

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: 1 AND 2 SAMUEL



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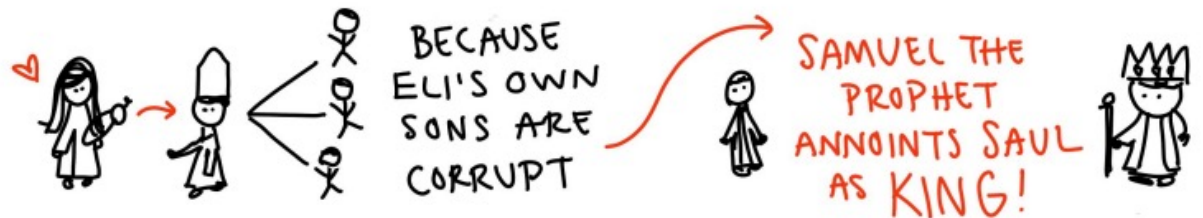
Book of 1 Samuel- The Basics

- **Author: Samuel, and likely 2 other prophets Nathan and Gad**
- **Time written: 930-900 BC**
- **Purpose: ends period of Judges, begins a nation under Kings AND the entrance of the Prophet**
- **Division of book: apx.. 100 years**
 - **Chapters 1 - 3 – Hannah/ Samuel- birth, call and early ministry**
 - **Chapters 4 - 7 – Philistines have the Ark of the Covenant**
 - **Chapter 8 - Transitional chapter**
 - **Chapters 9 - 15 – Samuel and Saul**
 - **Chapters 16 - 31- Saul and David**
- **Main characters/events**
 - **Eli and Hannah**
 - **Samuel, the last judge/ the 1st prophet, annointer of 2 Kings**
 - **Saul = "Name of God" or "God has heard"**
 - **David = "beloved of God"**

Who is Samuel?

- Son of Hannah and Elkanah, tribe of Ephraim
 - Peninnah tormented Hannah because God had made her barren
 - Elkanah loved Hannah
 - Hannah cried out to God and wept bitterly for a child
 - Promised God if she became pregnant, she would dedicate the child back to God
- Samuel = heard by God
- Presented as a Nazarite to the Priest Eli
- Lives and serves in the temple with Eli, wears a linen ephod even as a child
- Called by the Lord directly as a Prophet- 1 Sam. 3:19-21
- Only person called up in the Bible as a ghost (by GOD)

- HANNA PRAYS FOR SON + DEDICATES HIM TO LORD
↳ SAMUEL RAISED BY ELI THE HIGH PRIEST



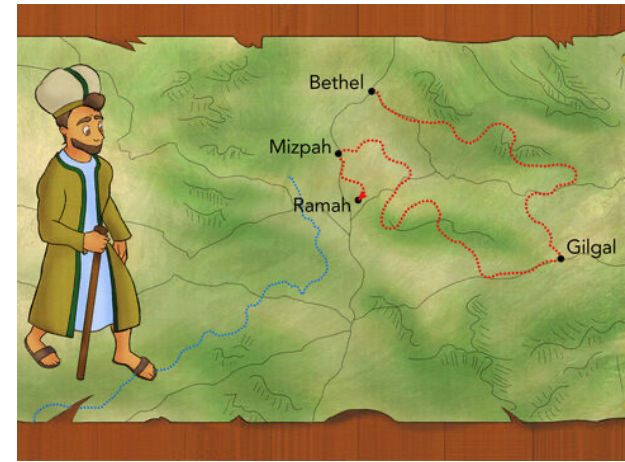
The Ark of the Covenant

- **The Philistines capture the Ark for 7 months**
 - Eli falls off his chair, breaks his neck and dies
 - Phinehas' wife dies giving birth to Ichabod (*The Glory has departed from Israel*)
- The Ark is placed beside Dagon (god of fertility), who kept falling over
- Philistines are cursed with rats, then had tumors (*hemorrhoids*), so they sent The Ark on a cart pulled by 2 oxen
- The oxen go to Kiriath Jearim and The Ark is taken to the house of Abinadab on the hill, where it remains for 20 years



Rejection of Samuel and God

- Samuel defeats the Philistines/ builds an altar
- Samuel then travels a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging all of Israel
- The people ask for a King
- Samuel advises the people to trust in God and not human leadership, but the people do not listen and are determined to have a king rule over them and deliver them from their enemies.
 - **1 Sam 8:** ⁶ But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD told him: ***“Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.*”**



This is a great turning point in Israel's history as they transition from theocracy to monarchy.

