

# 1 SAMUEL

Section 1 (1:1–7:17)	Section 2 (8:1–15:35)	Section 3 (16:1–22:2)	Section 4 (22:3–31:13)
<i>Movement 1 (1:1–4:1)</i>	<i>Movement 3 (8:1–12:25)</i>	<i>Movement 5 (16:1–18:30)</i>	<i>Movement 7 (22:3–26:25)</i>
<b>Part 1: Birth of Samuel (1:1–2:11)</b>	<b>Part 1: People Reject God: Demand King (8:1–10:16)</b>	<b>Part 1: David Secretly Anointed King (16:1–18:4)</b>	<b>Part 1: David Reappears in Israel (22:3–23:29)</b>
<i>a.</i> Eli's sons. The two rivals and their sons: Hannah's vow	<i>a.</i> God consents but under protest	<i>a.</i> Samuel anoints David. 'Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart' (1 Sam 16:7)	<i>a.</i> David comes up out of cave. Saul has Doeg slay God's priests
<i>b.</i> Birth and dedication of Samuel	<i>b.</i> Samuel warns them what a king will be like: 'He will take your sons' (1 Sam 8:11)	<i>b.</i> David taken into Saul's house to play before him	<i>b.</i> David saves Keilah from Philistines. Enquires of Lord and escapes Saul
<i>c.</i> Hannah's psalm of praise	<i>c.</i> Erring donkeys lead Saul to Samuel: Saul's selection and training in God's guidance	<i>c.</i> David defeats Goliath with a sling and stone and cuts off his head with his own sword	<i>c.</i> David at Ziph: saved from Saul by coming of Philistines
THE LORD WILL EXALT THE HORN OF HIS ANOINTED	SAMUEL SECRETLY ANOINTS SAUL AS PRINCE AND KING	JONATHAN LOVES DAVID: STRIPS HIMSELF: GIVES ROBE AND WEAPONS TO DAVID: MAKES COVENANT WITH HIM	JONATHAN COMES SECRETLY TO DAVID: RECOGNIZES DAVID AS FUTURE KING: MAKES COVENANT WITH HIM
<b>Part 2: Samuel Recognized as Prophet (2:12–4:1)</b>	<b>Part 2: Samuel's Acclamation and Vindication Before the People (10:17–12:25)</b>	<b>Part 2: Saul Grows Jealous of David (18:5–30)</b>	<b>Part 2: David's 'Justification' (24:1–26:25)</b>
<i>d.</i> Eli attempts to reprimand his sons: they refuse to listen	<i>d.</i> Saul presented and acclaimed: but some disapprove	<i>d.</i> On return from fight, women praise David more than Saul	<i>d.</i> David spared Saul's life in the cave, but shames him. Saul recognizes David will be king
<i>e.</i> Man of God denounces Eli and his house. A faithful priest is to take his place	<i>e.</i> Saul's victory over king of Ammon saves the eyes of Jabesh-Gileadites	<i>e.</i> Saul tries twice to spear David: but the people love David	<i>e.</i> David restrained by Abigail's wisdom from vengeance of the fool, Nabal
<i>f.</i> God calls Samuel and announces judgment on Eli's house	<i>f.</i> Re-affirmation of kingship	<i>f.</i> Saul tries to use his daughters to get David killed. But Michal loves David; David kills two hundred Philistines	<i>f.</i> David spares Saul's life in the stockade, but removes his security
VOICES IN THE NIGHT. SAMUEL RECOGNIZES GOD'S VOICE FOR THE FIRST TIME	THUNDER BY DAY CONVICTS ISRAEL OF WICKEDNESS IN DEMANDING KING	DAVID BEHAVED HIMSELF MORE WISELY THAN ALL SAUL'S SERVANTS	VOICES IN THE NIGHT, SAUL KNEW DAVID'S VOICE. SAUL SAYS 'I HAVE PLAYED THE FOOL' (1 SAM 26:21)
<i>Movement 2 (4:2–7:17)</i>	<i>Movement 4 (13:1–15:35)</i>	<i>Movement 6 (19:1–22:2)</i>	<i>Movement 8 (27:1–31:13)</i>
<b>Part 1: Israel Loses Ark of Covenant (4:2–5:12)</b>	<b>Part 1: Saul's Sin and First Rejection (13:1–14)</b>	<b>Part 1: Saul's Overt Attempts to Kill David (19:1–24)</b>	<b>Part 1: Israel Lose their Messiah (27:1–28:25)</b>
<i>a.</i> Battle with Philistines	<i>a.</i> Jonathan's successful initial skirmish. Saul provokes the Philistines	<i>a.</i> Frustrated by: Jonathan's logic	<i>a.</i> David departs to Philistines: given Ziklag to live in
<i>b.</i> Ark brought into battle is taken by Philistines. Eli and sons die: Ichabod, the glory has departed	<i>b.</i> Philistines gather for attack: Israelites panic and begin to melt away	<i>b.</i> Michal's love	<i>b.</i> David's behaviour in Ziklag: spoils . . . Amalekites. Keeper of Achish's head
