

# 1 Samuel

[1Sam1:](#) Hannah had no children. She cried out to the LORD, "Remember your servant." She bore a son, Samuel, and took him to Eli the priest.

[1Sam2:](#) Hannah prayed, "The LORD humbles and lifts up." Eli's sons did evil but Samuel served the LORD. A prophet condemned the house of Eli.

[1Sam3:](#) The LORD called Samuel. Eli told Samuel to answer, "Speak, LORD." The LORD told Samuel that he was about to judge the house of Eli.

[1Sam4:](#) The Israelites were defeated by the Philistines and Eli's sons were killed. When Eli heard that the ark had been captured, he died.

[1Sam5:](#) The Philistines put the ark in their temple. Their god fell on his face before it. The city became cursed so they sent the ark away.

[1Sam6:](#) The Philistines sent the ark away with guilt offerings. The people of Beth Shemesh found it and rejoiced but some were struck down.

[1Sam7:](#) The ark was taken to Kiriath-jearim. The Philistines attacked Israel. Samuel cried out to the LORD and the Israelites defeated them.

[1Sam8:](#) The elders of Israel asked Samuel to appoint a king. Samuel warned them what it would mean. The LORD told Samuel to give them a king.

[1Sam9:](#) Saul went looking for his father's donkeys. The LORD told Samuel to anoint him ruler of Israel. Samuel invited Saul to eat with him.

[1Sam10:](#) Samuel anointed Saul and gave him signs. The Spirit of God came upon Saul and he prophesied. Saul was chosen to rule the Israelites.

[1Sam11:](#) The Ammonites attacked Jabesh-gilead. Saul gathered the Israelites and defeated the Ammonites. The people made Saul king at Gilgal.

[1Sam12:](#) Samuel said, "The LORD brought your fathers out of Egypt. Now he has given you the king you asked for. Fear the LORD and serve him."

[1Sam13:](#) The Philistines encamped at Michmash. Saul made offerings to the LORD by himself. Samuel told Saul that his kingdom would not last.

[1Sam14:](#) Saul's son Jonathan went against the Philistines and routed them. Saul made an oath that no one should eat but Jonathan was spared.

[1Sam15:](#) The LORD told Saul to destroy Amalek but Saul spared King Agag. Samuel told Saul that the LORD had rejected him. Samuel killed Agag.

[1Sam16:](#) The LORD sent Samuel to anoint Jesse's son David as king. The Spirit came upon David. Saul sent for David to play the harp for him.

[1Sam17:](#) A Philistine champion named Goliath challenged the Israelites. David killed Goliath with a sling and a stone. The Philistines fled.

[1Sam18:](#) Jonathan loved David. Saul set David over the army but became jealous and tried to kill him. David married Saul's daughter Michal.

[1Sam19:](#) Jonathan warned David about Saul. David escaped and fled to Samuel. Saul went after David but the Spirit of God made him prophesy.

[1Sam20:](#) David and Jonathan agreed a sign. Saul was angry with Jonathan when David was not at the feast. Jonathan told David, "Go quickly!"

[1Sam21:](#) Ahimelech the priest gave David consecrated bread and Goliath's sword. David fled to King Achish of Gath and pretended he was mad.

[1Sam22:](#) About four hundred men joined David. Saul ordered that all the priests be killed because they helped David. Only Abiathar escaped.

[1Sam23:](#) David and his men saved Keilah from the Philistines. Saul came to Keilah so David escaped. Saul gave chase but he was called away.

[1Sam24:](#) Saul went after David. David cut off a piece of Saul's robe but spared his life. Saul wept and said, "You shall surely be king."

[1Sam25:](#) Samuel died. Nabal insulted David so his wife Abigail pleaded for restraint. The LORD struck Nabal dead and David married Abigail.

[1Sam26:](#) Saul came after David. David took Saul's spear and jug while he slept but spared his life. David called out and Saul blessed him.

[1Sam27:](#) David lived among the Philistines to escape Saul. King Achish gave him Ziklag. David secretly raided the land while he lived there.

