

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

SAMUEL

INTRODUCTION

SAMUEL: INTRODUCTION

***WHAT* is the title of this book?**

***WHO* wrote *Samuel*?**

***WHEN* was it written?**

***WHEN* did these events take place?**

***TO WHOM* was it written?**

***WHAT* is the backdrop?**

***WHAT* is the central message?**

***WHAT* are the key themes and characteristics?**

SAMUEL: INTRODUCTION

***WHAT* is the title of this book?**

- 1. English is Samuel.**
- 2. LXX First Kingdoms, Second Kingdoms, Third Kingdoms, and Fourth Kingdoms.**
- 3. The Latin Vulgate was the first to entitle the first two books as *Samuel*.**
- 4. It was divided due to the length of the scrolls.**

SAMUEL: INTRODUCTION

***WHAT* is the title of this book?**

- 5. In the Hebrew Bible “Samuel” is part of the Prophets, called the Former Prophets.**
- 6. In the English Bible, “Samuel” is in the section called the Historical Books.**

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***WHAT* is the title of this book?**

***WHO* wrote *Samuel*?**

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WHO wrote Samuel?

- 1. *Baba Bathra 14:b–15a* indicates it was Samuel.**
- 2. Others have suggested that Samuel wrote 1 Sam. 1–14; Gad wrote 1 Sam. 15–2 Sam. 8; Nathan wrote 2 Sam. 9–24.**

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***WHEN* was it written?**

- 1. Some suggest a late date of 722 BC.**
- 2. Others argue for the time of the division of the kingdom.**
- 3. Others around 960 BC, just after Solomon ascended the throne in 971 BC.**
- 4. Some suggest during David's reign since it does not mention David's death.**

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***WHEN* did these events take place?**

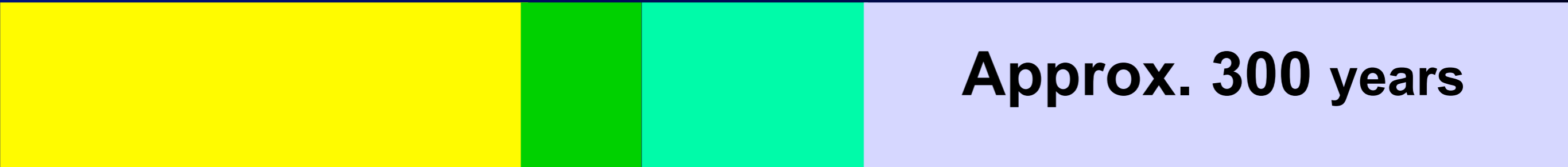
Conquest

Judges

1446 B.C.

1406 B.C.

1360 B.C.



Approx. 300 years

1399 B.C.

1051 B.C.

Wilderness

Consolidation

JUDGES

UNITED MONARCHY

Jepthah
Samson
Eli Samuel

Saul

David

Solomon

Jephthah, 1150–1100 BC

Samson, 1123–1084 BC

Samuel, 1115–1020 BC

1124 BC

1106 BC

**Ammonite
Oppression**

Saul, 1075–1011

1084 BC

1050 BC

**Philistine
Oppression**

Battle of Aphek
1104 BC
(1 Sam. 4)

Battle of Mizpah
1084 BC
(1 Sam. 7:11)

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***To WHOM* was it written?**

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***WHAT* is the backdrop?**

Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

Message:

- 1. Only the grace of God can turn cursing into blessing.**
- 2. The gospel of Samuel transforms the degenerate, enslaved Israelites into a mighty nation only by the gracious provision of the Messianic prototype of the future King.**
- 3. Samuel defines how a nation is cursed and blessed depending on their relationship to God.**