

Unit 8: 1 and 2 Samuel

1 & 2 Samuel Introduction

- The purpose of the books of Samuel is to demonstrate that true kingship comes by submitting to the ultimate, sovereign kingship of Yahweh.

The Prophet

- The prophet represents the heavenly throne because he sits on the divine council of Yahweh
- Therefore he speaks the will of the Yahweh to the people.
- He is the covenant watchdog

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The King Vice-regent

Deut. 17:14-20 gives the requirements for a godly king.

- He is to be an Israelite chosen by Yahweh.
 - He is not to collect horses (military technology).
 - He is not to collect wives (treaties).
 - He is not to collect silver and gold (tax his people).
 - He is to copy the Torah and then read it daily.
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- The vice-regent sits on the earthly throne and executes the will of Yahweh
 - He unites the people under Yahweh.

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- The hierarchy of rule in Israel was:
 - Yahweh
 - Prophet
 - Vice-regent (~~king~~)
 - Priests
 - people







