



**- EPOCH THREE -
KINGS & KINGDOMS**

ENDLESS ETERNITY PAST

THE AGE OF TIME

1. Origins
2. Deliverance
3. Kings & Kingdoms
4. Prophets & Captivity
5. Return (400 silent years)
6. The Shining Light
7. To the Ends of the Earth
8. The End of the Age

ENDLESS ETERNITY FUTURE

DAY EIGHTEEN 18

WATCH VIDEO THREE
“KINGS & KINGDOMS”
as you work through
this section.

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TIMELINE OF THE LAW & PROPHETS *Two*

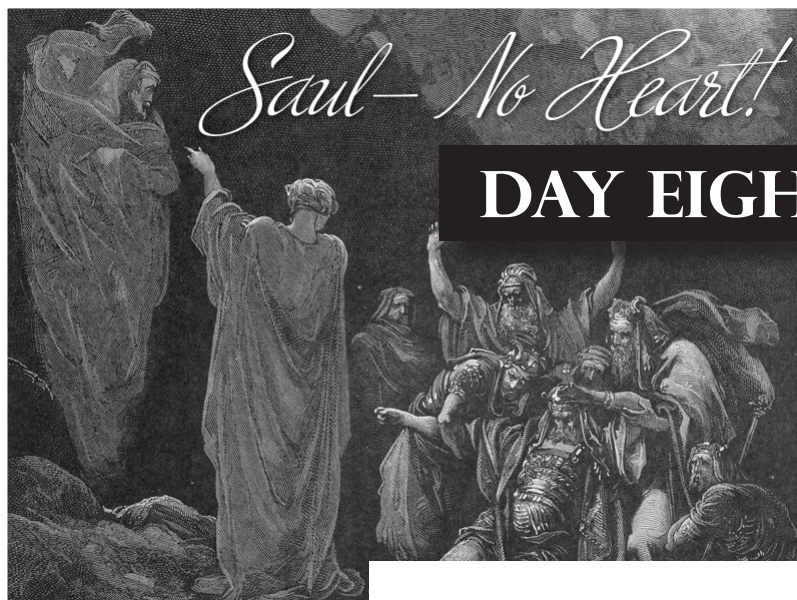
	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	
1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings
	Psalms	Proverbs Ecclesiastes	ISRAEL
SAUL No Heart	DAVID Whole Heart	SOLOMON Half a Heart	722 BC To Assyria
...Samuel		Songs	931BC Division
			JUDAH
			586 BC To Babylon
			CAPTIVITY

GOD WANTS TO BE HIS PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR A KING

Consider that Samuel is the last in a series of judges who delivered Israel. It is almost as if His People try everything except submitting to His Kingship. Notice the timeline overview above.

Who are the three kings of the united Kingdom? What was the chief difference between them? _____

When did the northern Kingdom of Israel go into captivity? The southern Kingdom of Judah? What were their respective destinations? _____



1 SAMUEL People's King

Samuel the Judge	Reign of Saul		
	Rise 15:9	Decline 15:22,23	Fall 16:3,12,13
3:1,19; 7:15,16			
1-7	8-16	16-31	

Give us a king to rule over us! 8:6

READ 1 SAMUEL 8:6.

Why did the people want a king?

READ THE PASSAGES LISTED IN THE OVERVIEW ABOVE.

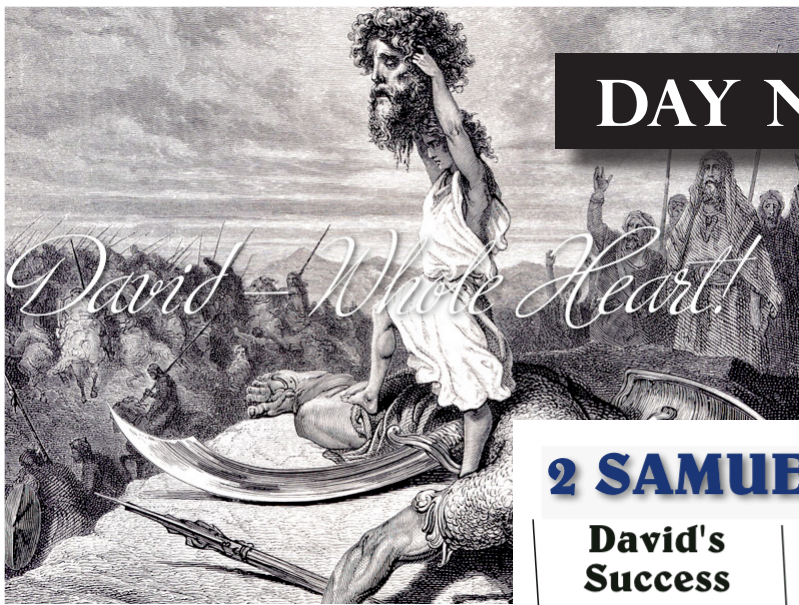
What do you learn about Samuel? He is surrounded by corruption, yet something makes him unique? What is it? _____

Why is Saul crowned as king? What made him a suitable candidate?

