

Outline of
1 & 2 Samuel



Introduction

Writer

Samuel

Features

1. The rise of the kingdom.
2. The story of Hannah.
3. The story of little Samuel.
4. The story of David and Goliath.
5. The friendship of David and Jonathan.
6. King Saul's visit to witch of Endor.
7. God's covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7.
8. David's great sin — Bathsheba.
9. David's rebellious son — Absalom.

Theme

Prayer — 1 Samuel opens with prayer; 2 Samuel closes with prayer.

Kingdom — The change of the government from a theocracy to a kingdom; God's covenant with David.

Prophet — The rise of the office of prophet, who became the messenger of God in place of the priest.

Comment

There is a striking contrast between the characters in the Book of Judges and those in the two books of Samuel. The men in Judges seem to be ordinary and average, while here the characters are outstanding and above the average. There are 6 who stand out in 1 Samuel. They are Hannah, Eli, Samuel, Saul, Jonathan, and David. First Samuel is a transitional book from the era of the judges to the kingdom.

The kingdom foreshadows the coming millennial kingdom in some respects. There are certain profound global lessons for us in the setting up of the kingdom. The world needs:

1. A king with power who exercises his power righteously;
2. A king who will be in full dependence upon God and who can be trusted with power; and
3. A king who is in full obedience to God.

Chapters and verses worth remembering

- 1 Samuel 15:22 — Samuel's word about obedience
- 1 Samuel 25:29 — Abigail's word about David's relationship to God
- 2 Samuel 3:33 — Abner's epitaph
- 2 Samuel 7 — God's covenant with David (note the 7 "I wills")
- 2 Samuel 18:33 — David's grief over Absalom
- 2 Samuel 22 — Song of David (Psalm 18)
- 2 Samuel 24:24 — David's rebuke against a cheap religion

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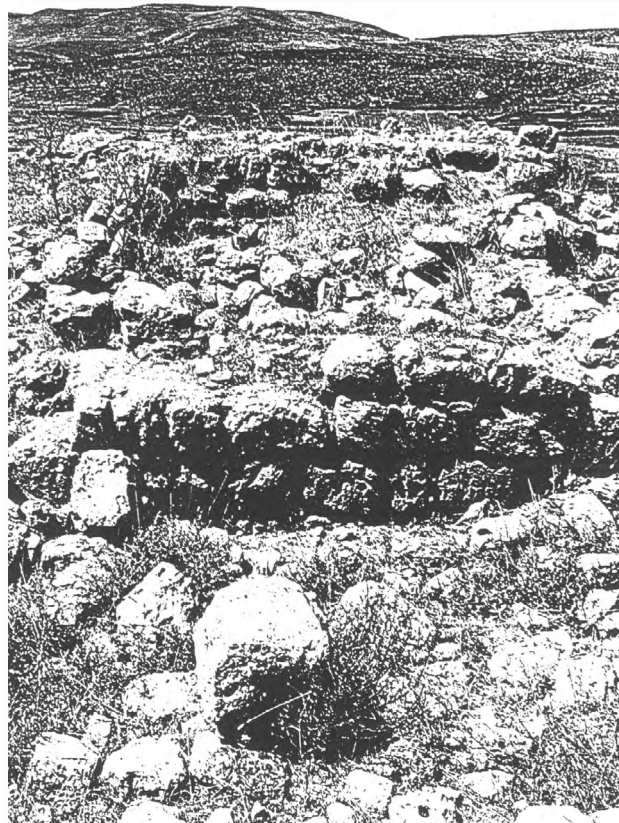
I SAMUEL

