

1 SAMUEL

The book of 1st Samuel is named after one of the main characters of the book, Samuel. He served as both a _____ and a _____. In the earliest Hebrew manuscripts the book of Samuel was one book. It would be divided into two books by the Greek translators. In first Samuel were are introduced to two very important biblical offices: Prophet and King. Here the nation would get it's first _____, Saul. He would be the _____ choice, however we are also introduced to Gods choice for the future King, _____!

[1Sa 7:15](#) And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

[1Sa 3:20](#) And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel *was* established *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

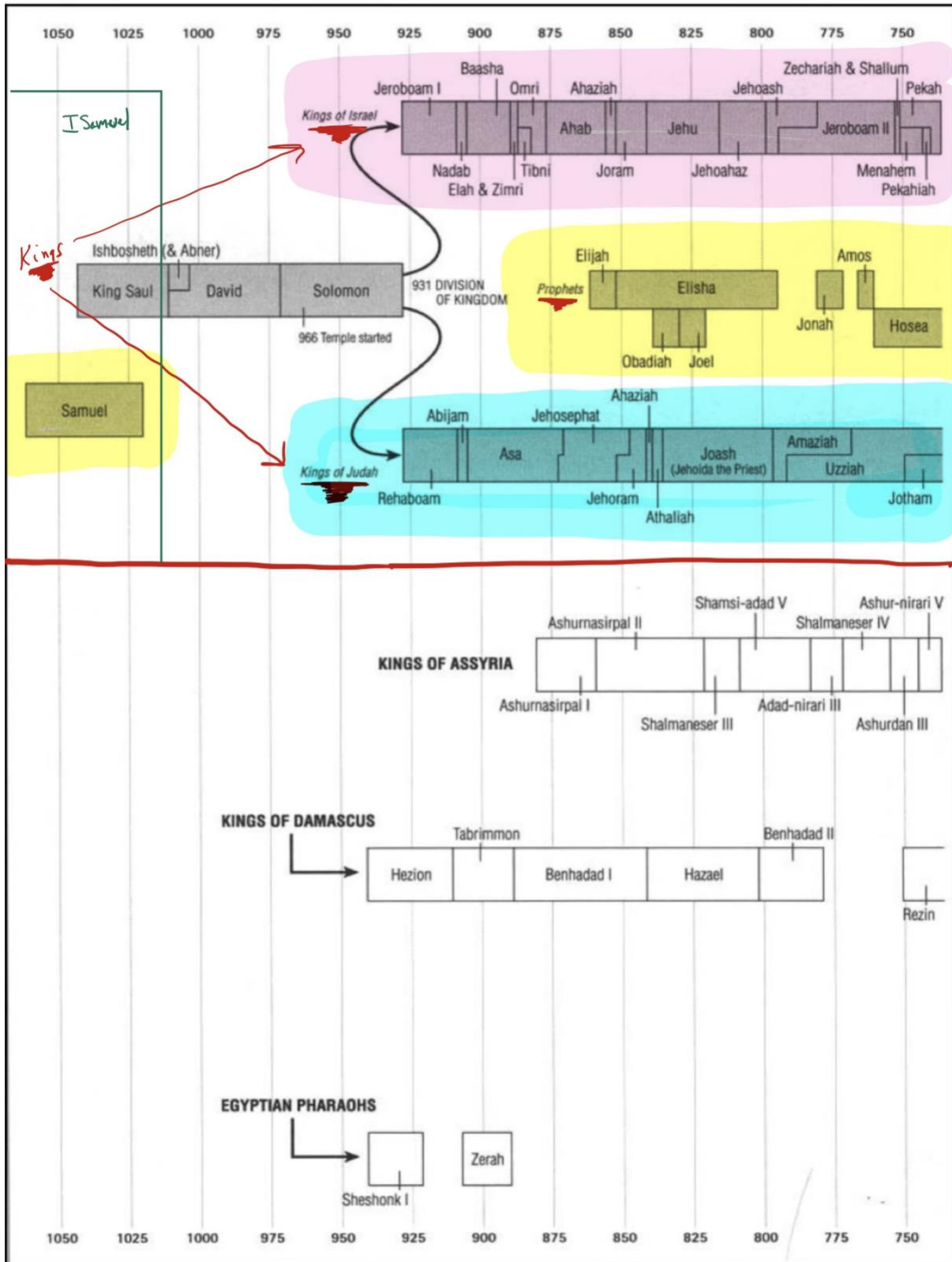
Date: There's no clear date given as to the writing of the book(s). However, the book does cover about _____ of history. During this span of time the nation would eventually become unified under the leadership of a monarchy and have somewhat of a _____ renewal.