What appears to be Saul's downfall?

MY WORLDVIEW

In what ways do I find that I am more impressed with outward appearances than internal substance? _____



DAY NINETEEN 19

2 SAMUEL

God's King

David's Success 3:1,36; 7:18	David's Shame 12:12-24	David's Song 23:1-7
Judah...2:14 Israel...5:2,12	Bathsheba...11:1-4 Absalom...16:20,21	
1-9	10-20	21-24

You will shepherd my people Israel! 5:2

READ 2 SAMUEL 5:2.

Why did God cooperate and yet overrule the people's choice for a king?

READ THE PASSAGES LISTED IN THE OVERVIEW ABOVE.

What was the source of David's success? _____

What was the source of his shame?

When you read David's song in chapter 23, what materializes regarding His heart? (also PSALM 51) _____

MY WORLDVIEW

In what ways do I find myself to be a person of courage? _____

In what ways would I consider myself "whole-hearted" toward God?

DAY NINETEEN 19

PSALMS

Prayer & Praise

PRAYERS of Reliance

20; 51; 90

PRAISES for His Providence

77; 92

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! 100:4

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of **praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.” - Heb. 13:15

The lion's share of the Psalms are written by king David. Why do you think this is?

List the Psalms you are most familiar with:

READ PSALMS 100:4

How does someone living on the earth enter into the presence of God?

READ HEBREWS 13:15.

Why are songs and Psalms nourishment for the heart? _____

READ COLOSSIANS 3:15,16

Why are songs and Psalms good for spiritual relationships? _____

MY WORLDVIEW

Psalms can be incredibly good for my heart. How might I integrate reading and learning from the Psalms into my life? _____



DAY TWENTY 20

MANY THINK SOLOMON WROTE **SONGS** AS A YOUNG MAN, **PROVERBS** IN HIS PRIME, AND **ECCLESIASTES** AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS OLD AGE.

1 KINGS Solomon/Split

REIGN OF SOLOMON

ascension...1:47; 2:46
wisdom...3:9,28; 4:29,30
work...6:12,38; 7:8
splendor...10:23,24

1-11

REIGN OVER JUDAH

Divided Kingdom
12:8,19
Divided Kings
11:11,12; 14:22

12-22

None but the tribe of Judah followed the House of David. 12:20

UNITED KINGDOM.....Saul, David, Solomon
DIVIDED KINGDOM.....Israel and Judah

READ THE PASSAGES ABOVE LISTED UNDER THE REIGN OF SOLOMON

What sense do you get for Solomon as a man?_____

What appear to be the advantages of being a second generation king?_____

READ THE OVERVIEW PASSAGES DESCRIBING THE SPLIT IN THE KINGDOM

What appear to have been the reasons for the captivity?_____

MY WORLDVIEW

What are the things that make my heart prone to wander?_____

PROVERBS Wisdom Above

Wisdom to be Acquired	Wisdom is Superior	Wisdom's Voice
1:20-25,32,33	3:1-12	10:1; 29:7-9
1	2-9	10-31

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. 1:7

“The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

- Proverbs 9:10

DAY TWENTY 20

ECCLESIASTES Vanity Below

<i>The Vanity of:</i>			<i>Be Wise!</i>
DOING	HAVING	BEING	
2:18-23	5:10-17	9:11; 10:5-7	12:1-14
1-2	3-6	7-10	11-12

"And behold, all was vanity and striving after wind." - 2:11

SONG OF SOLOMON.....the days of his youth.
PROVERBS.....the years of his strength.
ECCLESIASTES.....In his old age.

READ THE PASSAGES IN EACH SECTION OF PROVERBS

It appears that “fearing” or reverencing our Creator is quite important. Why would fear be the beginning of wisdom?_____

READ THE PASSAGES IN EACH SECTION OF ECCLESIASTES

How does the tone of this book differ from Proverbs?_____

MY WORLDVIEW

Do I consider myself a reflective person? In what ways could I benefit from more of a reflective approach to life?_____



Elijah & Elisha **DAY TWENTY-ONE 2I**

2 KINGS	Exile/Scatter
DIVIDED KINGDOM 16:2-4	SURVIVING KINGDOM 18:3-6
prophets...1:3; 2:9 kings...17:7,8	reform...22:10-13 rebellion...23:32,37; 24:9,19
1-17	18-25
<p><i>"Now this came about because the sons of Israel had sinned." 17:7</i></p>	

