



kings & kingdoms



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Now Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah. ¹⁸ And he said to the people of Israel, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.’ ¹⁹ But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, ‘**Set a king over us.**’ Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands.”

1 Samuel 10:17-19 (ESV)



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1. Prologue
(Genesis 1-11)

2. Patriarchs
(Genesis 12-50, Job)

3. Redemption
(Exodus, Leviticus)
& Wanderings
(Numbers, Deuteronomy)

4. Conquest
(Joshua)

5. Apostacy
(Judges, Ruth)

6. Kingship:
United Monarchy
(1-2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11)

Panorama of the Bible

7. Kingship:
Divided Monarchy
(1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings)

8. Exile
(Ezekiel, Daniel)

9. Return &
400 Silent Years
(Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)

10. Life of Christ
(Gospels)

11. Church
(Acts, Epistles)

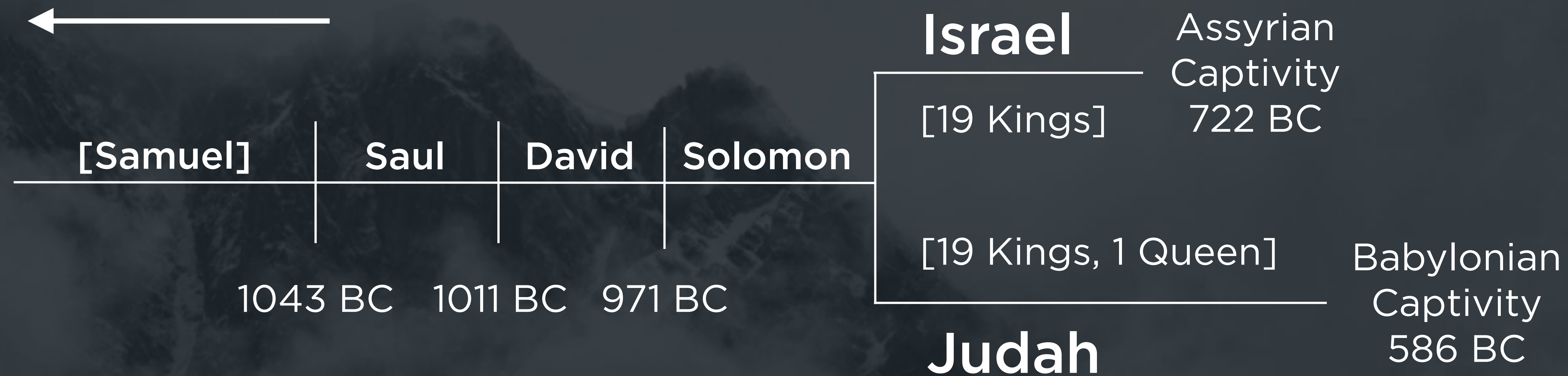
12. Final Consummation
(Revelation, Daniel)



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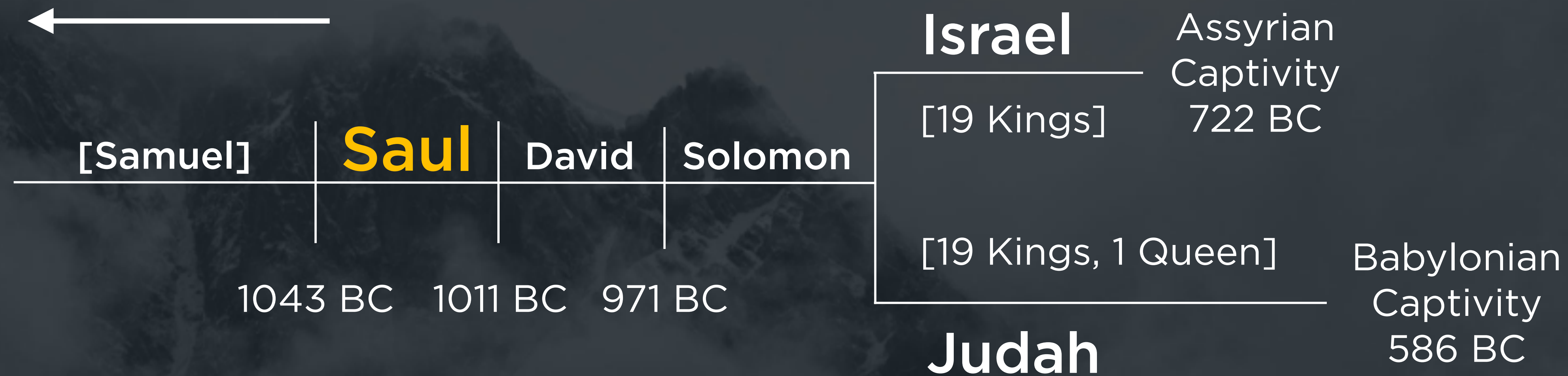
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And Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people.” And all the people shouted, “Long live the king!”
²⁵ Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the LORD. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home.

1 Samuel 10:24-25 (ESV)

“When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’ ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.”

Deuteronomy 17:14-17 (ESV)

“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 (ESV)

Saul Acts Kingly

Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead, and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.”
² But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus bring disgrace on all Israel.”
³ The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you.”

1 Samuel 11:1-3 (ESV)

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Now, behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen. And Saul said, “What is wrong with the people, that they are weeping?” So they told him the news of the men of Jabesh.
⁶ And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. ⁷ He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, “Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!” Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one man. ⁸ When he mustered them at Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

1 Samuel 11:5-8 (ESV)

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And the next day Saul put the people in three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. ¹² Then the people said to Samuel, “Who is it that said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Bring the men, that we may put them to death.” ¹³ But Saul said, “Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel.” ¹⁴ Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.”

