

Story of the Bible

NIGHT SCHOOL

Week Seven



Where Samuel fits in the Bible Story?

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel



TURNING POINTS	God calls Abraham	Joseph dies	Moses dies	Joshua dies	Samuel	Rehoboam & Jeroboam	Jerusalem captured	Cyrus's decree	
KEY FIGURES	Adam; Eve; Noah	Abraham; Isaac; Jacob; Joseph	Moses	Joshua	Gideon; Samson; Ruth	Samuel; Saul; David; Solomon	Daniel	Zerubbabel; Ezra; Esther; Nehemiah	
BOOK/S	Genesis 1-11	Genesis 12-50	Exodus - Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges - Ruth	1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles	Ezekiel - Daniel	Ezra - Esther	
SUMMARY	God creates the world; humankind rebels against Him	God chooses Abraham and his descendants	God rescues the Israelites from Egypt. They fail to trust Him and spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness	Joshua leads the Israelites to conquer the Promised Land	The Israelites consistently turn away from God	The Israelites demand a king. Saul is followed by David's line	Israel becomes two nations (Israel and Judah), both eventually taken into exile	Judah lives in exile in Babylon, which is then conquered by the Medo-Persians	Cyrus allows the Jews to return, where they rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem's city walls

The Big Movement of Samuel

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- Major movements: God raises a prophet → Israel demands a king → First king fails → God raises a new king → God establishes a covenant pointing to the Messiah
- The biblical story now focuses on the line of the coming King
- **Genesis 3:15 (NLT)** *"He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."*
- **Numbers 24:17 (NLT)** *"A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel."*
- **Deuteronomy 17:14–15 (NLT)** *Israel will appoint a king chosen by the Lord*

1 Samuel 1-7: Hannah and the Rise of Samuel

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- The story begins with Hannah's grief and prayer for a child
- **1 Samuel 1:10-11 (NLT)** *"Hannah was in deep anguish... 'If you give me a son, I will give him back to you.'"*
- God answers and Samuel is born
- Hannah responds with a song of praise (**1 Samuel 2:1-10**)
- Her prayer introduces themes: God opposes the proud but lifts the humble, God is working through human history and God will raise up an anointed king, Hope

Samuel: Prophet and Leader

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Samuel grows up serving in the tabernacle under Eli
- God begins speaking again through him
- **1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)** *"Speak, your servant is listening."*
- Samuel becomes prophet, judge, and leader — the last judge of Israel
- During this time, the Philistines rise as Israel's major enemy

Israel Demands a King

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Israel asks Samuel: **"Give us a king... like all the other nations."**
- **1 Samuel 8:5 (NLT)** *"Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations."*
- **1 Samuel 8:7 (NLT)** *"They are rejecting me... they don't want me to be their king."*
- Israel trades trust in God for human leadership
- Jesus through line: Human kings will fail — the world needs a perfect King

Saul: The King the People

Wanted

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Saul appears to be the perfect king: tall, impressive, and strong
- **1 Samuel 9:2 (NLT)** *"The most handsome man in Israel... taller than anyone else."*
- Early success but growing flaws: fear, pride, and self-deception
- Disobeys God by keeping livestock from battle
- **1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)** *"Obedience is better than sacrifice."*

The Rise of David

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- God chooses David, the youngest son of Jesse, a shepherd
- **1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)** *"People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*
- David confronts Goliath in faith
- **1 Samuel 17:45 (NLT)** *"I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies."*
- Theme repeated: the humble trust God and the proud fall

Saul's Downfall and David's

Character

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Saul becomes jealous and hunts David for years
- David refuses to harm Saul even when he has the chance
- **1 Samuel 24:6 (NLT)** *"The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king."*
- David demonstrates patience, humility, and trust in God's timing
- The section ends with Saul dying in battle with the Philistines

BREAK TIME

2 Samuel 1-9: David's Rise and Success

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- After Saul's death, David mourns instead of celebrating
- **2 Samuel 1:23 (NLT)** *"How beloved and gracious were Saul and Jonathan!"*
- David becomes king over Judah, then over all Israel
- He captures Jerusalem and makes it the capital
- The Ark of the Covenant is brought to Jerusalem — God's presence and kingdom united

The Davidic Covenant (A Turning Point in the Bible)

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- David wants to build a temple, but God promises to build David a dynasty
- **2 Samuel 7:12–16 (NLT)** *God promises a throne that will last forever*
- This covenant connects to Abraham's promise and the coming Messiah
- Fulfilled ultimately in Jesus
- **Luke 1:32–33 (NLT)** *"The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David."*

David's Failure and the Fracturing of the Kingdom

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- David sins with Bathsheba and arranges Uriah's death
- Though David repents, consequences ripple through his family
- Rebellion and tragedy culminate in Absalom's death
- **2 Samuel 18:33 (NLT)** *"O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!"*
- Even Israel's best king cannot overcome human sin

The Epilogue (2 Samuel 21–24)

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- The closing chapters reflect on Saul's failures, David's repentance, and God's faithfulness
- Stories of David's mighty men and God's deliverance
- **2 Samuel 22:2–3 (NLT)** *"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior."*
- These poems echo Hannah's prayer at the beginning
- Main theme: God opposes the proud but exalts the humble

The Big Theological Arc

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Samuel shows God raising leaders for Israel
- Saul shows the danger of pride and self-deception
- David shows a king after God's heart, yet still flawed
- The promise of a future king from David's line grows stronger
- The story builds anticipation for the Messiah

The Jesus Through-Line

1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

- Hannah's song anticipates God's anointed King
- Samuel prepares the kingdom
- Saul demonstrates the failure of human kingship
- David establishes the royal line of the Messiah
- ***Luke 1:32–33 (NLT)*** *Jesus receives the throne of David and an eternal kingdom*

SUMMARY

Key Thoughts!

Q&A

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