

D1: The Heart - Lessons from Israel's Kings (1-2 Samuel/Kings)

1. The Purpose of OT narrative in the Believer's Life: _____ & _____ (1 Corinthians 10:6-13)

"Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not be idolaters as some of them were. . .

we must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did and 23,000 fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did. . .

nor grumble, as some of them did. . .

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction.

Therefore, let anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of Scripture we might have hope" (Romans 15:4)

2. A Purpose of 1-2 Samuel & 1-2 Kings

The Context: The original audience of 1-2 Samuel & 1-2 Kings: _____

The threat of exile (Josh 23:14-16)

The promise of restoration (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)

Just like us, in the face of temptation, the exiles had two choices:

3. Lessons From Israel's First Three Kings

God's Heart for Israel's King: Deuteronomy 17:14–20

	Start	Warning	Compromise	Response to Sin	Outcome
Saul	1 Sam 9-11	1 Sam 12:14-18	1 Sam 13 1 Sam 15	1 Sam 15:24-31 1 Sam 18:12, 20 1 Sam 19	1 Sam 31
David	1 Sam 16-17	Deut 17:14-20	(Not: 1 Sam 24 & 26) 2 Sam 11	2 Sam 11 then 2 Sam 12 Psalm 51 cf 1 Sam 25:32-33	1 Kings 2:1-4, 12 2 Sam 7
Solomon	1 Kings 2:1-4 1 Kings 3:3-14	1 Kings 2:1-4 1 Kings 3:11-14	1 Kings 3:1, 7-8, 9:16 1 Kings 11:1-3 (vs Deut 17:16-17) 1 Kings 3:3b (vs Numbers 33:52) 1 Kings 10:14, 18 (vs Deut 17:17) 10 Kings 10:26 (vs Deut 17:16)		1 Kings 11:11-13 1 Kings 11:40! 2 Kings 17:7ff
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4. Important Lessons, Instructions, and Warnings:

Sin has consequences

Fear the heart-hardening effects of sin

Fear YHWH (Ps 111:10; 112)

Seek YHWH (Psalm 119:9-11)

Don't assume future obedience and success because you're doing well today

Be more more fearful of sin against YHWH than the consequences of your sin / Flee sin not the consequences

Repent while you have the chance (cf. Hebrews 12:17)

Embrace opportunities to confess and those who bring hard admonishment

Confession does not equal repentance

Flee the first step toward sin (even if it seems justifiable)

Sin is deceitful

God loves to bless faith-filled obedience

God keeps his promises (to bless and to curse)

Be most aware of God

Pay close attention to God's Word