

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

A scroll of aged, yellowish parchment is unrolled against a dark red background. The parchment has a slightly textured appearance with some faint, irregular stains. The name "Samuel" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the scroll. The scroll is partially unrolled at the top and bottom, showing the rolled-up edges.

Samuel

Introduction to Samuel

- Title
 - Hebrew: “Samuel”
 - LXX—“I and II Kingdoms”
 - Latin Vulgate “I and II Kings”
- Author—unknown, but not Samuel (his death is noted in Chpt 25)
- Dates of Events: From the Birth of Samuel (c.1110 B. C.) to the last words of David (c. 970 B. C.) [ca. 140 years]

Historical and Theological Themes

- King—1 Sam 8:20
- Instruments of YHWH (little said about these in *Judges*)
 - The Priests
 - The Ark of the Covenant
 - The Prophets
 - The Word of YHWH
- Major Men
 - Samuel
 - Saul
 - David

Historical and Theological Themes

- Davidic Covenant—2 Sam 7; 23:5
 - Promised in 2 Sam 7
 - Confirmed in 2 Sam 23:5

Purpose of Samuel

YHWH established a human monarchy over His theocratic nation Israel and guaranteed its future in His covenant with David.

Literary Structure

- BEGINS with a humble woman (Hannah) blessed by the Lord
- ENDS with a self-exalting king named David proving that the TRUE anointed king is still in the future