A. SAMUEL: LAST JUDGE (1-12)

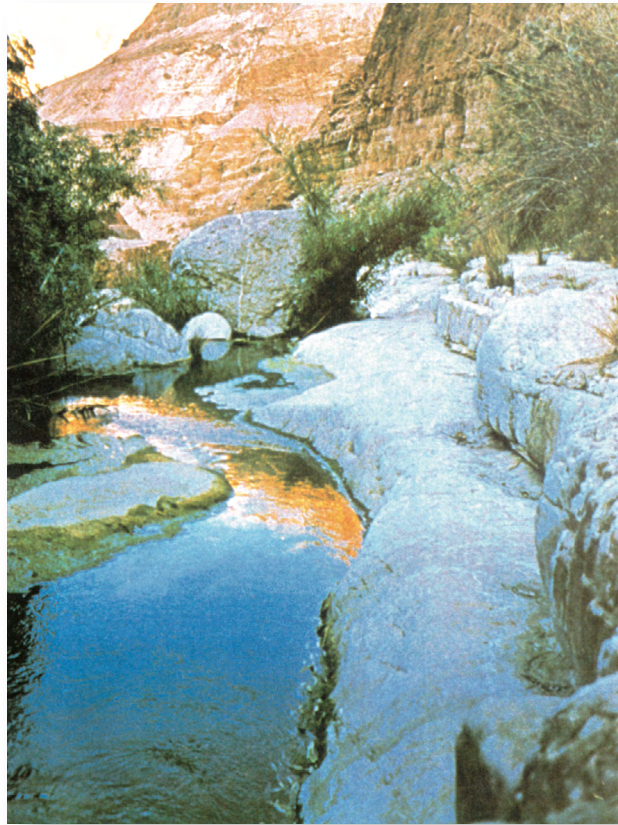
1. HANNAH ~ anxious wife (1-2a)
2. ELI ~ ailing priest (2b-3)
3. ISRAEL ~ arrogant army (4-7)
4. SAUL ~ anointed king (8-12)

B. SAUL: FIRST KING (13-31)

1. JONATHAN ~ adventurous son (13-14a)
2. SAMUEL ~ angry prophet (14b-15)
3. DAVID ~ apparent rival (16-26)
 - a. Simple shepherd
 - b. Skilled musician
 - c. Superb warrior
 - d. Suspected courtier
 - e. Stalked outlaw
 - f. Soldiering exile
4. PHILISTINES ~ aggressive foe (27-31)



Part I



II SAMUEL

C. DAVID: BEST KING (1-31)

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 - b. Settled nation
 - c. Sizeable empire
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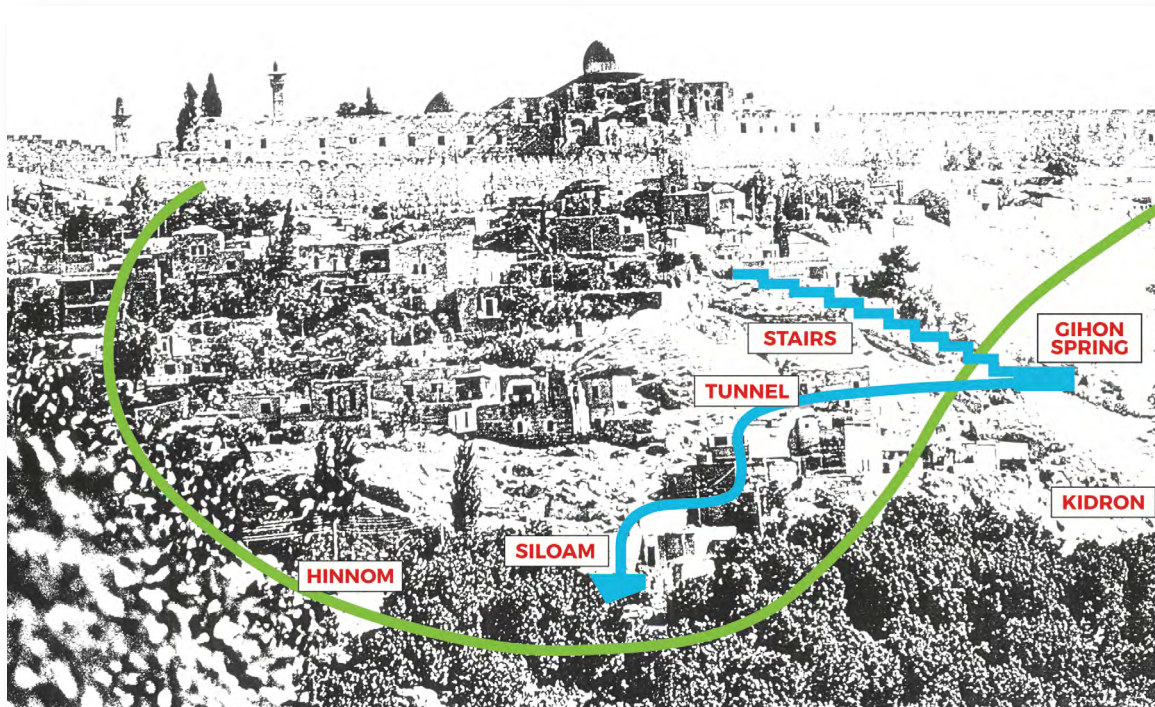
2. TRAGIC DESCENT (10-20)

