

BOOK OF 1 SAMUEL



WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

Preceded by the Book of Ruth
Followed by the Book of 2 Samuel
One of the Old Testament Historical Books



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Samuel the Prophet



WHO IS SAMUEL?

- Samuel, the son of Elkanah & Hannah.
- Born with a promise and was consecrated to serve in the altar from his childhood.
- He was a prophet and the last judge of Israel.
- He assisted Eli the priest at Shiloh.
- He was a priest, a prophet, and a judge.
- His home was in Ramah.
- He had 2 sons Joel and Abijah
- Samuel means “God heard”.

WHERE ARE WE?

The Land of Israel

MAIN CHARACTERS

SAMUEL- SAUL- DAVID



2 KINGS

King Saul
King David

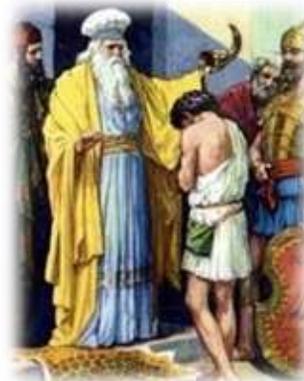
STARTING
OF THE
KINGDOM
OF ISRAEL



WHO IS SAUL?

*“Only fear the LORD,
and serve Him in truth
with all your heart;
for consider
what great things He
has done for you. But
if you still do
wickedly, you shall be
swept away, both you
and your king.”*

1 Samuel 12:24-25



- Saul son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin
- He was the first king of Israel.
- The people of Israel asked to have a king, like other nations. God directed Samuel to anoint Saul as the first king.
- He made a **BIG** mistake, he offered a sacrifice instead of Samuel, something only a **PRIEST** can do.
- He disobeyed God’s command to destroy the Amalekites.
- God rejected Saul as king of Israel.
- He died at Mount Gilboa.
- His name means “asked for”

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WHO IS DAVID?

- The youngest son of Jesse of Bethlehem, of the tribe of Judah.
- When David was just a shepherd boy, he was called to play music for King Saul in order to cure his sadness.
- David also gained fame as a youth when he killed the Philistine, Goliath, with his slingshot.
- Saul made David his armor-bearer and son-in-law.
- Jonathan, Saul's son, became David's loyal friend.
- He was handpicked by God, anointed by Samuel, and became Israel's second, and greatest, king.
- He is Jesus' Ancestor.

Jesus was called Son of David

- He was king for about 40 years.
- He was an extraordinary musician and poet, and wrote many of the Psalms in the Book of Psalms.
- David's name in Hebrew means **"beloved"**.



God finds a man after
His own heart to lead
His people

*A Young Boy kills
a GIANT!*



*"You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."
1Samuel 17:45*

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN JESUS AND DAVID

1- SHEPHERDS

David was a shepherd

Jesus refers to Himself as the **Good Shepherd**

2- KINGS

David was a king of Israel

Jesus is the **King of kings**

3- PURSUED BY LEADERS

Saul pursued David in order to kill him

The Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus

4- DELIVERANCE

David delivered Israel of the fear of their enemies

Jesus delivered His followers from the fear of Satan

5- THIRTY

David was 30 years old when he became King over Israel

Jesus was 30 years old when He began His ministry



6- MANY ENEMIES

Both forgave their enemies

7- BETRAYAL

Both were betrayed by a close friend

8- BETHLEHEM

Both were born in Bethlehem

*David gives us a foreshadowing of the ultimate man to follow to model our lives after –
this man is Jesus*

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KEYS

KEY WORD

Transition

It records the critical transition in Israel from the rule of God through the judges to His rule through the kings



KEY VERSES

“But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.” 1 Samuel 13:14

“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22



KEY CHAPTER

Chapter 15

The tragic transition of kingship from Saul to David

KEY THEMES

- God’s opposition to the proud
- God’s exaltation of the humble
- God’s faithfulness in spite of evil
- The promise of a messianic king

DID YOU KNOW?

To anoint means to pour oil on a person to signify that that person has been set apart in a special way to serve God.



