

## Old Testament Israel: Law, Judges, **Kingdoms**

### Intro to Kingdom Period, Handout

#### Overview:

**Samuel**, The last judge, priest and prophet, anoints first kings

**Saul**, The first king

**David**, The king after God's own heart

**Solomon**, The golden age of Israel

**Divided Kingdom**, Solomon's son and Solomon's General

**Chronology, Kings, and Prophets**

**Canaanites & Philistines**

**Assyrians**

**Babylonians**

**Restoration**

#### Scripture    I Samuel 1-12

**I Samuel 1-3**            The miraculous birth, dedication, call, and recognition of Samuel

**I Samuel 4**             The failure of Israel against the Philistines

**I Samuel 5-6**          The capture of the Arc, and God's judgements

**I Samuel 7**             Samuel leads Israel (by God) to conquer the Philistines

**I Samuel 8, 10**        Anointing of Saul

#### Discussion:

**Note** Samuel is the author of most of I Samuel. After his death, the chronicle is assumed to have been completed by his successors, Nathan, and then Gad.

**Note** that the Philistines were a sea-based on the Southern borders of Judea

**Note** the confidence of Samuel in God, he anoints Saul king in 10:01, and selects from among the tribes and elders by lots in 10:17-20.

#### Open Question:

What did Israel lose by going to a king?