SAUL BECOMES 1ST KING OF ISRAELITES #1

- Son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin.
- Came from wealthy family, was tall, dark and handsome- 1 Sam 9:1-2
 - A head taller than anyone else.... Hmmm???
- Sent to search for his father's donkeys and his servant suggests he seek out Samuel to help him
- Samuel kisses Saul and anoints him with oil
- The Lord changes Saul's heart, he begins prophesying
- To crown the king in front of the people, Samuel calls people by tribe, then clan, then family and man, but Saul is hiding in the supply tent
- After defeating the Amorites, Saul is anointed as king in Mizpah

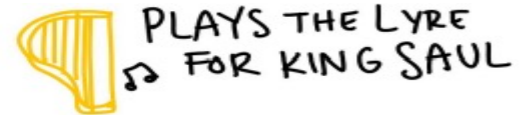


Saul's Reign and Disobedience

- **Offers a burnt offering and the fellowship offerings- Chapter 13**
 - Samuel tells him that **God has already chosen another man** after God's own heart and appointed him ruler of his people because of your disobedience
- **Saul makes a foolish vow- Chapter 14**
 - Causes needless hardship to the people
 - Jonathan snuck out, killed Philistines and ate honey
- **Saul is disobedient/ fails to eliminate livestock & spares King Agog – Chapter 15**
 - Direct disobedience and lies to Samuel/ God
 - God chooses another to take his place and God removes His blessing from Saul
- **An evil spirit torments Saul who is now mad- Chapter 16**
 - The Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul and an evil spirit from the Lord now tormented him. "Waves of madness"
 - **David is anointed as King** and soothes the soul of Saul by playing music (*Psalms*)
 - Saul becomes jealous of David's military victories and he realizes God is with David
 - Jonathan helps David avoid the countless attempts on his life
- **David slays Goliath , a descendent of the Nephilim – Chapter 17**



DAVID DEFEATS A GIANT
NAMED GOLIATH



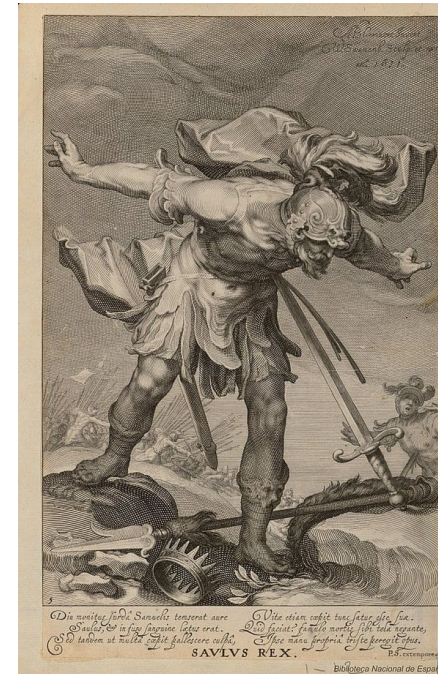
David, King of Israel

- Anointed by Samuel and chosen over his older brothers (*similar to Joseph, Isaac, Jacob*)
- A Shepherd Boy
- Slays Goliath/ defeats the Philistines
- David and Jonathan's friendship/ Brotherhood
- Ahimelek, the Priest at Nob gives David Holy Bread and the sword of Goliath
- David gathers "those in distress, in debt or discontented"
- Saul kills the priests at Nob for helping David
- David spares Saul's life several times
- Now Samuel died.... then Abigail and Nabal