Israel has not heard from God in decades. The priests are corrupt. The nearby nations threaten the land’s safety. Even Eli, the high priest and judge of Israel, his sons were corrupted. Israel needs more than a judge. Israel needs to hear from God again. Israel needs a prophet. God gave them **Samuel**

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OUTLINES

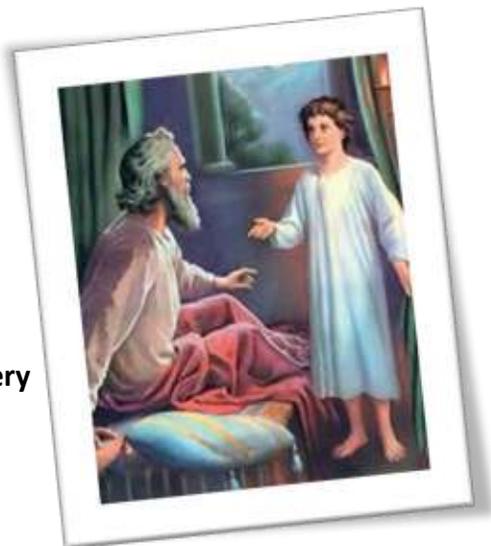
The events that happen in 1 Samuel took place over the period from the closing days of the judges, when Samuel was born through the death of Saul.

Chapter 1 – 3 The Birth of Samuel and His Call

- A. Distress of Hannah and Samuel's birth and dedication
- B. Sin's of Eli's sons and the rebuke of Eli
- C. Samuel's early life
- D. Samuel's call to the prophetic office

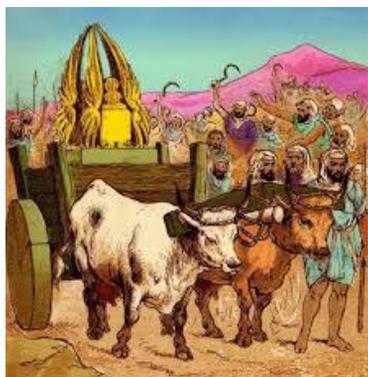
Chapter 4-7 Loss of the Ark to the Philistines and Its Recovery

- A. Loss of the Ark of the Covenant; death of Eli and his sons
- B. Philistines possession of the Ark brings curse
- C. Return of the Ark to Israel
- D. Israel repents and Philistines are conquered



Chapter 8-15 Selection of Saul and His Reign

- A. Samuel's sons did not judge honestly
- B. Israel demands a king
- C. Saul anointed as Israel's first king
- D. Saul leads Israel in victory
- E. Saul offers sacrifices to the Lord
- F. Saul spares Agag and the spoil from the Amalekites



Chapter 16- 31 Selection of David and the Conflict Between David and Saul

- A. David anointed as next king
- B. The Spirit of God departs from Saul
- C. David kills Goliath
- D. Conflict between Saul and David
- E. Samuel's death
- F. David, Nabal, and Abigail
- G. Saul consults the medium
- H. David defeats the Amalekites
- I. Death of Saul and Jonathan



“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.”
1 Samuel 12:23

On two occasions David spares Saul's life when he had an opportunity to take it.



2 WOMEN, 2 SONGS

NOTES TO REMEMBER!

HANNAH (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

ST. MARY (Luke 1:46-55)



Two Miraculous Conceptions (*Samuel and Jesus*)

Hannah was unable to bear children because

“The Lord had closed her womb.”

Then Mary said to the angel, *“How can this be, since I do not know a man?”* Luke 1:34

Each received a **revelation from God**

In Hannah’s case it was through Eli

In St. Mary’s case it was through angel Gabriel



Two Songs of Praise

Both Hannah and St. Mary glorified God with hymns of praise.

Hannah sang her song when she gave Samuel to Eli the priest.

St. Mary sang her song when she went to visit her cousin Elisabeth.



Hannah 3 times called herself a **maidservant** of the Lord.

(see 1 Samuel 1:11)

St. Mary also proclaimed herself to be a **“maidservant of the Lord.”** *Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord!”* Luke 1:38



David and Abigail

A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH

Then David said to Abigail: “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!”
1 Samuel 25:32