<i>c.</i> Ark brought into Dagon's temple	<i>c.</i> Saul foolishly sacrifices without waiting for Samuel	<i>c.</i> Samuel and the Holy Spirit	<i>c.</i> Saul gets witch to bring up Samuel who announces his doom
DAGON FALLS FLAT ON GROUND BEFORE ARK. ITS HANDS AND HEAD CUT OFF	SAMUEL TELLS SAUL HIS KINGDOM WILL NOT CONTINUE: SAUL RENDS SAMUEL'S ROBE	SAUL STRIPS HIMSELF NAKED AND LIES DOWN BEFORE SAMUEL ALL THAT DAY AND NIGHT	SAUL FALLS FULL LENGTH ON EARTH: EATS AT WITCH'S TABLE
<b>Part 2: Return of Ark: Restoration of Israel (6:1–7:17)</b>	<b>Part 2: Saul's Sin and Second Rejection (13:15–15:35)</b>	<b>Part 2: David, the Messiah, Must Go (20:1–22:2)</b>	<b>Part 2: God's Judgment on Saul (29:1–31:13)</b>
<i>d.</i> Lords of Philistines in distress: debate: send back ark	<i>d.</i> Jonathan's initial success through God's guidance	<i>d.</i> Jonathan's arrow point out the distance. The oath between them	<i>d.</i> Lords of Philistines sent David home. David does not fight against Israel
<i>e.</i> Israel judged for looking into ark	<i>e.</i> Jonathan's eyes enlightened: but Saul's absurd interpretation of God's guidance would have executed Jonathan. The people overrule Saul	<i>e.</i> David comes to the priest Ahimelech; eats the showbread; is given Goliath's sword	<i>e.</i> David recovers woman and spoil of Ziklag from Amalekites
<i>f.</i> Israel's self-judgment. Samuel's intercession and sacrifice	<i>f.</i> Saul, under pretext of sacrifice, rejects God's word and does not destroy God's enemy, the king of Amalek, when in his power	<i>f.</i> David falls into hands of the Philistines . . . Madness!?! Escapes to the caves of Adullam	<i>f.</i> Philistines defeat Israelites; slay Saul's sons; Saul's suicide
LORD THUNDERS: PHILISTINES DEFEATED: EBENEZER	VOICES IN THE NIGHT (1 SAM 15:10–11). GOD REJECTS SAUL FROM BEING KING	CONQUEROR OF THE PHILISTINES IN THE POWER OF THE PHILISTINES	SAUL'S ARMOUR IN IDOL'S TEMPLE: HIS HEAD CUT OFF: BODY NAILED TO WALL: RESCUED AND BURIED BY JABESH-GILEADITES

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Section 5 (1:1–8:18)	Section 6 (9:1–15:6)	Section 7 (15:7–19:8)	Section 8 (19:1–24:25)
<i>Movement 9 (1:1–4:12)</i>	<i>Movement 11 (9:1–12:31)</i>	<i>Movement 13 (15:7–16:14)</i>	<i>Movement 15 (19:9–20:26)</i>
<b>Part 1: Relations Between David and the House of Saul (1:1–2:32)</b> <i>a.</i> David executes Amalekite who brings him Saul’s crown. He teaches Israel the song of the bow  <i>b.</i> David, anointed in Hebron; blesses those who buried Saul  <i>c.</i> War games between Abner and Joab	<b>Part 1: Kindness—True and False (9:1–11:27)</b> <i>a.</i> Kindness to Mephibosheth of house of Saul for Jonathan’s sake  <i>b.</i> Kindness to King of Ammon’s son leads to rebuff and war  <i>c.</i> David’s self-indulgence leads to abuse of power, adultery and murder	<b>Part 1: Questions of Loyalty (15:7–29)</b> <i>a.</i> Under guise of honouring a vow to God, Absalom starts a rebellion against God’s anointed  <i>b.</i> David flees, but allows Ittai free choice  <i>c.</i> Zadok brings ark, but David sends it back	<b>Part 1: Israel and Judah Bring Back the King (19:9–30)</b> <i>a.</i> Israel’s discussions and David’s appeal to Judah to bring him back. Amasa C-in-C!  <i>b.</i> Shimei comes to Jordan to plead for mercy  <i>c.</i> Mephibosheth comes to Jerusalem to explain his behaviour