- a. Disgraced man
 - b. Disintegrated family
 - c. Discontented people
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Epilogue (21-24)

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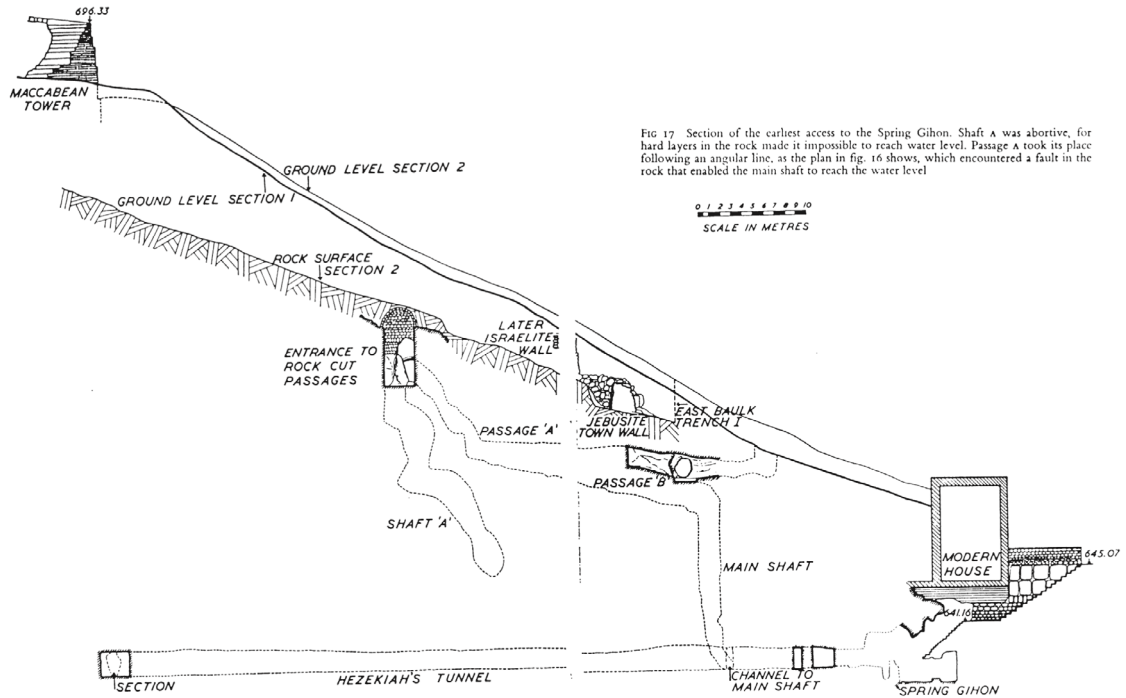


FIG 17 Section of the earliest access to the Spring Gihon. Shaft A was abortive, for hard layers in the rock made it impossible to reach water level. Passage A took its place following an angular line, as the plan in fig. 16 shows, which encountered a fault in the rock that enabled the main shaft to reach the water level





