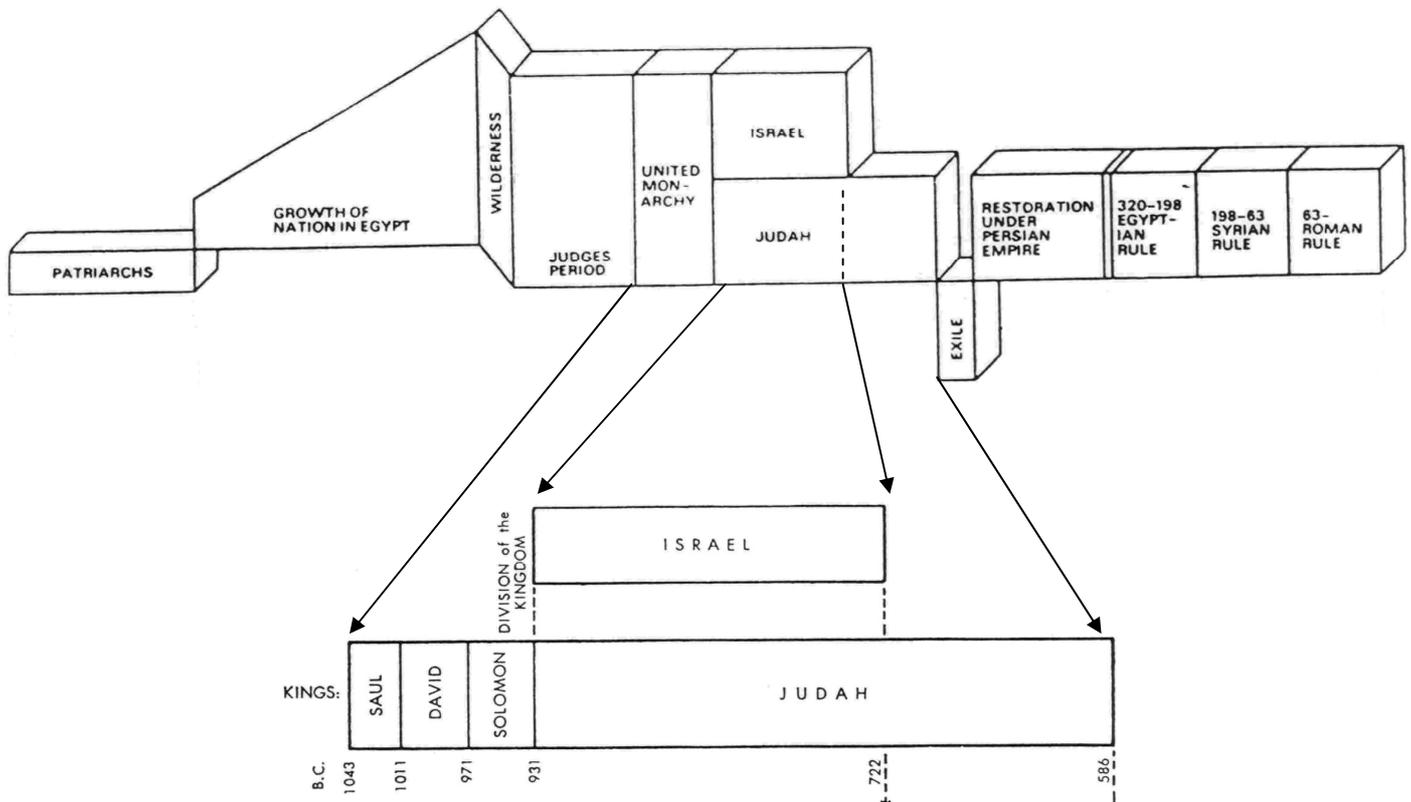


OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AT A GLANCE



Can you commit this picture to memory?

SAMUEL

Theme: *Looking on the heart*

Outline: Samuel, *a man of prayer* (1 Samuel 1-7)

- *Samuel and his mother*
- *Samuel and his Lord*
- *Samuel and God's people*

Saul, *a king after Israel's heart* (1 Samuel 8-31)

- *His early success*
- *His grievous sins*
- *His false repentance*

David, *a king after God's own heart* (2 Samuel 1-20)

- *His early success*
- *His grievous sins*
- *His true repentance*

Appendix (2 Samuel 21-24)

Focus on Samuel

- ❖ The name *Samuel* means *heard of God*. His life cannot be separated from prayer. He was born in answer to prayer, he prayed when Israel faced the possibility of extermination and was miraculously delivered, and he vowed to keep praying for Israel after they rejected him and opted to have a king. Psalm 99:6 and Jeremiah 15:1 underlined the importance of Samuel, a man of prayer.
- ❖ The book **Samuel** named after him because *he was a key character during this period, a king-maker, a national leader, second in importance only to Moses*. He is normally viewed as the 1st of a new order – the school of prophets.
- ❖ In contrast to Samson,

Samson
Nazirite
Judge
Failed

Samuel
Nazirite
Judge/Prophet
Succeeded (in defeating the Philistines)
How?
Not by the arms of flesh, but by prayer.

- ❖ The distinguishing hallmark

1 Samuel 7:9 ~ *And Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. Then Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him.*

1 Samuel 12:19 ~ *And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves."*

1 Samuel 12:23 ~ *Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.*