

THE UNITED KINGDOM: THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NATION

1 Samuel 1 - 1 Kings 10; 1 Chronicles 1 - 2 Chronicles 9

After about 300 years, during which the four-fold cycle of sin, punishment, repentance, and restoration was repeated seven times, the rule of the Judges came to an end. Read about the close of this era and the bright days which followed:

A. The Last of the Judges: Read 1 Samuel 2-8

1. Whose sin brought the judgment of God against Israel at the end of the era of the Judges? 1 Samuel 2:11-12, 23-24

2. What enemies did God permit to conquer the Israelites in battle? 1 Samuel 4:10

3. What was Samuel's position among the people at this time? 1 Samuel 3:20-21

4. What did he tell the people they must do to be delivered from their enemies? 1 Samuel 7:3

5. After Samuel became old, what did the people ask him to do for them? 1 Samuel 8:5

B. The First King: Read 1 Samuel 8:7-15:28

1. Why did God say the people wanted a king at this time? 1 Samuel 8:7b

2. For what was Saul, the first king, noted? 1 Samuel 9:2, 16:7

3. Why did God say his family could not continue being kings over Israel? 1 Samuel 15:22-23, 26, 28

C. The Second King:

1. What kind of person was David, the second king? 1 Samuel 13:14

2. What city did he conquer and make the capital of his nation? 2 Samuel 5:6-7, 5

3. What very important item did he then move to this city? 2 Samuel 6:2, 15, 17

4. What was the great desire of David's heart? 1 Chronicles 17:1, 28:2

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5. Why did God say he might not do what he wished? 1 Chronicles 28:3

6. What did God promise him instead? 1 Chronicles 28:5-6

7. What was one of David's chief contributions to the greatness of his nation? 2 Samuel 8:1a, 2a, 3a, 5, 14

8. What was the real secret of David's success? 2 Samuel 5:10, 8:6, 8:14

D. The Third King:

1. For what was Solomon, the third king, noted above all else? 1 Kings 3:12, 4:29-34

2. What was Solomon's greatest contribution to this nation? 1 Kings 5:3, 5

3. For what else was Solomon also noted? 1 Kings 10:23

4. From whom did Solomon receive all that he had? 1 Kings 3:5-13

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused the difference in the nation Israel between the days of the Judges and the reigns of David and Solomon?

2. How can I have golden days full of good things, rather than dark days full of evil? Psalm 84:11, Psalm 34:10.
