

THE **BIG** PICTURE

KINGDOM



ERA/GENRE

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KEY FIGURES

David

LOCATION

Israel

STORYLINE

David, the greatest king in the new monarchy, is followed by a succession of mostly unrighteous kings, and God eventually judges Israel for her sin, sending her into exile.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to judge us.' So Samuel prayed to the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, 'Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.'" (1 Samuel 8:4-7)

EXPANSION

1. United Kingdom: A new monarchy (1 and 2 Samuel)
2. Division of the Kingdom: A civil war (1 Kings)
3. Northern Kingdom: The unrighteous kingdom (2 Kings)
4. Southern Kingdom: The inconsistent kingdom (2 Kings)

SIGNIFICANCE

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What reason did Israel have for requesting a king from Samuel? (See 1 Samuel 8:1-6) What price would they pay for this request? (See 1 Samuel 8:10-18) Discuss the tension between freedom and security.
- 2) Compare the lives of David and Solomon. Why did David fare better before God than Solomon? What can we learn from this?
- 3) What was Jeroboam's reason for introducing Idol worship to the Northern Kingdom? (See 1 Kings 12:26-28) What was the result of that decision?
- 4) What are the idols that draw you to worship them? Why is Jesus superior?



Memory Verse

*"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me;
your throne will be established forever."*

2 Samuel 7:16

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