

# The Book of 1<sup>st</sup> SAMUEL

Originally 1 book in the Hebrew Bible    Separated in the Greek Septuagint

**Authorship** 1 Chron 29:29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer.

1 Sam 9:9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)

## Sometimes Scripture interprets Scripture

1 Sam 25:1 Samuel Dies

Ch 1-7        The Leadership of Samuel

- A.    Birth & Call of Samuel        2:10 "speak, for your servant hears"  
      3:19 The First Prophet  
      Acts 3:24 Peter's sermon- "and all the prophets since Samuel..."  
      2: 12-17 The wicked sons of Eli  
      2:29 "Your sons are more important to you than I am"  
      4:17-18 Death of Eli and his sons  
      4:21 Ichabod "The Glory has Departed"
- B.    Adventures of the Ark
- C.    Defeat of the Philistines  
      7:12 Ebenezer stone "the Lord has helped us"

Ch 8-15       Samuel and Saul                      Ch 10 Saul becomes the First King

- A.    The call for a King  
      8:7, 8:19        We can have God's best,  
                          or God's second best.  
                          Direct Will or Permissive Will
- B.    The Political Life of Saul    Ch 10 Saul becomes the First King  
      9:1 a Benjamite  
      9:21 a humble response from Saul  
      10:19 God said to the people "you have rejected your God"  
      10:24 The people said "long live the king"

- C. War with the Philistines and Saul's Disobedience
  - 13:11-12 Saul's burnt offering
  - 13:13-14 Saul rejected as King
  - 15:3 Saul was to execute the judgement of God on Amalek, but was disobedient.
  - 15:14 & 20 Saul rejected as King

Ch 16-31 Saul and David

16:7 "for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- A. 16:12 David Anointed King
  - 17 David & Goliath
  - 17:17 & 18 You can do more than carry Cheese
  - 17:28 David ridiculed by his brother
  - 17:45 "You come to me with a sword and spear, I come to you in the name of the Lord"
  
- B. David in Saul's Court
  - 18:7-8 Saul is jealous
  - 18:7 & 21:11 Saul has slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands"
  - 18:17-29 Saul offers David his daughter Michal as a wife
  
- C. David in Exile
  - 19 & 20 David and Jonathan, Saul's son
  - 21 David and the Holy bread from the priests
  - 22 Saul murders the priests
  - 24:10 David spares Saul's life
  - 25:1 Death of Samuel
  - 25 David and Abigail, the wife of Nabal
  - 25:32-34 David decides to let God deal with Nabal
  - 25:38 ...the Lord struck Nabal and he died.
  - 26:9-11 David spares Saul a second time
  - Ch 28 Saul consults the Witch of Endor
    - 28:12 & 16
    - Spelled Ein Dor today
    - Near Nain (5 miles SW of Nazareth)
      - spelled Nein today Near Mt. Tabor
      - 2 Kings 4 Elisha and the Shunammite woman
      - The Prophet Elisha raises her son back to life
      - Luke 7:12-15 Jesus raised a widow's son there
  - Ch 29 & 30 David's conflict with Philistines and Amalekites
  - Ch 31 Saul and Jonathan die on Mt. Gilboa
    - fighting the Philistines
  - 31:4 Saul fell on his own sword
  - 31: 9-10 Saul's body hung on the gate at Beth Shan