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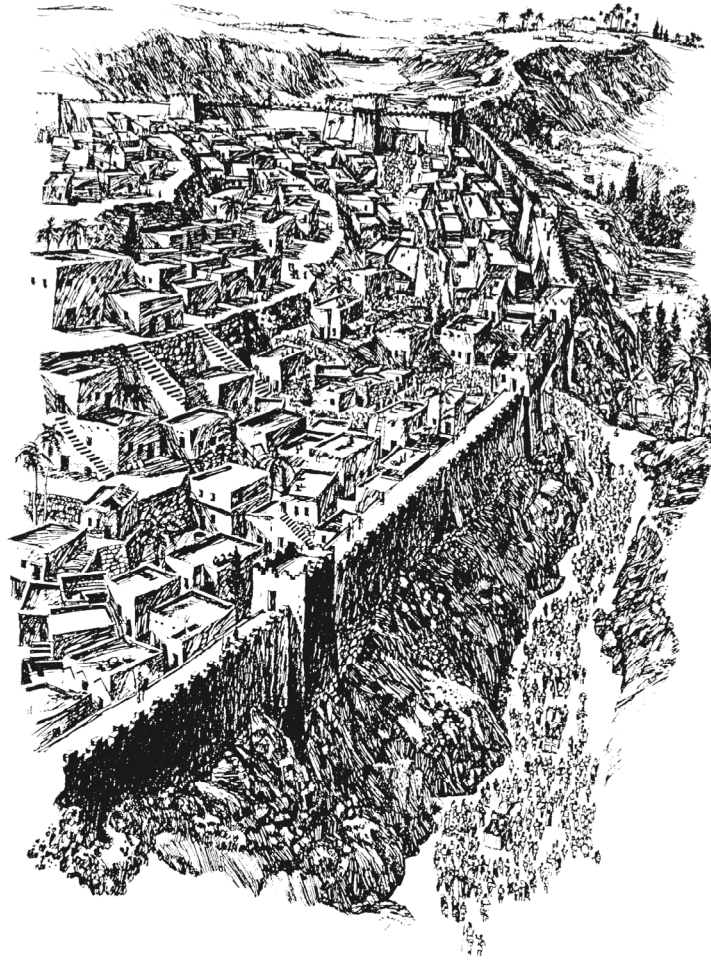
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O. T. NARRATIVE LEVELS OF STUDY

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| <p>1. ANECDOTAL (interesting stories)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. CHILDRENb. ADULTS | <p>4. HISTORICAL (national development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. LEADERSHIPb. STRUCTURE |
| <p>2. DEVOTIONAL (personal messages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. GUIDANCEb. COMFORT | <p>5. CRITICAL (possible errors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 'LOWER'~textb. 'HIGHER'~context |
| <p>3. BIOGRAPHICAL (character studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. INDIVIDUALb. SOCIAL | <p>6. THEOLOGICAL (providential over-ruling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. JUSTICE~retributionb. MERCY~redemption |

1 SAMUEL

I. SAMUEL: God's prophet, priest, and judge Chapters 1–8

A. Birth of Samuel Chapters 1, 2

1. Hannah's prayer and answer, 1
2. Hannah's prophetic prayer; boy Samuel in temple, 2

B. Call of Samuel Chapter 3



C. Last judge and first prophet (prophetic office) Chapters 4–8

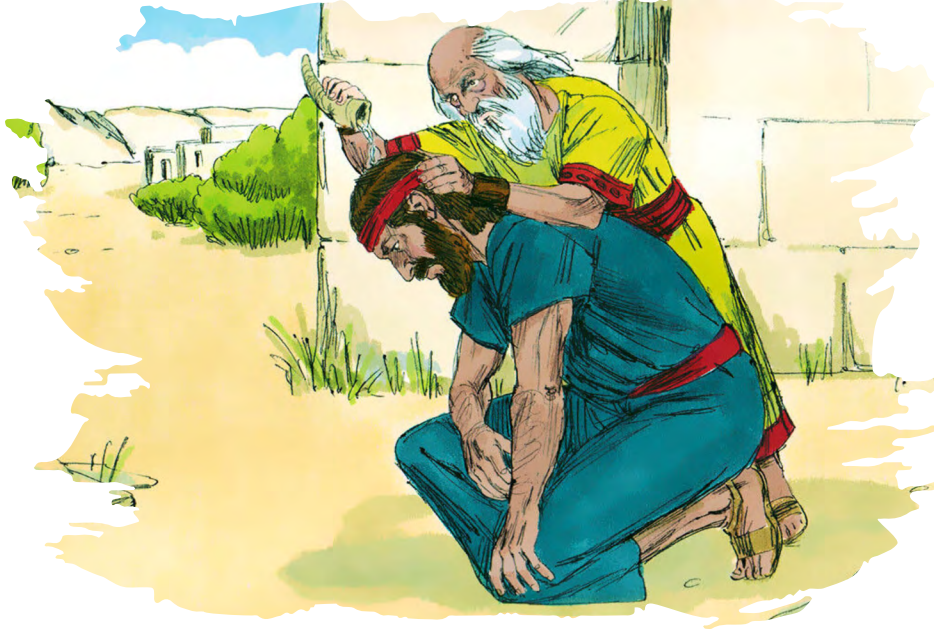
1. Ark captured by Philistines; Word of God to Samuel fulfilled; Eli dies and his sons slain, 4
2. God judged Philistines because of the ark; ark returned to Bethshemesh, 5, 6
3. Samuel leads in revival (put away idols and turn to Jehovah); victory at Ebenezer, 7
4. Israel rejects God and demands a king; Samuel warns nation but promises a king, 8

