

(I) DEMISE OF SAMUEL

1. This was quietly recorded in 1 Samuel 25:1
2. Israel mourned the death of Samuel
3. 1 and 2 Samuel were named to honour Samuel for his ministry in Israel
 - a) Conclusion of Theocracy
 - i) God is King
 - ii) Ruling through Judges
 - b) Introduction of the Monarchy
 - i) Human king
 - ii) Prophets and priests were to assist the king in ruling the country

(II) NASCENT KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

1. King Saul
 - a) Shaky start
 - b) Saul's dynasty would not be established
2. King David
 - a) Davidic kingdom to be established
 - b) First two kings
 - i) David
 - ii) Solomon
3. Divided kingdom
 - a) Rehoboam- king of Judah (1 Kings 12)
 - b) Jeroboam- king of Israel (1 Kings 12)

(III) THE ROLE OF THE PROPHETS

1. Court prophet

a) Nathan

i) Nathan, as advisor to David (2 Samuel 7:2)

ii) He also functioned as a special messenger of God (2 Samuel 7:4)

iii) Nathan sent to rebuke David (2 Samuel 12: 1, 13-14)

iv) He was also sent to comfort David (2 Samuel 12:24)

b) Gad the seer

i) He was called “David’s seer” (2 Samuel 24:11)

ii) He was also a special messenger from the Lord (2 Samuel 24:11)

2. Itinerant prophets

a) Elijah (1 Kings 17)

b) Elisha (2 Kings 1)

c) Man of God

i) Shemaiah (1 Kings 12:22)

ii) Unnamed prophet (1 Kings 13:1, 6, 8)

OTHER POWERFUL FIGURES IN THE NATION

1. The king

2. The military commanders