

**THE BOOKS OF
SAMUEL**

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Purpose: The books of Samuel chronicle God’s transformation of Israel from a nation into a kingdom, culminating in the establishment of the Davidic dynasty. God promised in a covenant with David’s house to bring unprecedented peace to Israel & everlasting glory in the fulfillment of His kingdom plan.

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