II. SAUL: Satan's man:

Chapters 9–15

A. Saul received Chapters 9, 10

1. Saul chosen as king, 9
2. Saul anointed as king, 10



B. Saul reigning Chapters 11, 12

1. Saul's victory over Ammonites, 11
2. Transfer of authority from Samuel to Saul, 12



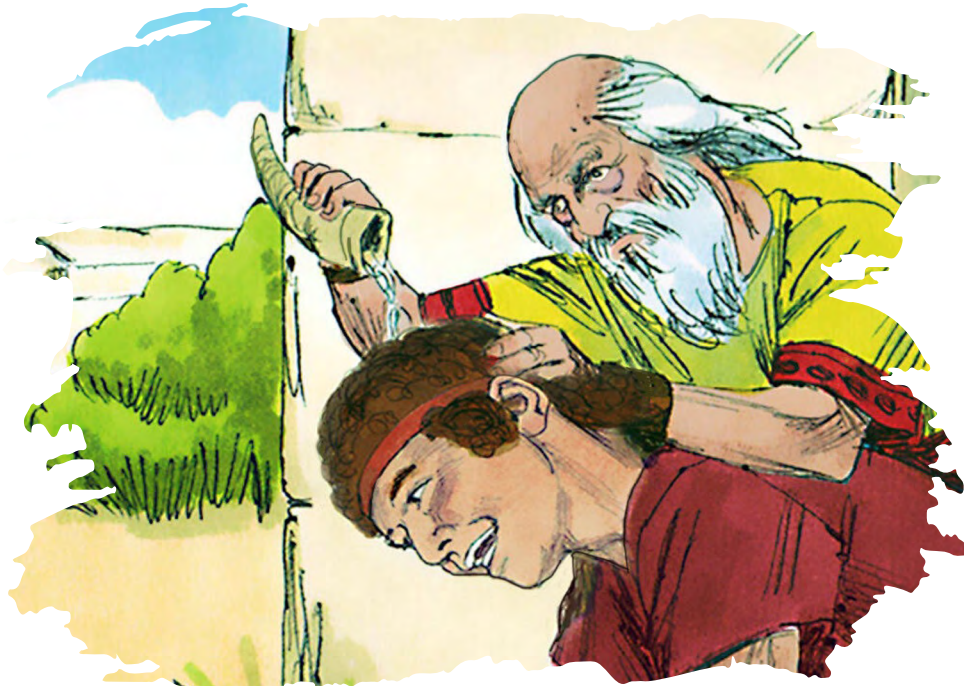
C. Saul rejected Chapters 13–15

1. Saul's rebellion against God, 13
2. Jonathan responsible for victory over Philistines; Saul took credit, 14
3. Saul's glaring rebellion and disobedience regarding Agag, 15



III. DAVID: God's man, and SAUL: Satan's man: Chapters 16–31

A. David anointed Chapter 16



B. David trained Chapters 17, 18

1. David slays Goliath, giant of Gath, 17
2. Jonathan and David make covenant; Saul gives daughter Michal to David, 18



C. David disciplined Chapters 19–30

1. Saul attempts to kill David again, 19
2. Jonathan helps David escape, 20
3. David escapes to Nob and Gath, 21
4. David gathers his men; Saul slays priests of God, 22
5. David fights Philistines; Saul pursues David; Jonathan and David make covenant, 23
6. David spares Saul's life at En-gedi, 24



7. Samuel dies; David and Abigail, 25
8. David again spares Saul's life in wilderness of Ziph, 26
9. David retreats to land of Philistia (Ziklag), 27
10. Saul goes to witch of Endor, 28