<b>Part 2: The Long War between House of Saul and House of David (3:1–4:12)</b> <i>d.</i> Abner, king-maker in Israel, opens negotiations to transfer kingdom of house of Saul to David. A question of wives! <i>e.</i> Joab murders Abner; David disapproves  <i>f.</i> Two captains assassinate Ish-bosheth. David executes them  ISH-BOSHETH’S HEAD CUT OFF; DAVID BURIES IT	<b>Part 2: Forgiveness but Discipline (12:1–31)</b> <i>d.</i> Nathan denounces David’s sin. David repents and is forgiven. But consequences and discipline <i>e.</i> God refuses David’s plea. Bathsheba’s child dies. But Solomon is born and the Lord loves him <i>f.</i> David’s final victory over Ammon  CROWN TAKEN OFF AMMON’S KING’S HEAD AND SET ON DAVID’S HEAD	<b>Part 2: On the Use of Deception, Reward and Violence to Gain Support and Suppress Critics (15:30–16:14)</b> <i>d.</i> Commissioning Hushai’s double-talk <i>e.</i> Believing and rewarding Ziba’s slander of Mephibosheth <i>f.</i> Refusing to suppress Shimei’s abuse of criticism  TAKE OFF SHIMEI’S HEAD? NO.	<b>Part 2: Division Over David’s Return (19:31–20:26)</b> <i>d.</i> The foreigner Barzillai declines the reward of accompanying David to Jerusalem. His son goes <i>e.</i> Dispute between Israel and Judah over protocol of return, leads to secession <i>f.</i> David returns to his house. Puts end to secession  SHEBA’S HEAD CUT OFF AND THROWN TO JOAB
<i>Movement 10 (5:1–8:18)</i>	<i>Movement 12 (13:1–15:6)</i>	<i>Movement 14 (16:15–19:8)</i>	<i>Movement 16 (21:1–24:25)</i>
<b>Part 1: Establishment of David’s Kingdom (5:1–6:23)</b> <i>a.</i> All Israel anoint David as king. David takes Jerusalem. Is recognized by Hiram. Takes more wives and sons <i>b.</i> Two attempts by Philistines to destroy him are defeated by God’s guidance <i>c.</i> David brings up ark to Jerusalem	<b>Part 1: Questions of Love and Punishment (13:1–14:24)</b> <i>a.</i> Amnon loves, rapes and dismisses Tamar. Absalom hates him <i>b.</i> Absalom murders Amnon and flees to Geshur <i>c.</i> Persuaded by Joab and wise woman of Tekoa not to punish, David allows Absalom to return to Jerusalem but not to see the king’s face	<b>Part 1: Wisdom—True and False</b> <i>a.</i> Absalom, Hushai and Ahithophel. Ahithophel’s advice to concentrate on killing David at once <i>b.</i> Hushai’s counter-advice appeals to Absalom’s vanity <i>c.</i> Secret informers get word to David, who escapes. Ahithophel hangs himself	<b>Part 1: Attitude to Power (1)</b> <i>a.</i> Saul’s blood-stained house. Tries to annihilate the Gibeonites. Seven of his sons executed <i>b.</i> David’s two sets of deliverances from Philistines and from sons of giants <i>c.</i> David’s long psalm of deliverances
<b>Part 2: God Builds David a House (7:1–8:18)</b> <i>d.</i> God promises to build David a house and maintain his seed and throne. David’s response <i>e.</i> David’s two sets of victories over enemies  <i>f.</i> DAVID EXECUTES JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE FOR ALL HIS PEOPLE	<b>Part 2: Justice, True and False (14:25–15:6)</b> <i>d.</i> Absalom’s beauty, head of hair, and vanity <i>e.</i> Absalom defies the king’s justice and demands to see the king’s face: ‘let him kill me, if iniquity is in me’ (2 Sam 14:32). David kisses Absalom <i>f.</i> ABSALOM CHAMPIONS ‘JUSTICE’ AND KISSES EVERYONE IN ORDER TO STEAL PEOPLE’S HEARTS FROM DAVID	<b>Part 2: Compassion—True and False (17:24–19:8)</b> <i>d.</i> David and Absalom take up positions. David helped by non-Israelites <i>e.</i> The battle: Absalom killed. David laments: ‘would God I had died for thee’ (2 Sam 18:33) <i>f.</i> DAVID’S MOURNING FOR ABSALOM RISKS LOSING THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED FOR DAVID	<b>Part 2: Attitude to Power (2) (23:1–24:25)</b> <i>d.</i> David’s house right with God <i>e.</i> Rank and reward of two sets of David’s mighty men  <i>f.</i> DAVID’S PRIDE CAUSES DEATH OF SEVENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE. DAVID OFFERS TO SUFFER HIMSELF TO SAVE THE PEOPLE AND PAYS THE COST OF SACRIFICE