

**I Samuel**  
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**Introduction:**

- Describes change from judges to kings
- Book of great beginnings and tragic endings
- Eli was a great priest that started out strong and ended up badly
- Transition began from priest led country to prophet led
- Samuel came along and was one of Israel's greatest prophets
- Samuel's also finished poorly
- Saul became the first king of Israel
- Saul also finished badly

**Author:**

- Possibly Samuel with some writings from Nathan and Gad

**Key Verses:**

- Ch. 8:7,9 – chose less rather than God's best

**Outline:**

**Samuel – Ch. 1-8**

**Saul – Ch 8-15**

**David – Ch 16-31**

**Some unique things in 1 Samuel**

- Words quoted often:
  - Ichabod – 4:21
  - Ebenezer – 7:12
  - God save the king – 10:24
  - Word of the Lord was precious – 3:3
- Word “prayer” is used 30 times in this book

**SAMUEL – Ch 1-8**

- Samuel's birth
  - Hannah his mom prays desperately for a son
  - Promised to give him back to the Lord
  - Prayer answered

- Samuel's life – dominated by prayer
- Ministry of Samuel marks the beginning of the prophetic office
- There were some silent years – 4:1-7:3
- Samuel was a judge – the last one
- The people demand a king from Samuel

### **SAUL – Ch. 8-15 – First King**

- People wanted a king – Saul was chosen
- Saul finished badly
  - An act of rebellion – 15:19-23
  - Spirit of the Lord departed from him – 16:14
  - Tried to kill David
  - Fell into witchcraft

### **DAVID- Ch 16-31**

- David was chosen by the Lord to succeed Saul
- David was anointed to be King
- David meets Goliath
- David and Jonathan are friends
- David was hated by Saul
- David was tested
- David was being prepared for his future