[1Sam28:](#) The Philistines gathered for war. Saul asked a medium to call Samuel. Samuel said, "The LORD will hand you over to the Philistines."

[1Sam29:](#) David and his men marched with Achish. The Philistine commanders said, "He will turn against us," so Achish told David to go back.

[1Sam30:](#) The Amalekites had raided Ziklag. The LORD told David to pursue them. David and his men rescued the women and divided the spoils.

[1Sam31:](#) The Philistines fought Israel. Saul's sons were killed. Saul was badly wounded so he fell on his sword. The Israelites fled.

## 2 Samuel

[2Sam1:](#) A man came and told David that Saul and Jonathan were dead. David sang: "The beauty of Israel is slain. How the mighty have fallen!"

[2Sam2:](#) David was made king of Judah. Abner made Ish-bosheth king of Israel. Their men fought and Abner killed Joab's brother Asahel.

[2Sam3:](#) Abner argued with Ish-bosheth and offered to support David. David asked for his wife Michal. Joab killed Abner and David mourned.

[2Sam4:](#) Ish-bosheth lost heart. His captains Rechab and Baanah killed him and took his head to David. David commanded that they be killed.

[2Sam5:](#) David was anointed king over Israel. He took Jerusalem and the LORD was with him. The Philistines gathered but David defeated them.

[2Sam6:](#) David brought the ark from Judah. Uzzah touched it and was struck down. As the ark came into the city David danced before the LORD.

[2Sam7:](#) The LORD said to **Nathan**, "Tell David: 'I will establish your house. Your son will build my house.'" David prayed, "Who am I, O LORD?"

[2Sam8:](#) David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, King Hadadezer, the Arameans and the Edomites. He reigned over Israel with justice.

[2Sam9:](#) David heard about Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, who was lame. He restored Saul's land to Mephibosheth and had him eat at his table.

[2Sam10:](#) The King of Ammon humiliated David's servants and hired the Arameans for war. Joab defeated them and David defeated King Hadadezer.

[2Sam11:](#) David lay with Uriah's wife Bathsheba and she fell pregnant. He told Joab to have Uriah killed in battle. David married Bathsheba.

[2Sam12:](#) **Nathan** asked David, "Why have you done evil?" David pleaded with God but his child with Bathsheba died. Then Bathsheba bore Solomon.

[2Sam13:](#) David's son Amnon sent for his sister Tamar and raped her. Tamar's brother Absalom had his servants kill Amnon and then he fled.

[2Sam14:](#) Joab sent a wise woman to ask David to bring Absalom back. David agreed, but he would not let Absalom see his face for two years.

[2Sam15:](#) Absalom went to Hebron and sent out spies to proclaim him king. David fled, but he told Zadok and Hushai to return to Jerusalem.

[2Sam16:](#) Shimei cursed David but David spared him. Absalom came to Jerusalem. Ahithophel advised Absalom to sleep with David's concubines.

[2Sam17:](#) Ahithophel wanted to pursue David, but Hushai advised gathering Israel. Absalom listened to Hushai. Hushai sent a warning to David.

[2Sam18:](#) The servants of David defeated Israel. Absalom got stuck in a tree and Joab killed him. Ahimaaz and the Cushite ran to tell David.

[2Sam19:](#) The king mourned for Absalom. The men of Judah came to escort him back across the Jordan. Shimei and Mephibosheth came to meet him.

[2Sam20:](#) Sheba led the men of Israel to desert David. Joab killed Amasa and besieged Sheba at Abel. The people of Abel cut off Sheba's head.

[2Sam21:](#) There was a famine; so David sought the LORD. He let the Gibeonites kill seven of Saul's descendants. Israel fought the Philistines.

[2Sam22:](#) David sang: "The LORD is my rock; I called and he thundered from heaven; He delivered me from my enemy; I will extol you, O LORD!"

[2Sam23:](#) David's last words were: "My house is secure with God." David's mighty men included the three who brought him water from Bethlehem.

[2Sam24:](#) David numbered the people of Israel and then regretted it. The LORD sent a plague. David bought Aravnah's field and made offerings.