Saul's Final Years

- Saul is allowed to remain on the throne for **42 years**
- **Spends MOST of his time trying to kill David** rather than ruling his own people- jealousy and psychologic issues
- **Samuel dies and Saul inquires from a witch (Chapter 28)**
 - God sends Samuel back to remind Saul of the previous prophecy that the kingdom will be taken from him
- **Saul (and Jonathan) die: Jonathan is killed and Saul falls on his own sword (Chapter 31)**
- **Lessons from Saul:**
 - Obey the Lord and do His will
 - Don't misuse power! Pride replaced previous humility!
 - Lead the way God wants us to lead
 - 1 Peter 5:2-10



Jesus in 1 Samuel

- **Samuel as a type/ shadow of Christ**

- Hannah extols God as her Rock (v. 2) and Jesus is the Rock upon which we stand (Romans 9:33)
- The Lord who will judge the ends of the earth (v. 10) and Matt. 25:31 refer to Jesus as the Son of Man who will come in glory to judge the world.
- Both Hannah and Mary receive a blessing from God while pregnant
- Both **Samuel and Jesus are dedicated at the temple and minister at the temple** when they are young
- **Samuel and Jesus establish kingship in Israel**

- **David as a type/shadow of Christ**

- David slays Goliath with 1 blow
- David spares Saul's life many times- grace/ obedience to authority
- David is a shepherd boy/ Jesus is The Good Shepherd
- Both had the Holy Spirit with them (1 Sam 16:13)
- Both are pursued and betrayed
- Both are 30 years old when their "ministry" begins

The Book of 2 Samuel- The Basics

- **Author-** Nathan, the Prophet and perhaps Gad, the seer (*1 Chron. 29:26-30*)
- **Time written** – 930- 900 BC
- **Purpose:** History and reign of David/ The Forever King
 - **1 Samuel/2 Samuel**
 - **1 Kings/2 Kings**
 - **1 Chronicle/2 Chronicles**
- **Division of book:** 40 years
 - Chapters 1-10 David's victories
 - Chapters 10- 20 David's Troubles: with himself, his family, his nation
 - Chapters 21-24 Miscellaneous- Famine, Song, Prophecy, Failure
- **Main characters/events**
 - **David**
 - **Nation of Israel**

SECOND SAMUEL

| | David's Triumphs | | David's Troubles | | | Appendix |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | Reigning in Hebron over Judea | Reigning in Jerusalem over all Israel | With himself | With his family | With his nation | Miscellaneous narratives |
| | David's lament (1) David's crowning (2) David's increase (3-4) | A new capital (5) A new worship center (6) A new dynasty (7) A new boundary (8) A new son (9) Another new boundary (10) | David's sin (11) Nathan's denunciation (12) | Amnon's immorality (13) Absalom's crime and flight (14) Absalom's revolt (15) Absalom's counselors (16-17) Absalom's death (18) | David's return (19) Sheba's revolt (20) | A famine (21) A song (22) A prophecy (23) A failure (24) |
| | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1-4 | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 5-10 | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 11-12 | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 13-18 | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 19-20 | <i>CHAPTERS</i> 21-24 |
| Theme | Blessings or consequences follow every action. | | | | | |
| Key Verses | 7:12-13 | | | | | |
| Christ in 2 Samuel | Foreshadowed in David's reign, which, though imperfect, is characterized by justice, wisdom, and integrity; the Messiah, the Son of David, is promised as an offspring of the Davidic line and One who will sit upon David's throne forever. | | | | | |

Who is David?



- City of David
- Star of David
- Seed of David
- Offspring of David- 17 wives + concubine!
- Tabernacle of David
- Root of David
- Covenant of David
- A runt compared to his brothers; even his father does not consider him “king” material
- A Man after God’s Own Heart
- KING at 30 years old
- He has 62 chapters devoted to him in the Bible
- Haunted and hunted by Saul
- King for 40 years in both Hebron and Jerusalem
- David matures over years after being anointed, then pursued, then as king



| DAVID'S WIVES: | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | AHINOAM |
| 2 | ABIGAIL |
| 3 | MAACAH |
| 4 | HAGGITH |
| 5 | ABITAL |
| 6 | EGLAH |
| 7 | MICHAL |
| 8 | BATHSHEBA |
| + 9 OTHERS | (+ CONCUBINES) |



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SAUL ATTEMPS THE LIFE OF DAVID



