

Listening Guide

Introduction

[1] What was the major reason Israel wanted a king?

[2] What “time” books tell the Kingdom era story?

[3] What “color” books are included?

[4] What other books tell us about the Kingdom era?

Summary of the Kingdom Era

[5] Name some of the major people and events of this era in Israel’s history.

[6] What is the Kingdom era’s big idea?

[7] What is the purpose of the author of Samuel and Kings?

[8] What are the four periods of the Kingdom era?

1 Samuel

[9] Write a brief description of Samuel the man.

[10] In what Scripture passages did God promise Israel she would have a king?

[11] Why did Israel want a king?

[12] How did God comfort Samuel when Israel rejected his leadership?

[13] What was the disconnect between God's promise to give Israel a king and their disobedient demand for one?

[14] What three characters are introduced in 1 Samuel?

[15] What is 1 Samuel's purpose?

[16] What is 1 Samuel's big idea?

2 Samuel

[17] What is 2 Samuel about?

[18] What great promise is recorded in 2 Samuel 7?

[19] Who fulfilled that great promise?

[20] How does the biblical record divide David's story?

[21] What is 2 Samuel's big idea?

[22] What is one of 2 Samuel's purposes?

1 Kings 1–11

[23] Describe Solomon's early years as Israel's king.

[24] Describe Solomon's later years as Israel's king.

1 Kings 12–25

[25] Why did God allow Israel to split into two nations?

[26] What were the names of the two nations?

[27] Who destroyed Israel and in what year?

[28] What was the capital city of the northern nation of Israel?

[29] Who destroyed Judah and in what year?

[30] What was the capital city of the southern nation of Judah?

[31] Name a few differences between Israel and Judah's monarchies.

[32] What group of preachers became prominent during the divided kingdom era?

[33] What is the big idea of 1 and 2 Kings?

[34] What was the essence of the prophets' messages to Israel and Judah?

[35] Name the four periods of Israel's Kingdom era.

[36] Explain why God was displeased with Israel's demand for a king.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

Two of the Old Testament's greatest characters, David and Solomon, started well and ended poorly. What safeguards are you taking to protect yourself against a disastrous downturn in your life?