# 1st & 2nd Samuel

**Order in Old Testament**

9-10 — Originally 1 book in the Hebrew Bible

**Number of Chapters**

55 — Divided into 2 books when the Septuagint was written

**Historical Setting**

These books cover times of Samuel, Saul and David

## OVERVIEW:

**Written by:**

Samuel the Judge, Nathan the Prophet and Gad the Seer
**1st Chronicles 29v29**

**Written to:**

These books were written to Israel reminding them of the pathway to the Kingdom

**Written for:**

To establish the Kingdom in a Monarchy from a Theocracy

**Key Theme or Verse**

**2 Samuel 23v3**
He that ruleth over men must be just,
ruling in the fear of God.

| 1 Samuel | 2 Saul | 3 David | | | |
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| | | 2nd Samuel follows David's triumphs and troubles | | | |
| **Leadership: Transition from Eli -> Samuel** | **Leadership: Transition from Samuel -> Saul** | **Leadership: Transition from Saul -> David** | **Kingship: David's Triumphs** | **Kingship: David's Transgressions** | **Kingship: David's Troubles** |
| 1st Book chapters 1-7 | 1st Book chapters 8-15 | 1st Book chapters 16–31 | 2nd Book chapters 1-10 | 2nd Book chapters 11-19 | 2nd Book chapters 20-24 |
| **The last Judge: Samuel** | **The first king: Saul** | **God's choice: David** | **David's Rise** | **David's Fall** | **David's End** |
| Samuel's Parentage<br>Samuel's Birth<br>Samuel's Growth<br>Samuel's Call<br>The Ark is taken from Israel<br>The Philistines are judged<br>The Ark returns to Israel<br>Samuel's Revival Ministry | Israel demands a King<br>Saul chosen as king<br>Saul is anointed as king<br>Saul defeats the Ammonites<br>Saul is confirmed as King<br>Saul disobeys God | David is anointed<br>David slays Goliath<br>David slays 10,000's<br>Saul tries to slay David<br>David flees for his life<br>Saul pursues David<br>Saul dies in battle | David mourns for Saul<br>David made king over Judah<br>Civil war, Judah and Israel<br>David made king over Israel<br>David moves to Jerusalem<br>David subdues his enemies | David's sin<br>David's conviction<br>Amnon, Tamar & Absalom<br>Absalom's rebellion<br>David has to flee<br>Absalom is slain<br>David returns to the throne | Sheba revolts against David<br>Three years of famine<br>David's last words<br>David's mighty men<br>David calls for a census |

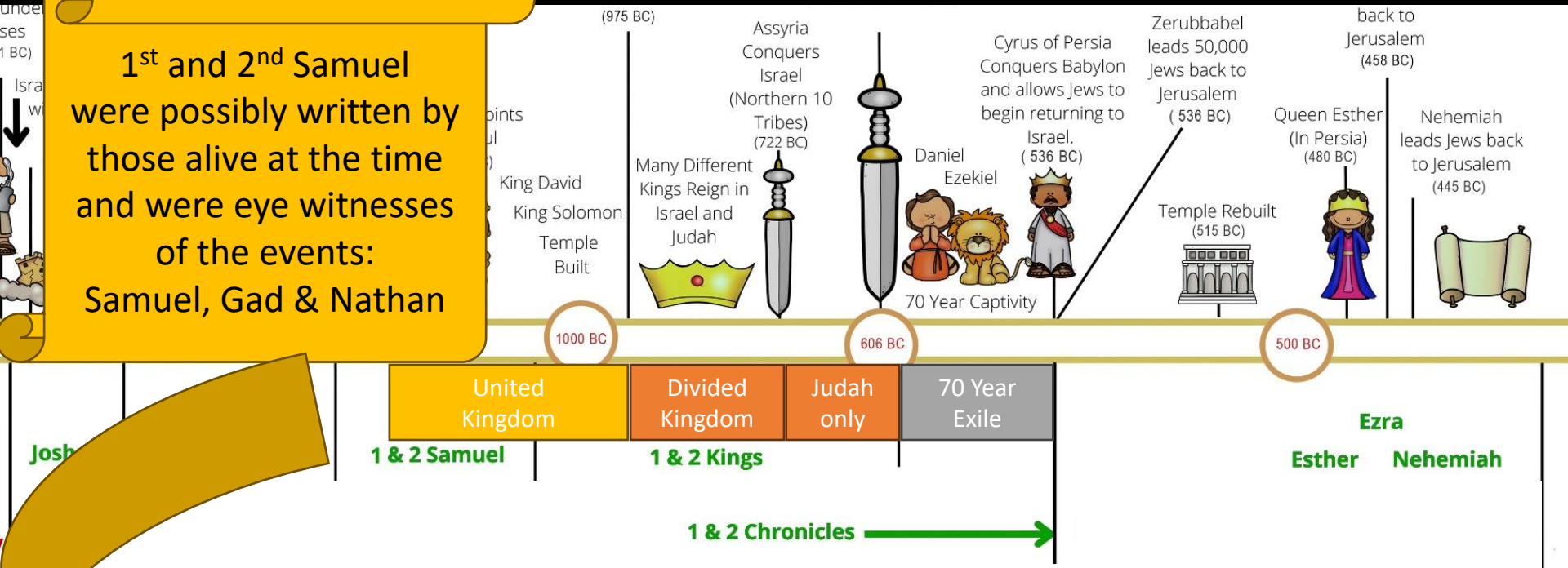
**Practical:**

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Studies in the Old Testament

# Samuel – The Writer

1st and 2nd Samuel were possibly written by those alive at the time and were eye witnesses of the events: Samuel, Gad & Nathan




Samuel — Samuel: The last Judge and the 1st in the office of a prophet

Gad — Gad: The Seer

Nathan — Nathan: The Prophet

| Theocracy | Monarchy | Division | Restoration |
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