11. Philistines do not trust David in battle, 29
12. David fights Amalekites because of destruction of Ziklag, 30

D. Saul, mortally wounded in battle, commits suicide

Chapter 31

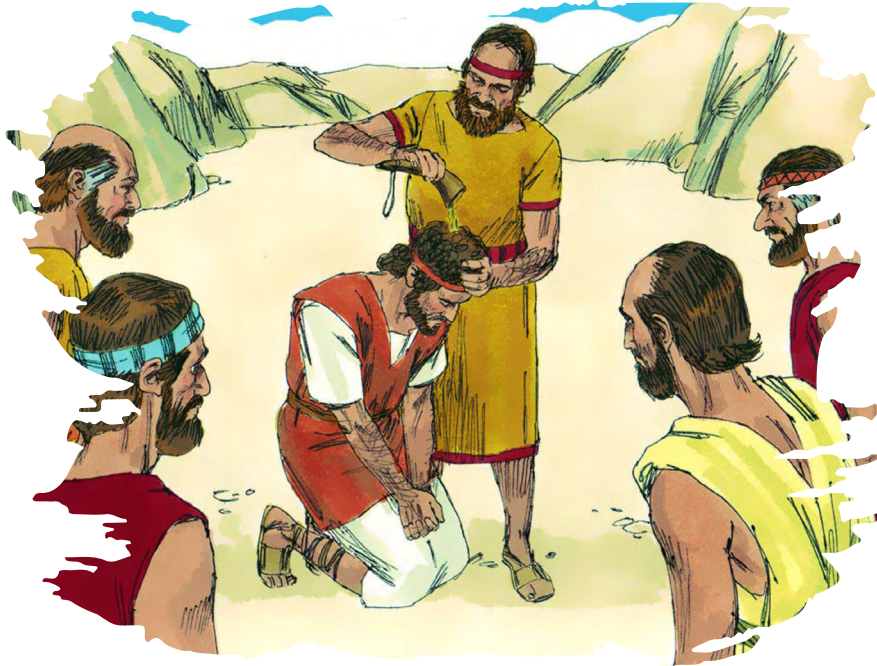


2 SAMUEL

I. TRIUMPHS of David

Chapters 1–10

- A. David mourns the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, 1
- B. David made king over Judah, 2
- C. Civil war — Abner joins with David but murdered by Joab, 3
- D. Ish-bosheth, son of Saul, killed, 4
- F. David made king over all Israel; moves his capital to Jerusalem, 5



- G. David's wrong and right attempts to bring the ark to Jerusalem, 6



G. God's covenant to build the house of David, 7



- H. David consolidates his kingdom, 8
- I. David befriends Mephibosheth, 9
- J. David wars against Ammon and Syria, 10

II. TROUBLES of David

Chapters 11–24

- A. David's two great sins, 11
- B. Nathan faces David with his sins; David repents, 12



- C. David's daughter Tamar raped by Amnon, David's son; Amnon murdered by Absalom, David's son, 13
- D. David permits Absalom to return with half-hearted forgiveness, 14
- E. Absalom rebels against David, 15
- F. Ziba, Mephibosheth's servant, deceives David; Shimei curses David, 16
- G. Absalom's advisers (Ahithophel and Hushai) disagree on attack against David, 17
- H. Absalom slain and David mourns, 18



- I. David restored to throne, 19
- J. Sheba revolts against David, 20
- K. Three years of famine; Gibeonites take vengeance on house of Saul; war with Philistines, 21
- L. David's song of deliverance (Psalm 18), 22
- M. David's last words; David's mighty men, 23
- N. David's sin in taking census; chooses punishment and buys threshing floor of Araunah, 24



Quiz on 1 & 2 Samuel

1. Who anointed Saul?

2. Which child ministered unto the Lord with Eli?

3. In 1 Samuel 4, what did the Israelites bring to aid them against the Philistines?

4. Where was Goliath from?

5. How long did Saul reign over Israel?

6. What was Mephibosheth's disability?

7. In 2 Samuel 6, who was killed for trying to prevent the ark of God from falling when the oxen stumbled?

8. Who was David's chief counselor?

9. What was the name of Bathsheba's husband that died in a war?

10. What did David do when he received the news of Absalom's death in 2 Samuel 18?

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