Author: Jewish tradition ascribes the writing of these books to Samuel. Some scholars take issue with that because he _____ at the end of first Samuel, however authors like _____ wrote of their own death so it's not out of the realm of possibility.

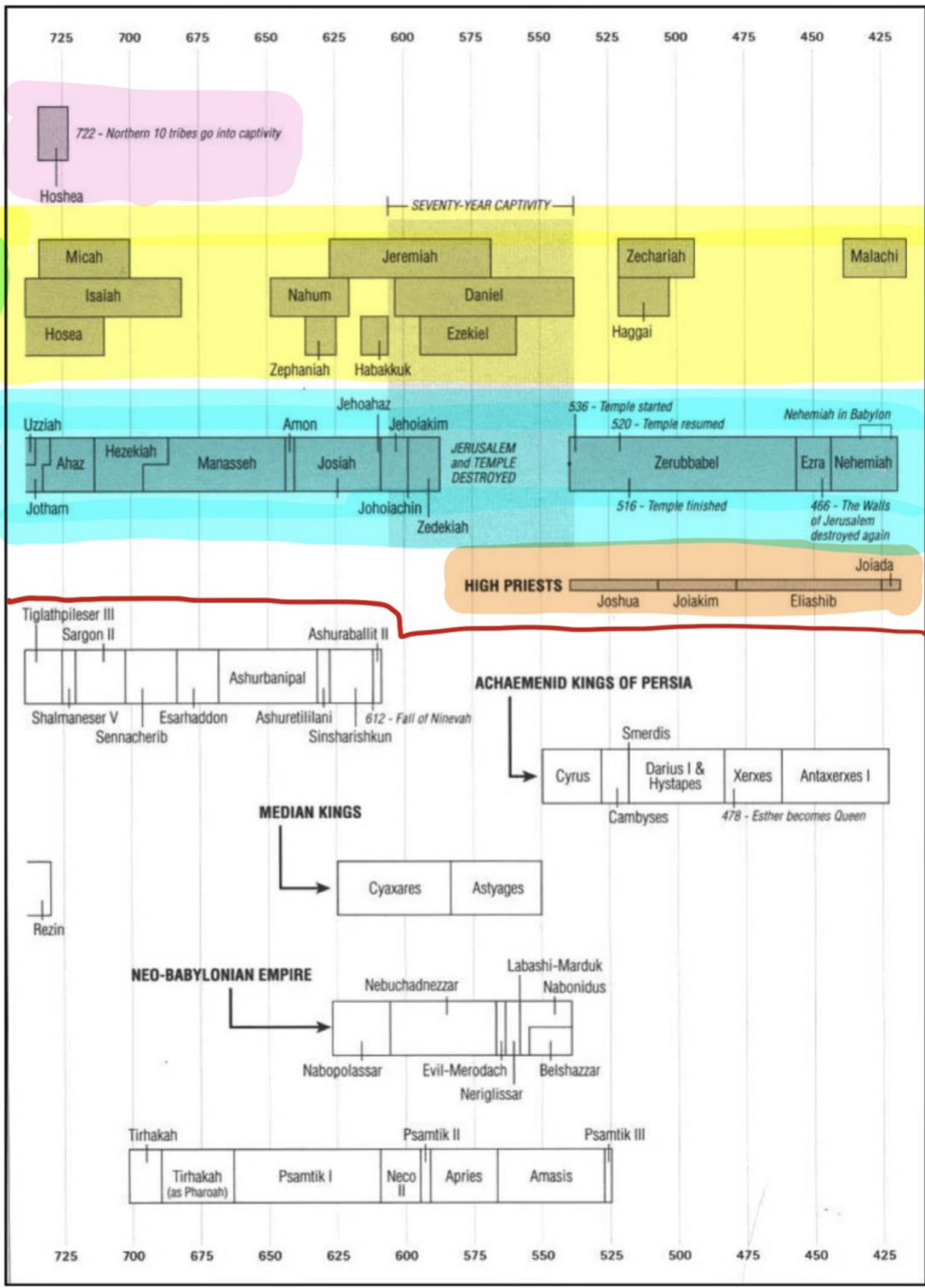
Main Characters in 1st Samuel:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Chronology of the Old Testament Kings and Prophets