READ THE KEY VERSE LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CHART ABOVE

What is the reason given here for the Kingdom falling apart?_____

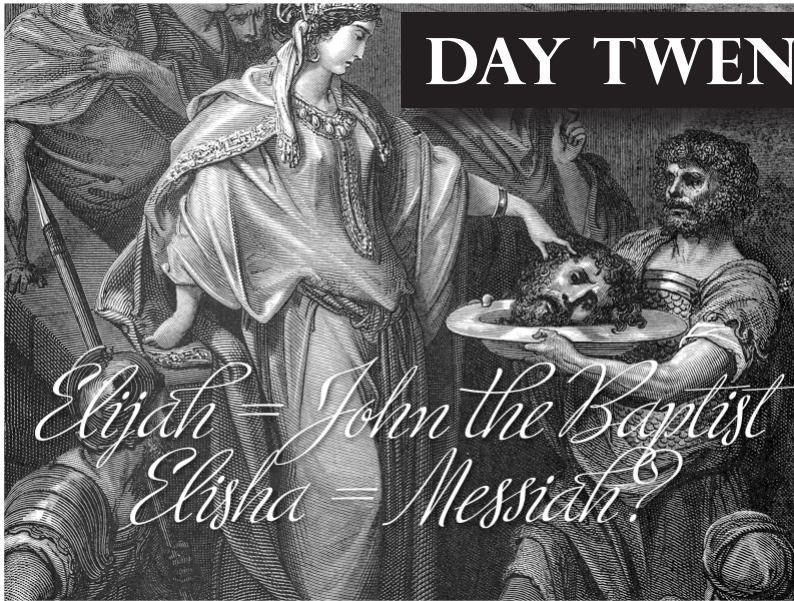
READ THE PASSAGES LISTED IN THE OVERVIEW OF 2 KINGS

What did Elijah bring to the situation and how do you think he was received?_____

What appears to have constituted reform and rebellion among the people?_____

MY WORLDVIEW

How does my life usually respond to the truth?_____



DAY TWENTY-ONE 2I

*Elijah = John the Baptist
Elisha = Messiah?*

REQUIEM FOR A SERVANT OF GOD MOST HIGH
READ MATTHEW 11

What did Jesus have to say about John the Baptist?

Why did Jesus choose to talk about John at this juncture?

READ MALACHI 4 and ISAIAH 40

What here refers to John the Baptist?

MY WORLDVIEW

In what ways does my life reflect the courage and devotion of John the Baptist?

1 CHRONICLES Throne Secured

GENELOGIES 9:1	DAVID'S REIGN 17:7,8; 29:29,30
Adam to Noah Abraham to Isaac Returning Remnant	Saul...10:13,14 Kingdom...14:2 Temple...22:18,19
1-9	10-29

"And David realized that the Lord had established him." 14:2

Written for the return.

DAY TWENTY-TWO 22

2 CHRONICLES Temple Revered

SOLOMON'S REIGN	DIVIDED KINGDOM	JUDAH
1:12-22; 2:5,6	11:16; 12:1,2	Kings...13:18 Captivity...36:11-21
1-9	10	11-36

"Behold, heaven and highest heaven cannot contain Thee."
- 6:18

The content of 1 and 2 CHRONICLES was compiled years later when Israel returned from captivity and resettled her land - under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Take a few minutes and look up the references within the overview charts above. What is reinforced about what you already know of these kings?

MY WORLDVIEW

Three kings - three hearts. In what ways do I reflect the heart of Saul?

David?

Solomon?

DAY TWENTY-TWO 22

The Fire & the Cloud!

EXODUS.....I will direct you.
LEVITICUS.....You belong to Me.
NUMBERS...Will you Walk or Wander?
DEUTERONOMY.....I am with you.
JOSHUA.....I will carry you.
JUDGES.....Faith will fail/I Am faithful.
RUTH.....I Am your refuge.

The Kings of Israel!

1 SAMUEL.....The Carnal Heart
2 SAMUEL.....The Soft Heart
1 KINGS.....The Exiled heart
2 KINGS.....We reap what we sow
1 CHRONICLES.....Throne Secured
2 CHRONICLES.....Temple Revered

The Poets of Israel!

JOB.....The truth about life
PSALMS.....The living power of praise
PROVERBS.....The fear of the Lord
ECCLESIASTES.....Perspective
SONGS.....The beauty of true love

Take this opportunity to think through the books we have looked at so far. Do you feel you have a strong sense for the story of these first 19 books of the Hebrew scriptures?