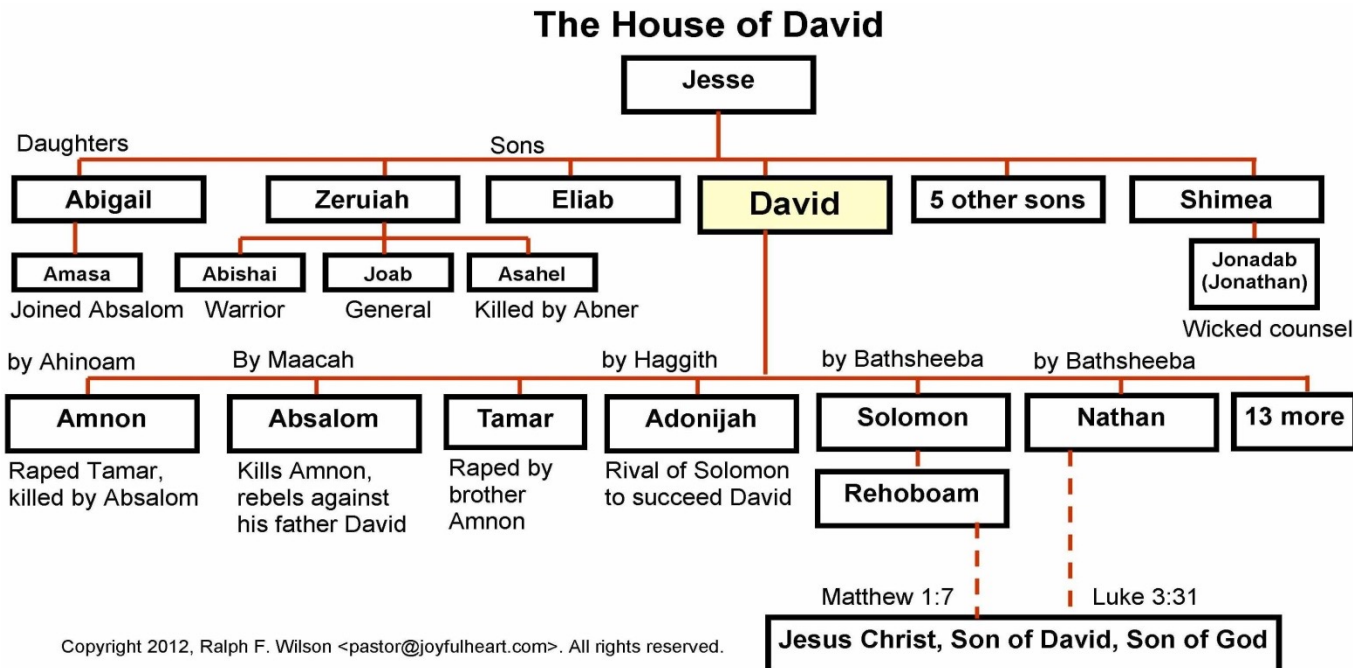
David's Victories - Chapters 1-10

- Saul/Jonathan's death and a beautiful eulogy/song from David
- David begins his Kingship with prayer/ seeking God
- War between Saul and David's families
- Ish-Bosheth- son of Saul, later murdered & David kills the people who did it
- Mephibosheth
- David anointed King in Hebron, then captures "the fortress of Zion- which is the City of David"
- Ark of the Covenant- attempts to bring to Jerusalem; later Michal despises him for dancing before the Lord and she remains barren
- David wants to build the Temple
- Land/ War victories
- Mephibosheth comes to live with David forever
- Land/ War victories



David's Great Sin

- Bathsheba- sleeps with David
- David kills Uriah when Bathsheba is pregnant
- Nathan confronts/ rebukes David
 - Story of the rich man who stole the ewe lamb of the poor man
 - Thou art the man!
 - David repents- Psalm 51
 - The Lord strikes their son with illness/ death
- Solomon (*Jedidiah = loved by the Lord*) is born



David's Children

- David's adult children: **Amnon, Jonadab, Tamar, Absalam**
 - Amnon's immorality/rape of 1/2 sister, Tamar**
 - Absalam's crime and flight
 - Joab hires a woman to tell a story to David

