

I SAMUEL

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #9



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WRITTEN: AROUND
900 BC

Covering the time period of 1150 BC – 1000 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the famous story of David killing Goliath

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Samuel's mother gives him to the priests to raise.
- Samuel hears God's voice as a boy.
- Samuel anoints David as future king.
- David kills Goliath.
- Saul calls on a witch to bring the prophet Samuel back to life and speak to him.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things human beings look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." **1 Samuel 16:7**

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." **1 Samuel 15:22**

Important Points about the Book:

- 1 Samuel contains the stories of Samuel the prophet, King Saul, and King David's trials before he was king.
- Prior to Samuel, the people of Israel had been in tribes, held loosely together. But God transformed them into a unified nation under one form of government in this part of their history. First Samuel focuses on the establishment of Israel as a nation.
- The people demanded a king because all the surrounding nations had one, and they were giving in to peer pressure.
- The first king was Saul, and the second king was David. This book covers mostly the prophet Samuel growing up, King Saul's good and bad adventures, and his chasing down David to try to kill him. The book ends with the death of Saul.