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Books of History #3

United Kingdom Period

The next set of Books in the Holy Bible is the United Kingdom Period of the Books of History. These books record the United Kingdom under the leadership of Saul, David, and Solomon. There were only three kings before the split of the nation of Israel into two nations (Israel & Judah). 4 books make up this section. They are:

- ***1 Samuel***
 - ***2 Samuel***
 - ***1 Kings (ch. 1-11)***
 - ***1 Chronicles***
 - ***2 Chronicles (ch. 1-9)***
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How to remember this section:

This is the time of the three Kings (Saul, David, & Solomon). The prophet, Samuel, anoints the first two kings, Saul & David; hence he is the author of the first 2 books of this section (**1 Samuel & 2 Samuel**). The first half of **1 Kings** (*the only book that spans more than one section*) is about the third king, King Solomon. **1 Chronicles** mirrors 2 Samuel only an unblemished account of David's life. So, the predominance of the number **1** (**1** Samuel, etc.), of the double books about the *chronicled kings* of Israel is memorable for this section.

- **1 Samuel** – *the Israelite people clamor for a king, so God anoints their 1st King, Saul thru Samuel, the prophet in 1050 B.C. David becomes God's King-elect due to Saul's ungodly tyranny. This is about **Saul's kingship and David's military conquests for King Saul** ending with the death of Israel's 1st king around 1010 B.C.*
- **2 Samuel** – *King David reigns over Judah for 7 years, and then, in 1003 B.C. over all of Israel for another 33 years totaling 40 years as king. **David's character is shown to be whole-hearted toward God, but still sinful.** The good and bad parts of David's life are spoken of here. His personal relationship with the Lord and his repentant heart gives rise to the prosperity of the nation. His sins also show God's mercy and patience, yet consequences do result from disobedient actions.*
- **1 Kings (ch.1-11)** – *With the death of King David in the beginning, **the establishment of his son, Solomon, as king takes place in 970 B.C. The zenith of the Israelite nation unfolds.** Unfortunately, his half-hearted relationship with God due to inter-marrying spawns the demise and division of the nation after Solomon's death. The building of the Temple takes place. Elijah, the prophet, is prominent in this timeframe.*

- **1 Chronicles** – More of an editorial of the same timeframe as 2 Samuel concerning the lineage of David and his relationship with God. **This is an unblemished presentation of King David. The emphasis of obedience to the Law and the Prophets are shown to be more crucial than the reign of the kings.** Widely considered to be written by Ezra, this book chronicles the things omitted in previous books supplementing the sacred history of God's people. Many written sources outside of the Scriptures are used here. *The genealogical record is also given here.*
- **2 Chronicles (ch. 1-9)** – This is the other book that spans more than one section of history. Like the other, namely the 1st half of 1 Kings, this section is about the reign of King Solomon. Considered the wisest man to have ever lived. This 1st quarter of 2 Chronicles speaks about the building of the Temple of the Lord and the dedication of the Ark of the Covenant into that Temple. Queen of Sheba visits Solomon. This section ends with the death of Solomon in the ninth chapter. It is about 930 B.C.

The timeframe spans more than 170 years from birth of Samuel, the prophet, to Solomon's death in 930 B.C.

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Of importance is that during this same period of the United Kingdom, the Books of Poetry are written:

- **Job**
- **Psalms**
- **Proverbs**
- **Ecclesiastes**
- **Song of Songs (Solomon)**

They record the worship deserved and the wisdom gained within the Holy Word of God.

*This is the third section of books in the Holy Bible. There are 4 books in this group totaling 12 books to this point in relation to the flow of the Word of God: (**remember:** All of Samuel and the beginning books of the Chronicled Kings)*

(Write the books in the spaces below; for permanent memory)

G _____

E _____

L _____

N _____

D _____

J _____

J _____

R _____

1 S _____

2 S _____

1 K _____

1 C _____

Now you know the first 12 books of the Holy Bible in order of flow thru the books, and what they are about.

*Remember too that 1 Kings is followed by 2 Kings, and then comes 1 Chronicles followed by 2 Chronicles. **The chronology of the Holy Scriptures doesn't always follow the order of the books.** So, you therefore know that order of the books in the Holy Bible up to this point is:*

- (up to)...Ruth (followed by)
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles

Totaling 14 books in order of placement in the Word of God!

Below are 5 Bible verses from the United Kingdom Period. Match the correct Bible verse to the corresponding Book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

1. *"The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died."*

2 Chronicles 5:13

2. *"I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place."*

1 Samuel 4:11

3. *"The Philistines pressed hard after Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua."*

1 Chronicles 10:2

4. *"Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah."*

2 Samuel 2:4

5. *"Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud,"*

1 Kings 1:30

Below are 5 Bible verses from the United Kingdom Period. Correctly identify the Bible verse with the corresponding book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

"These were the chiefs of David's mighty men—they, together with all Israel gave his kingship strong support to extend over the whole land, as the Lord promised."

1. Which book of the United Kingdom Period? _____

"So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

2. Which book of the United Kingdom Period? _____

"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me."

3. Which book of the United Kingdom Period? _____

"The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, 'There were two men in a certain town, one rich, and the other poor.'"

4. Which book of the United Kingdom Period? _____

"When the Queen of Sheba heard of his Solomon fame, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions."

5. Which book of the United Kingdom Period? _____

2 Chronicles 9:1

1 Samuel 9:16

1 Kings 3:9

2 Samuel 12:1

1 Chronicles 11:10

After identifying the previous Bible verses, take the time to find a Bible verse on your own that really identifies with that particular book. Just the act of searching and writing it down gives you a better sense and greater familiarity with the Word of God. You are actively participating in studying the Holy Bible.

1st Samuel _____

2nd Samuel _____

1st Kings _____

1st Chronicles _____

2nd Chronicles _____

Notes

Describe a topic in this section to remember.

(Example: *David with the Lord Almighty with him using only a smooth stone in his sling runs quickly toward the giant Philistine, Goliath, and slays the mighty warrior with one shot. 1 Samuel 17)*
