

KINGDOM

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.



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Let's summarize the KINGDOM era:

Israel was tired of judges and told God they wanted a human king. A few of their kings were good and followed God but most failed. The kingdom divided and fought against itself. God sent messages to His people through prophets to remind them of His love. He wanted them to trust and obey Him and warned them of what would happen if they did not.

Where is it found?

1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles

Names to know:

Saul
David
Jeroboam
Elijah
Isaiah

What are the major stories?

(1 Samuel 10) Israel wanted to have a king like the other nations. God warned them against it but gave them what they wanted. At first Saul, the first king, obeyed God. Later, he sinned and went his own way.

(1 Samuel 16) David, the second king, made some big mistakes, but he humbly asked for forgiveness. He was a good king who loved God. God promised David that someone from his family would be king forever.

(1 Kings 12) The kingdom divided into north and south. Jeroboam, the first king of the north, was evil, and the other 18 kings of the north followed his example. In the south, 8 of the 20 kings followed God like David did. The rest, though, were evil like Jeroboam.

(1 Kings 18) On Mount Carmel, Elijah, one of God's prophets, faced the fake prophets of the fake god, Baal. Through Elijah, God did a miracle and proved that He alone is the one true God.

How does the KINGDOM era point to Jesus?

The story of Israel's kingdom shows that no human king will ever be perfect. God promised David, in 2 Samuel 7, that someone from his family would come and be the perfect king forever. God also used prophets, like Isaiah, to give His people hope that a Messiah would come to rescue them. Isaiah 53 says that this Messiah would suffer for the sins of the people, but He would be victorious and bring salvation. Jesus kept these promises when He came to earth, lived a perfect life, died for our sin on a cross, and defeated death by coming back to life. Through Jesus' suffering, we are offered salvation and rescue from the punishment, power, and presence of sin. He will rule as our perfect king forever.