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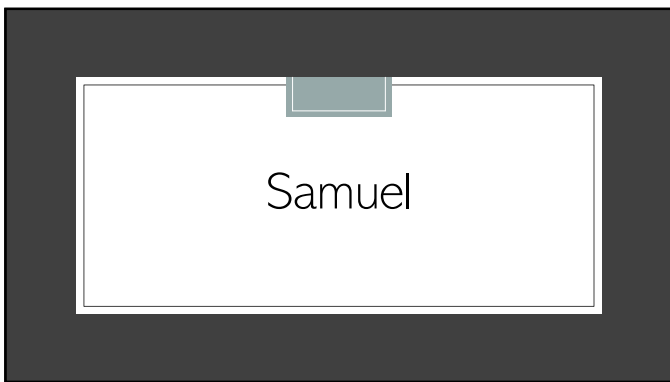
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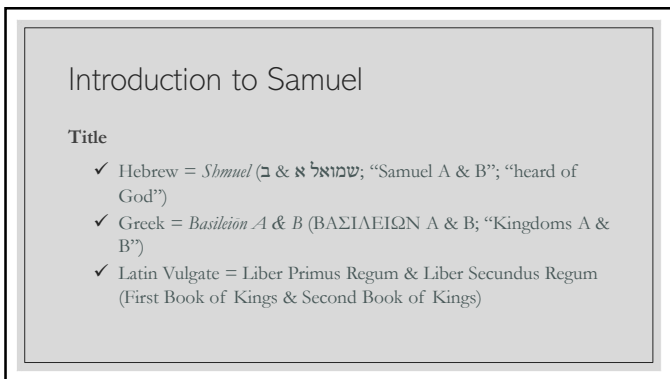
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### Introduction to Samuel

**WHO—Authorship**

- ✓ Unknown, but not Samuel (his death is noted in chapter 25)
- ✓ Possibly King David and his royal court
- ✓ Ahilud, David's recorder

**WHO—Audience**

- ✓ The twelve tribes of Israel united as one kingdom

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### Introduction to Samuel

**WHEN**

- ✓ Approximately 973 BC
- ✓ Toward the end of David's life where the book ends
- ✓ Dates of the Events—from the birth of Samuel (1110 BC) to the last words of David (973 BC); a total of approximately 140 years.

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### Introduction to Samuel

**WHERE**

- ✓ Jerusalem
- ✓ 1 & 2 Samuel was probably written during a time when the kingdom of Israel had finally been established for King David.
- ✓ Though many of the events took place before David received the kingdom, the composition probably took place toward the end of David's life.
- ✓ Israel is living in a kingdom for the first time. The people are in the perfect position for a king to usher in the Kingdom of God, but their hearts are not ready.

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## Introduction to Samuel

### WHY

To prove to Israel that not only do they need a king to deliver them from their enemies and teach them the ways of God, but they need the right king—one that will lead Israel in exclusive worship of Yahweh after His heart (1 Samuel 13:14; 14:8; 1 Kings 15:5; cf. 2 Kings 23:3, 25), and one that will love Yahweh with all his heart (Deuteronomy 6:5), of which David accomplished the former, but not the latter. Also, to confirm God's promise to Israel that He will one day bring this king to rule over Israel forever.

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## Introduction to Samuel

### HOW—Terminology and Themes

- ✓ King (or Kingdom, Kingship; 1 Sam 2:10; 8:5, 6, 7, 9 (2x), 10, 11 (2x), 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 (2x); 10:16, 8, 19, 24, 25; 11:12, 14, 15; 12:1 (2x), 2; ... 2 Sam 2:4, 7, 9, 10 (2x), 11; 3:3, 10, 17, 21 (2x), 23, 24, 28, 31, 32, etc.)
- ✓ Ask (or Asking, Requesting; Saul's name; 1 Sam 1:17 (2x), 20, 27 (2x), 28 (2x); 2:20 (2x); 8:10; 10:4, 22; 12:13, 17, 19; ... 2 Sam 2:1; 3:13; 5:19, 23; 8:10, etc.)
- ✓ Heart (1 Sam 1:8, 13; 2:1, 35; 4:13, 20; 6:6 (2x); 7:3; 9:19, 20; 10:9, 26; 12:20, 24; 13:14; 14:7; 16:7; 17:28, 32; 21:12; 24:5; 25:25, 31, 36, 37; 27:1; 28:5; 2 Sam 6:16; 7:3, 21, 27; 13:20, 28, 33; 14:1; 15:6, 13; 17:10; 18:3, 14; 19:7, 14, 19; 24:10)

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## Introduction to Samuel

### HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ The Forerunner to the King and Hope for a Leader (1 Sam 1:1 – 7:17)
- ✓ The Wrong King and His Failure (8:1 – 14:52)
- ✓ The Right King and His Success (1 Sam 15:1 – 2 Sam 8:18)
- ✓ The Right King and His Failure (9:1 – 20:26)
- ✓ The Fading of the King and Hope in the Davidic Covenant (21:1 – 24:25)

The book is structured around these four summary statements (1 Samuel 7:15–17; 14:47–52; 2 Samuel 8:15–18; 20:23–26)

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Introduction to Samuel

**HOW—Themes**

- ✓ Instruments of Yahweh
  - ❖ The Priests
  - ❖ The Ark of the Covenant
  - ❖ The Prophets
  - ❖ The Word of Yahweh

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Introduction to Samuel

**HOW—Themes**

- ✓ Major Men
  - ❖ Samuel
  - ❖ Saul
  - ❖ David

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Introduction to Samuel

**HOW—Themes**

- ✓ The Davidic Covenant
  - ❖ David is not the center of this book.
  - ❖ The Davidic Covenant is the climax of the center of the book.
  - ❖ This places Yahweh, His promise, and His coming Messiah at the center.

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