

## **Bible Overview Week 4 –Relationship Rejected**

### **A Kingdom in Chaos**

*What is Israel like as the book of 1 Samuel opens? (Judges 2v10-19, Judges 21v25, 1 Samuel 1)*

*How is God's grace and desire for relationship with rebellious Israel seen in chapters 2 and 3?*

*What is Israel doing in 1 Samuel 8? And how can it be wrong in light of Deuteronomy 17 and God's instructions about kingship?*

### **David's dynasty**

*Look at the following Psalms David composes on whilst on the run from Saul before he becomes king. What do we learn about his relationship with God?*

*Psalm 34*

*Psalm 52*

*Psalm 54*

*Psalm 56*

*Psalm 57*

*Read Psalm 51 What do we learn about:*

*Sin?*

*God?*

*Repentance?*

### **Temple – a symbol or a snare?**

*Read 2 Chronicles 6v12-42. Does Israel's relationship with God change with the building of the temple? What does it contribute?*

### **Atrophy, Apostasy, Repentance, Exile**

*Read 2 Kings 22v1-20. What does Josiah do and why is that so significant?*

## **So What?**

*Why do you think Israel and Judah drift as they do? What warnings, lessons and encouragements are there for us?*

*God reveals to us in scripture that he knows everything (omniscience), that he is eternal - knowing everything in advance and so knowing the future, and he is unrivalled in his power and might and so he will achieve his purposes. That means that nothing ever takes God by surprise and that as he speaks his word it is relevant to all of life throughout all of time because God knows (God knew the atom bomb would be created, DNA would be discovered, and Man would land on the moon when he wrote Deuteronomy just as he knew his people would sin and go into exile). How is that eternal omniscience and sovereignty seen in the events in Kings? What does that mean for us?*

*How is God's gracious patience and even his purpose of discipline and restoration to relationship an encouragement to you? How ought we to respond to it?*

### Kings of Israel and Judah

Saul	40 yrs	1050-1010BC
David	40 yrs	1010-970BC
Solomon	40 yrs	970-930BC

#### Kings of Judah

Rehoboam	17 yrs	930-913BC
Abijah	3 yrs	913-910BC
Asa	41 yrs	910-869BC
Jehoshaphat	25 yrs	872-848BC
Jehoram	7 yrs	848-841BC
Ahaziah	1 yrs	848-841BC
Athaliah	6 yrs	841-835BC
Joash	40 yrs	835-796BC
Amaziah	29 yrs	796-767BC
Azariah	52 yrs	792-740BC
Jotham	16 yrs	750-735BC
Ahaz	16 yrs	735-715BC
Hezekiah	29 yrs	715-686BC
Manassah	55 yrs	697-642BC
Amon	2 yrs	642-640BC
Josiah	31 yrs	640-609BC
Jehoahaz	3mths	609BC
Jehoiakim	11yrs	609-598BC
Jehoiachin	3mths	598-597BC
Zedekiah	11yrs	597-586BC

**Judah exiled by Babylon 586BC**

#### 922 BC

#### Kings of Israel

Jeroboam	22 yrs	930-909BC
Nadab	2 yrs	909-908BC
Baasah	24 yrs	908-886BC
Elah	2 yrs	886-885BC
Zimri	7 days	885BC
Tibni	5 yrs	885-880BC
Omri	11 yrs	885-874BC
Ahab	21 yrs	874-853BC
Ahaziah	1 yr	853-852BC
Joram	11 yr	852-841BC
Jehu	28 yrs	841-814BC
Jehoahaz	17 yrs	814-798BC
Jehoash	16 yrs	798-782BC
Jeroboam II	41 yrs	793-753BC
Zechariah	6 mths	753BC
Shallum	1 mth	752BC
Menahem	10 yrs	752-742BC
Pekahiah	2 yrs	742-740BC
Pekah	20 yrs	752-732BC
Hoshea	9 yrs	732-722BC

**Israel assimilated by Assyria 722BC**

#### Key

Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done

Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father David had done

Did what was evil in the eyes of the LORD.