirming words — Saul to be king over Israel *1 Samuel 12:12-15*
 3. power of God displayed *1 Samuel 12:15-25*
- E. This came after conquering a battle (see *1 Samuel 12:12*) *1 Samuel 11:1-11*
1. this leadership ability caught the attention of the people *1 Samuel 11:12-15*
 2. thus they were willing to accept his authority

PART VII Israel Under King Saul

- A. First war with the Philistines *1 Samuel 13:1-83*
1. verse 1 - conflict “reigned one year when he reigned two years”
 - a. the Hebrew text reads Saul was . . . years old when he reigned 2 years
 - b. the number of years was lost in the interpretation
 2. battle Saul had 3,000 men
 - a. Philistines returned with 30,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, sea of people
 - b. caused them to cower and hide
- B. Saul's' first rejection as king *1 Samuel 13:8-14*
1. reason - Saul overstepped his authority and intruded into priests office
- C. Israel was helpless before the Philistine army *1 Samuel 13:15-18*
1. they had no weapons of war