- Absalam's Rebellion and Revolt**

- Absalam's "Counselors"**

- Hushai
- Ahithophel

- Absalam's Death and David's mourning**

- Sheba's Rebellion**

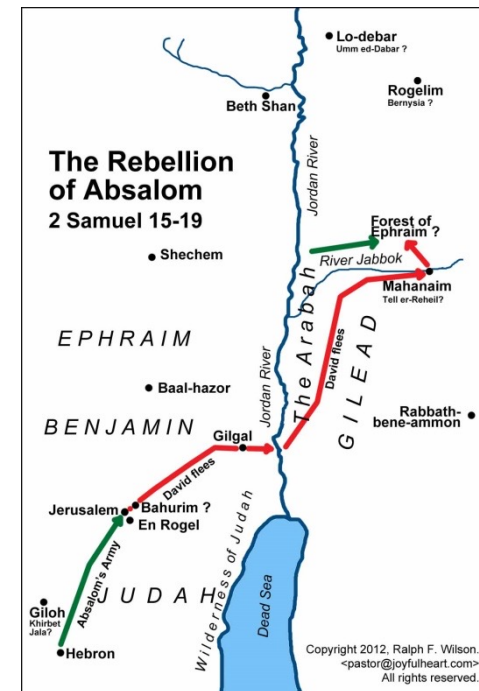
SAD STORY OF DAVID'S CHILDREN

- SON AMNON RAPES HALF SISTER TAMAR
- HER BROTHER ABSALOM KILLS AMNON
- ABSALOM NAMES HIS OWN DAUGHTER TAMAR
- LATER TRIES TO OVERTHROW DAVID & IS KILLED



No such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly

- "Don't, my brother!" she said to him. "Don't force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing. ¹³ What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you." ¹⁴ But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.
- Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!"



Chapters 21-24

- **Chapter 21- Famine due to Saul's killing the Gibeonites**
 - The Gibeonites demand 7 of Saul's sons be killed for atonement.
 - David agrees except for Mephibosheth
 - David retrieves the bones of Saul and Jonathan and buries them in the country of Benjamin
 - Philistines attack Israel again, but David cannot battle any longer; Elhanan kills Goliath's brother and Jonathan kills a giant of Gath with 6 fingers and 6 toes
- **Chapter 22- Psalm 18- a Song of Deliverance**
- **Chapter 23- David's last words**
 - Stories of David's mighty warriors
 - The water from Bethlehem's well
- **Chapter 24- Census and punishment**
 - The Prophet Gad offers a choice of punishment
 - Plague chosen and 70,000 die



Jesus in 2 Samuel

- **David - the King who is “a man after God’s own heart”**
- **The King that rules from Jerusalem**
 - Uses his throne to preach God’s rule and reign. “The Lord reigns. He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting” - Psalm 93:1
 - Brings the Ark (God’s presence/the Word) to **Jerusalem**
 - Messiah is promised as an offspring of David; A descendant of David is going to be the King of the eternal kingdom. The royal Son of David is going to rule over it for all eternity. The future of the world that has been fixed by the one who created and governs this world.
- **David's story is our story.** We all desire to love God and obey his commandments, but we fall into sin... and God forgives us.
- **Amnon represents everything sinful** and in the end, he is killed for those sins

Estimated Schedule of OT Survey

- *January 4 - Overview*
- *January 11 – Cancelled*
- *January 18 – Cancelled*
- *January 25 – Genesis*
- *February 1- Exodus and Leviticus*
- *February 8 – Numbers and Deuteronomy*
- *February 15 – Cancelled*
- *February 22 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth*
- *March 1- 1 and 2 Samuel*
- **March 8 – Kings/ Chronicles and The Prophets**
- **March 15 – SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS**
- **March 22 – Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther**
- **March 29 – Job and Psalms**
- **April 5 – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations**
- **April 12- Isaiah and Jeremiah**
- **April 19- Ezekiel, Daniel**
- **April 26 – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah**
- **May 3 – Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk**
- **May 10- Awards for Boys/ Girls Clubs- NO CLASS**
- **May 17 – Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi**

ALL dates are ESTIMATES depending on weather and pace of previous classes!