

The God of David

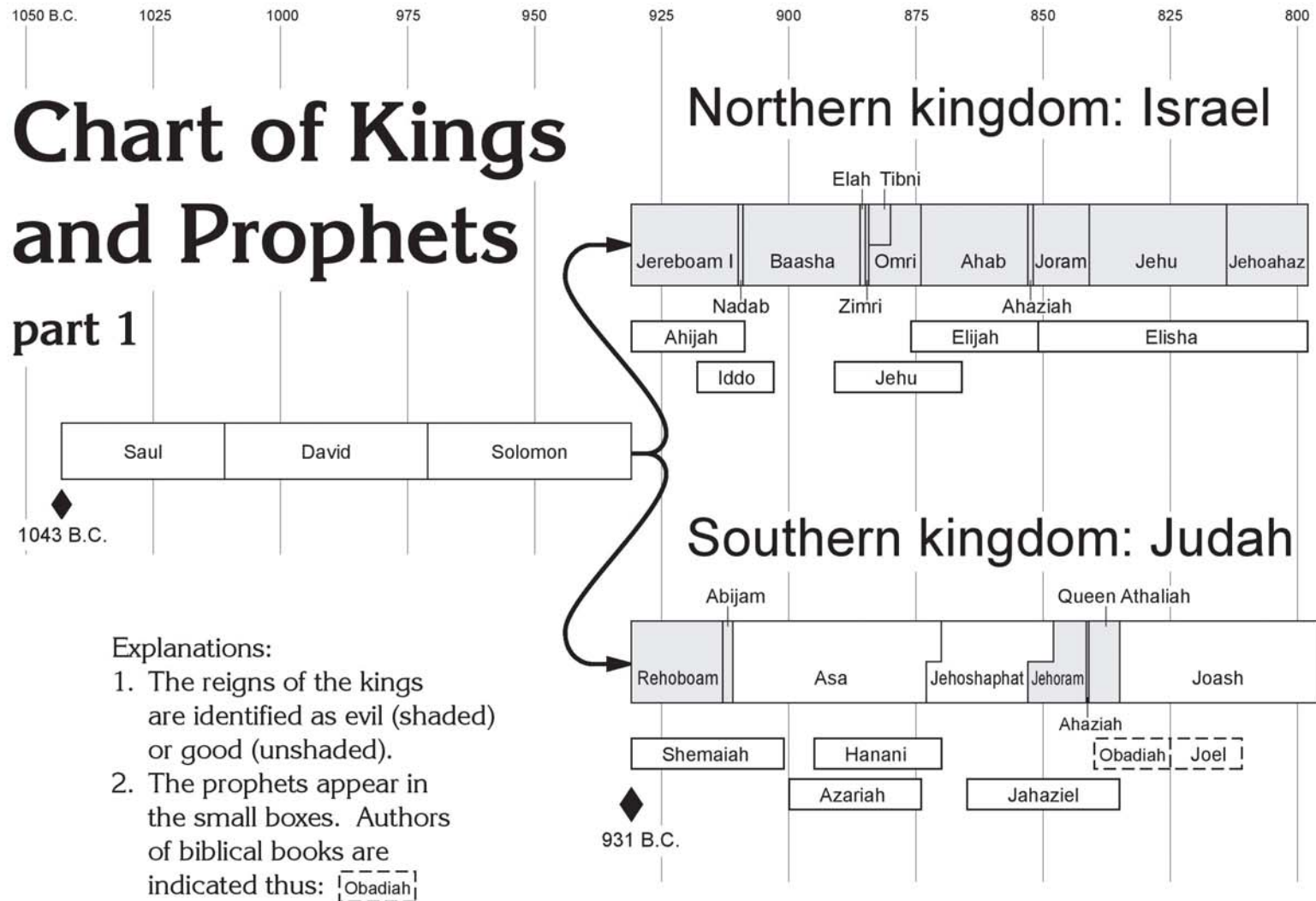
The Word of the LORD Returns to Israel

**1 Samuel 1-3
Lesson 1**

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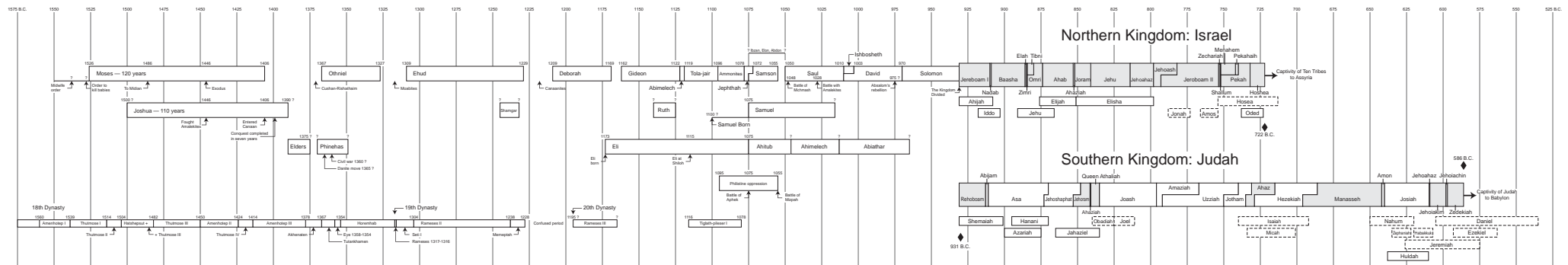
Chart of Kings and Prophets

part 1



Explanations:

