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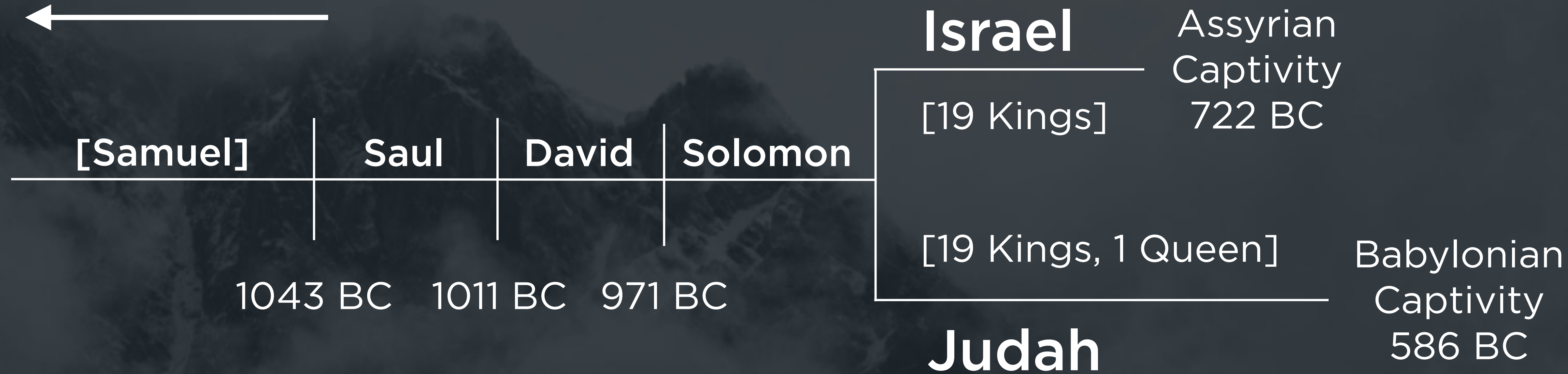
In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
Judges 21:25 (ESV)



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Period of the Judges



United Monarchy

Divided Monarchy

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel... ³ Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

1 Samuel 8:1, 3 (ESV)

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He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: **he will take** your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ **He will take** your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ **He will take** the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ **He will take** the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ **He will take** your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ **He will take** the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

1 Samuel 8:11-18 (ESV)

But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

1 Samuel 8:19-20 (ESV)

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There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ² And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

1 Samuel 9:1-2 (ESV)

Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶ “Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.” ¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.”

1 Samuel 9:15-17 (ESV)

Saul's Private Anointing

As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."

¹ Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage."

1 Samuel 9:27-10:1 (ESV)

Saul's Public Presentation

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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