1 Samuel 11:11-14 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. ⁹ So Saul said, “Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings.” And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. ¹¹ Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, ¹² I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.’ So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.”

1 Samuel 13:8-12 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

1 Samuel 13:13-14 (ESV)

Saul's Excuses For Not Waiting On God

1. The soldiers were scattering.
2. Samuel had not come as promised.
3. The Philistines were gathering their forces at Michmash.
4. There was immediate danger of Philistine attack.

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1 Samuel 13:12-14 (ESV)

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Now the Israelites were in distress that day, because Saul had bound the people under an oath, saying, “Cursed be anyone who eats food before evening comes, before I have avenged myself on my enemies!” So none of the troops tasted food.

1 Samuel 14:24 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

Then Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land. See how my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey. ³⁰ How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies that they found. For now the defeat among the Philistines has not been great.”

1 Samuel 14:29-30 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

Then the people said to Saul, “Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day.” So the people ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not die.

1 Samuel 14:45 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.

1 Samuel 15:7-9 (ESV)

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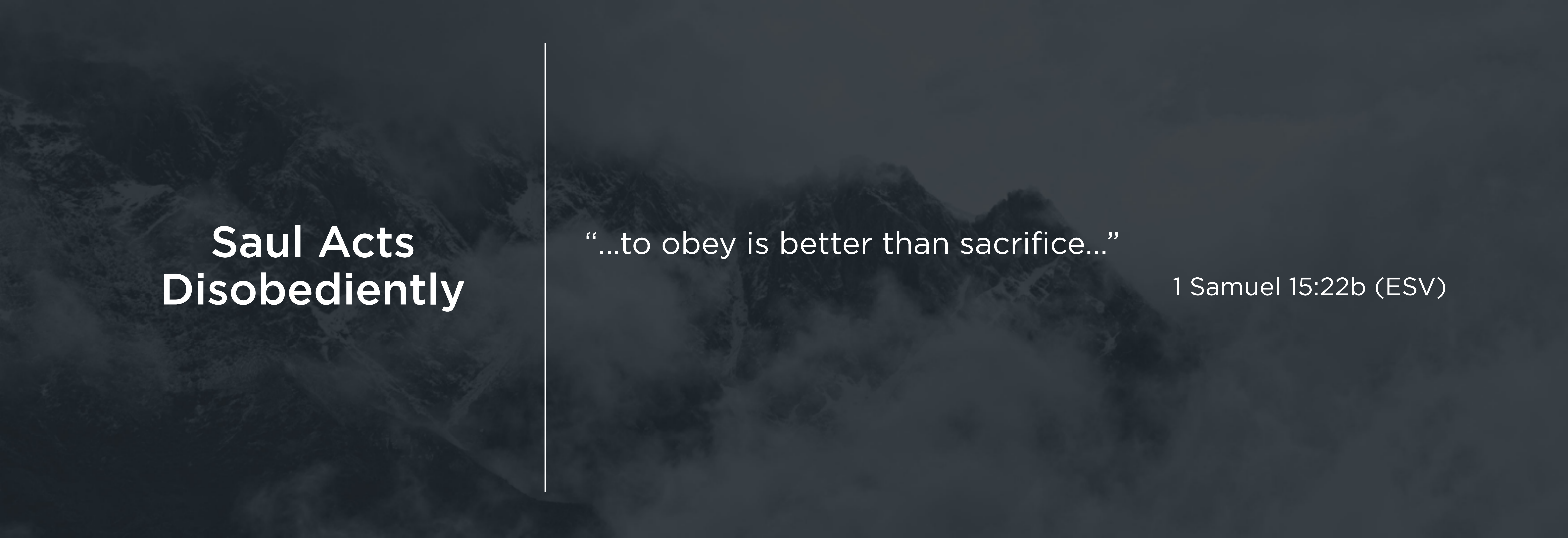
Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night. ¹² And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.” ¹³ And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”

1 Samuel 15:10-13 (ESV)

Saul Acts Disobediently

And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” ¹⁵ Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.” ¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop!”

1 Samuel 15:14-16a (ESV)



Saul Acts Disobediently

“...to obey is better than sacrifice...”

1 Samuel 15:22b (ESV)

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Saul Acts Disobediently

“Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.” ²⁶ But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!” ²⁷ As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸ Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.”

1 Samuel 15:25-28 (ESV)

4 Transforming Words

Four positive, relational commands from Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord (vv. 3, 5)

Put your confidence and hope in the character and promises of the Lord (Rom. 8:28).

Commit your way to the Lord (vv. 5)

Give all your plans, your dreams, your hopes, and your desires to the Lord (cf. Prov. 16:3).

Delight yourself in the Lord (v. 4)

Let the nearness of God be your good (Ps. 73:28).
Cultivate intimacy through time with the Lord in the Word and prayer.

Be still and wait for the Lord (vv. 7, 9, 34)

If we trust His character,
we must also trust His timing (1 Peter 5:6-7).

A promotional photograph for the television series Downton Abbey. The cast members are posed in two rows on the lawn in front of the grand, multi-story Downton Abbey. The architecture is highly detailed with many windows and ornate rooflines. The cast includes men in suits and women in period dresses and uniforms. The title 'DOWNTON ABBEY' is centered over the image in a white, serif font.

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