1. The reigns of the kings are identified as evil (shaded) or good (unshaded).
2. The prophets appear in the small boxes. Authors of biblical books are indicated thus: [Obadiah]



Studies in 1&2 Samuel

1. **The Word of the Lord Returns to Israel**
1 Samuel 1-3
2. **The Glory Departs from Israel**
1 Samuel 4-6
3. **Israel Rejects God as Their King**
1 Samuel 7-10
4. **Saul – the Foolish King of Israel**
1 Samuel 11-14
5. **The Heart of the Matter**
1 Samuel 15-16
6. **Goliath Defies the Living God**
1 Samuel 17
7. **Saul Determines to Kill David**
1 Samuel 18-20
8. **The Fugitive King**
1 Samuel 21-23
9. **David Spares the Lord's Anointed**
1 Samuel 24-27

Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel

10. **Death of Saul**
1 Samuel 28-31
11. **David Becomes King of Judah**
2 Samuel 1-2
12. **David Becomes King of All Israel**
2 Samuel 3-5
13. **God Covenants with David**
2 Samuel 6-7
14. **David Rules with Justice and Kindness**
2 Samuel 8-10
15. **Sins Against the Lord**
2 Samuel 11-12
16. **Rebellion in the House of David**
2 Samuel 13-15
17. **Rebellion in the Nation**
2 Samuel 16-19
18. **The Final Days of King David**
2 Samuel 20-24

Studies in 1&2 Samuel

- ▶ Transition from chaos/anarchy to monarchy
- ▶ New revelation – Davidic Covenant
- ▶ John 5:39 – Scripture speaks of Christ
- ▶ Ways of God with His people

The Word of the LORD returns to Israel

1 Samuel 1-3

- ▶ **Hanna (1:1-2:11)**
- ▶ **Eli (2:12-36)**
- ▶ **Samuel (3:1-21)**

Hannah's Hope (1:1-28)

- ▶ Blessed but barren
- ▶ “Hannah, why do you weep?” (1:8)
- ▶ The Lord had closed her womb (1:5, 6)
- ▶ Why had the LORD done this?
 - Not punishment
 - The goodness of God – Psalm 84:11
 - The discipline of the LORD – Proverbs 3:11-12
 - Over-ruling providence – Romans 8:28
- ▶ Was this a of lack of faith?

Do not despise the Promise of the LORD

- ▶ Psalm 62:5 – My expectation is in God
- ▶ Psalm 39:7 – Waiting for the LORD
- ▶ Deuteronomy 28:4 – fruit of your womb
- ▶ Proverbs 10:22 – no sorrow with God's blessing
- ▶ Matt. 6:9-10; 33; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; 1 Peter 1:13

Hannah's Hope

- ▶ LORD of hosts
- ▶ Your servant (x3)
- ▶ She prayed for a son but was willing to give him up
- ▶ She pledged her son to be a Nazarite
- ▶ Dwell before the LORD
- ▶ Believers want to see the blessing of the LORD in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13)

The LORD remembered Hannah

- ▶ Phenomenological
- ▶ Genesis 8:1 – Noah and the animals
- ▶ Genesis 30:22 – Rachel
- ▶ Exodus 2:24 – Covenant with the Patriarchs

Hannah's Hope

- ▶ May the LORD establish His Word
- ▶ Hannah fulfilled her vow
- ▶ He worshiped the LORD there

Hannah's Prayer (2:1-10)

- ▶ Salvation of God (2:1)
- ▶ Character of God (2:2-3)
- ▶ Sovereignty of God (2:4-7)
- ▶ The plan of God (2:8-10)
 - Pillars of the earth are the LORD'S
 - He will guard the faithful
 - He will judge the wicked
 - He will rule by His King, His Anointed

Eli's Folly (2:12-36)

- ▶ Sons of Eli were worthless men
 - Did not know the LORD
 - Treated the offering of the LORD with contempt
 - Eat neither fat nor blood. All fat is the LORD'S (Lev. 3:16)
 - Peace offering; burn the fat and priests may eat the meat (Lev. 7:28-36)
 - Fornicated with the women serving at the tabernacle
- ▶ Samuel raised in this setting (2:18-21)
- ▶ Eli's failure (2:22-25)
- ▶ Samuel untouched by this evil (2:26)

Eli's Condemnation (2:27-36)

- ▶ Sin – scorned the sacrifices
- ▶ Judgment
 - No old men in your house
 - All will die by the sword
 - Hophni and Phinehas will die in one day
 - No atonement (3:14)
- ▶ Blessing – a faithful priest (2:35-36)
 - Probably Zadok (1 Chron 24:3)

Samuel (3:1-21)

- ▶ Called when Word was rare (Amos 8:11)
- ▶ Eli's insight and counsel
- ▶ Call of Samuel
- ▶ Tepid response of Eli to the second word of wrath
- ▶ Growth of Samuel
- ▶ LORD appeared in His Word to Samuel at Shiloh – priest becomes a prophet

The Promise of God

- ▶ For Hanna – a deep desire for God’s blessing now
- ▶ For Eli and his sons – irrelevant
- ▶ For Samuel – bearing God’s Word and anointing King David
- ▶ For us – 1 Peter 1:13 – “Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”