Israel
 Kings
 Prophets
 Judah



SAMUEL

Chapter 1-3

The birth of Samuel the future prophet for the nation. It was a very _____ religiously, politically and socially. Samuel would be a ray of hope for the future. The book opens with the era of the _____ still in effect. There was no King in Israel and every man was doing what was _____ in his own eyes. Eli is the priest of the temple. He represents the _____ of the religious system of the day. He would accuse Samuels mother Hannah of drunkenness while she prayed but then not deal with the very _____ and obvious sins of his owns sons. This caused the Lord to reject Eli as a priest and to replace him with Samuel as the prophet of the Lord.

Chapter 4

The chapter opens with Israel going to war against their arch enemies, the Philistines. They would be defeated and the ark of the covenant was _____. Eli's two sons would die during the conflict. When he received the news of their deaths, he fell from his seat, broke his neck and died. The chapter ends with Israel defeated:

[1Sa 4:22](#) And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

Chapter 5-6

The Philistines have the _____ ark of God in their possession. When the ark was in the possession of the Israelites and they were in good standing with God, it brought them _____. The Philistines did not have the same fortune. The ark only brought them _____, so they loaded it up and sent it back to Gods people.

Chapter 7-8

Samuel calls for national _____. The nation repents and then demands a king, Saul warns them that they are making a mistake.

SAUL

The book now begins to highlight the peoples choice for king; Saul.

Chapter 9 – _____ chosen to be king.

Chapter 10 – Saul anointed to be king

Chapter 11 – Saul _____ the Ammonites (v1-11)
Saul _____ the kingdom (v12-15)

Chapter 12 – _____ gives a transitional farewell address

Chapter 13 – Saul fights the Philistines (v1-7)
Saul offers an _____ sacrifice (v8-23)

Chapter 14 – _____ defeats the Philistines (v1-23)
Saul makes a _____ vow (v24-46)
Saul fights the enemies of Israel (v47-52)

Chapter 15 – Saul is rejected from being king by the _____

DAVID

Chapter 16 – David is anointed _____ (v1-13)
David _____ king Saul (v14-23)

Chapter 17 – David fights _____

Chapter 18 – David develops a _____ with Saul's son Jonathan (v1-5)
Saul becomes _____ of David (v6-16)
David _____ Saul's daughter Michal (v17-30)

Chapter 19 – Saul tries to _____ David

Chapter 20 – Jonathan _____ David to be aware of his father

Chapter 21 – David on the _____ from Saul

Chapter 22 – David _____ in a Cave (v1-5)
Saul has some priests _____ for helping David (v6-23)

Chapter 23 – David saves a _____ (v1-14)
Saul _____ his pursuit of David (v15-29)

Chapter 24 – David _____ the life of Saul

Chapter 25 – Samuel _____

Chapter 26 – David spares Saul again

Chapter 27 – David _____ to the Philistines

Chapter 28 – Saul goes to the _____ of Endor

Chapter 29 – The Philistines _____ David

Chapter 30 – David's _____ are captured (v1-15)
David _____ the Amalekites (v16-31)

Chapter 31 – Saul _____