

## Parallels between the question of monarchy in 1 Samuel and the question of temple in 2 Samuel

1. Presence/threat of the Philistines generating insecurity/fear (1 Sam 7.7-8; 2 Sam 5.17-21)
2. Question of the location of the ark and its power (1 Samuel 6; 2 Samuel 6)
3. Question of the relationship between human royal power and YHWH's own power (e.g. 1 Sam 10.19; 15.26; 2 Sam 7)
4. Desire for security (monarchy, temple) as a threat to YHWH's sovereignty (1 Sam 8.7-8; 2 Sam 7.5-6)
5. YHWH's allows the very act that he opposes (1 Sam 8.22; 2 Sam 7.12-16)
6. The king's successor will be the one to establish the desired goal (David, not Saul, of a monarchy uniting Israel and Judah; Solomon, not David, of building a temple)