

God Sovereignly Raises Up Leaders

(1st and 2nd Samuel)

Sunday, March 27

I. Who Wrote 1 and 2 Samuel? Prophets

- A. Samuel the prophet wrote the first 24 chapters
- B. Possibly Nathan and Gad the prophets wrote the rest (1 Chronicles 29:29)
- B. The final compilation was after the division of the kingdom of Israel in 931 B.C. (1 Samuel 27:6)

II. Why Did The Prophets Write 1 and 2 Samuel? To persuade God's people to obey God's Word and be blessed. Samuel was written from a prophet's point of view.

- A. Former Prophets in the Jewish Canon: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles
- B. Latter Prophets in the Jewish Canon: Isaiah through the Minor Prophets
- C. The prophets wrote to persuade God's people
 - 1) If you obey you will be bless (Dt 28)
 - 2) If you disobey you will be cursed (Dt 27)
- D. There is a Theology of Kingship in these books
 - 1) Dt 17:14-20 Prophecy and Purpose of Kingship
 - 2) Joshua and Judges without a king
 - 3) Samuel and Kings with a king
 - 1. Politically, Israel moved from a weak tribal nation to the most powerful
 - 2. Spiritually, Israel moved from idolatry in Judges to a worshipping nation

III. How Did The Prophets Develop Their Message?

- 1. God Raised Up Samuel (1 Samuel 1-7) The Transition to Kingship
 - A. The Eli and Samuel Narratives (Chapters 1-3)
 - B. The Ark of the Covenant Narrative (Chapters 4-7)
- 2. God Raised Up Saul (1 Samuel 8-15) The Tragedy of Kingship
 - A. The Rise of Saul Narrative (Chapters 8-11)
 - B. The Decline of Saul Narrative (Chapters 12-15)
- 3. God Raised Up David (1 Samuel 16-2nd Samuel 24) The Triumph and Trouble of Kingship
 - A. The Rise of David Narrative (Chapters 16-2 Samuel 10)
 - B. The Decline of David Narrative (Chapters 11-24)