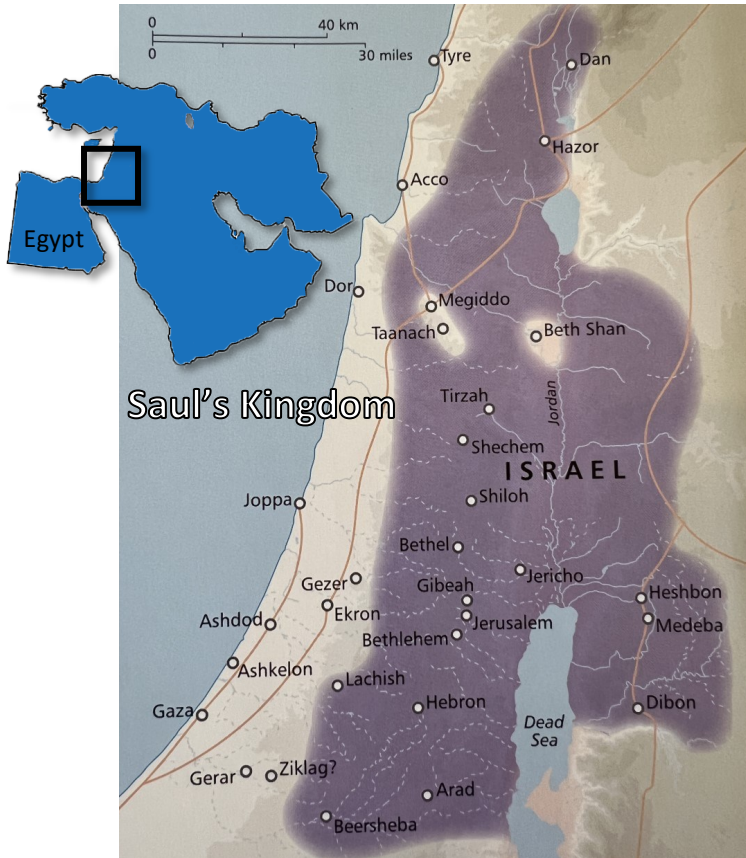


Building a Nation

Our most senior Church members might remember the formation of Israel as a modern nation but for most people it is now a reality of their life time. The rise and fall of nation-states is part of history, and the ups and downs of Israel are woven into our Biblical story, even if God thought being a “nation” was a bad idea.



1040 (or later) - 1000 BCE



1010 (or earlier) - 970 BCE

1 Samuel 8:10-19


Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you on that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us."





What excites you most about people of faith being involved in Governing?

What scares you the most about people of faith being involved in Governing?

We Three Kings

The first expression of "Israel" makes it through three kings, and around 150 years.

Looked like a king, but emotionally broke down over time.	Saul	
Acted like a king, showing leadership, political savvy, and entitlement.	David	Jerusalem Established as Capital of the Kingdom
Very wise in some ways but seemed to lack self awareness and looked spoiled.	Solomon	 Temple Built in Jerusalem

<p><i>Northern Kingdom</i></p> <p>Called: Israel Capital: Samaria First King: Jeroboam Dates: 900sih - 720ish</p>	<p><i>Southern Kingdom</i></p> <p>Called: Judah Capital: Jerusalem First King: Rehoboam Dates: 900sih - 550ish</p>
<p><u>Conquered by Assyrians</u> <i>Many Permanently Exiled</i></p>	
	<p><u>Conquered by Babylonians</u> <i>Many Exiled in Babylon</i> </p>
	<p><u>Persian Conquers Babylon</u> <i>Exiles return to rebuild</i> </p>
	<p><u>Greek Empire, then Romans</u> <i>People live as occupied state</i> </p>
	<p><u>Arab Empire takes form</u> <i>Dome of the Rock built</i> </p>
<p>Crusades, Colonization, and World War 2 lead us to Israel today</p>	

How do we know if our nation is following God or now?