

THE BOOK OF 1-2 SAMUEL

Outlined as eleven principal blocks of text and as four overlapping character foils
(David and Saul further outlined as five-act Shakespearean tragedies)

Eli Judge	Samuel Judge	Saul King											David King																																											
1. Eli punished by God for not protecting the ordinances from his sons. Also Samuel commits Israel to God and defeats the Philistines (1-7)	2. Israel demands a king. Also Saul's early humility and success (8-12)	3. Saul's later pride, disobedience, and rejection as king (13-16)	4. Saul's long decline as he opposes God and becomes a murderer. Also David's worthiness demonstrated (17-27)	5. Saul cut off from God, loses battle, and commits suicide. Also David saved from disqualification as king (28-31)	6. David's early reign over tribe of Judah: He prospers against Saul's son (1-4)	7. David's early reign over united Israel: All enemies are defeated (5-10)	8. David's sin re Bathsheba and Uriah, and his acknowledgement of sin (11-12)	9. David punished by God through violence among his children and Absalom's revolt (13-20)	10. David's late reign (21-24)	11. Adonijah proclaims himself king, but David puts Solomon on the throne (1-2)																																														
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1 Samuel																	2 Samuel																	1 Kgs																						

