

AN OVERVIEW: THE RISING OF THE KINGS 1 & 2 SAMUEL

* Romans 15:4

I. A SURVEY OF THE BACKGROUND OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL

A. What is the HISTORICAL SETTING of these books?

1. From Genesis?
2. From Deuteronomy?
3. From Judges?

B. What is the historical “LANDSCAPE” of these writings?

1. The SPIRITUAL scene?
2. The POLITICAL scene?
3. The INTERNATIONAL scene?

C. What are the MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS of these books

1. The UNITY of these compositions is historically evidenced by them originally being _____ book.

* What other Old Testament books is this true of?

* When did this separation occur??

2. The TITLES of these books are derived from their first _____ human character who is _____.
* Why is he significant?
3. The AUTHOR(S) of these books are _____, although Samuel most likely wrote a large portion of 1 Samuel (up to chapter 24).
4. The DATE of these compositions cannot be determined with absolute certainty, but scholars surmise that 1 Samuel began in the 12 century, approximately _____ B. C., and 2 Samuel concluded in the 10th century in _____ B. C. (spanning about 150 years).
5. The THEME of these books exalts the _____ of _____.
6. The FLOW of these books revolve around three primary individuals, _____, _____, and _____.
7. The MAJOR PURPOSE of these books is to record the establishment of the _____ in Israel.
8. The THEOLOGICAL truths highlighted in these books include a _____ kingdom, the workings of the _____, the _____ of God, and the Davidic _____.
9. The PRACTICAL LESSONS in these compositions are numerous, such as...
10. These books also teach us that God is NOT looking for _____, but only a _____ and _____ heart.