

I. Key Elements of the Remaining Old Testament History

A. United Kingdom

1. Saul
2. David
3. Solomon

B. Divided Kingdom 936-722 BC

1. Northern Kingdom
 - a. Israel
 - b. Continues through nine dynasties until 722 BC
 - c. Taken into captivity by the Assyrians
2. Southern Kingdom
 - a. Judah
 - b. Continues until the captivity to the Babylonians in 586 BC

C. Judah alone 722-586 BC

D. Babylon captivity 586-536 BC

E. Remnant Period 536-400 BC

II. Two Old Testament Historic Records

A. I Samuel - 2 Kings

1. Called the Kingdom
2. Grouped in the Hebrew Bible in the Prophets
3. Perspective is prophetic

Assignment:

Read about David's life starting in I Samuel 16

4. Probably compiled for the most part after the Assyrian captivity and before the Babylon captivity
5. Purpose of the book was to warn Judah of the consequences of not walking with God
6. Theme: Sin has consequences - serious consequences
 - a. Key verse:

*Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to heed than the fat of rams.*

(1 Samuel 15:23)

B. 1 Chronicles - Nehemiah

1. Part of the Writings in the Hebrew Bible
2. Perspective is priestly
3. Compiled by Ezra after the Babylonian captivity
4. Purpose of the books is to encourage the Remnant to return to God
5. Theme: God will meet anyone who will return to true worship
 - a. Key verse:

...and (if) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

(2 Chronicles 7:14)