

## Outline of First Samuel

- I. Introduction
  - A. Two main sections
    - 1. Final period of the judges (1 to 8)
    - 2. Reign of Saul (9 to 31)
- II. Samuel the Last Judge
  - A. Birth of Samuel (1:4-28)
    - 1. Distress of Hannah (1:4-8)
    - 2. Hannah's prayer for a son (1:9-18)
    - 3. A son is born (1:19-23)
    - 4. Samuel is returned to the Lord (1:24-28)
  - B. Samuel in service at the tabernacle (2:1 to 3:21)
    - 1. Samuel recognized as a prophet of God (3:19-21)
  - C. The Philistines defeat the nation of Israel (4:1 to 6:21)
    - 1. The ark of the Lord in the house of Dagon (5:1-2)
    - 2. Ark sent to Kirjathjearim (6:21)
  - D. Samuel's service as a prophet of God (7:1 to 8:22)
    - 1. Request for a king (8:4-22)
- III. Reign of Saul
  - A. Discovery and anointing of Saul (9:1 to 11:15)
    - 1. Samuel anoints Saul, counsels him, and appoints him king (10:1-15)
    - 2. Saul inaugurated king over Israel (10:16 to 11:27)
  - B. Samuel's farewell address (12:1-25)
  - C. The early reign and rejection of Saul (13:1 to 15:35)
    - 1. War with the Philistines (13:1-23)
    - 2. The battle of Michmash (14:1-52)
    - 3. Saul sins and is rejected as king (15:1-33)
  - D. David anointed to be king in Saul's stead (16:1-13)
  - E. Latter portion of Saul's reign (16:14 to 17:58)
    - 1. Saul's malady soothed by David's music (16:14-23)
    - 2. Another battle with the Philistines (17:1-58)
    - 3. Saul hates David and seeks to kill him (18:1 to 20:42)
    - 4. Saul seeks to kill David while David is banished (21:1-15)
    - 5. David continues to escape (22:1-23)
    - 6. David spares Saul's life (24:1-22)
    - 7. Death of Samuel (25:1)
    - 8. Nabal dies and David marries his widow, Abigail (25:2-44)
    - 9. David spares Saul's life a second time (26:1-25)
    - 10. David escapes to the land of the Philistines (27:1 to 28:2))
    - 11. The Philistines war with Israel (28:3 to 30:31)
    - 12. Saul and his sons are killed in a battle with the Philistines (31:1-13)

## Outline of Second Samuel

- I. Introduction
  - A. Two main sections
    - 1. David's reign over Judah (Chapters 1 through 4)
    - 2. David's reign over all Israel (Chapters 5 through 24)
- II. David's Reign Over Judah (1 through 4)
  - A. Report of the death of Saul and Jonathan (1:1-11)
  - B. David appointed King over Judah (2:1-7)
  - C. Conflict between King David of Judah and the rest of the nation (2:8-32)
    - 1. Abner makes Ishbosheth, Saul's son, King over Israel (2:8-11)
    - 2. A conflict between Judah and Israel (2:11-32)
    - 3. Long war between Judah and Israel (3:1-39)
    - 4. David mourns the death of Abner (3:28-39)
    - 5. Death of Ishbosheth, King of Israel (4:1-12)
- III. David's Reign Over All Israel (5:1 to 24:25)
  - A. The kingdom united (5:1-5)
  - B. Victories of David (5:6-25)
    - 1. Jerusalem is captured (5:6-10)
    - 2. Defeat of the Philistines (5:17-25)
  - C. Ark of the Covenant brought to Jerusalem (6:1-23)
  - D. David not allowed to build a house for Jehovah (7:1-29)
  - E. David's victories over all his enemies (8:1 to 10:19)
    - 1. David defeats the Philistines and the Moabites (8:1-2)
    - 2. David defeats Hadadezer of Zobah and the Syrians (8:3-8)
    - 3. David subdues Syria, Moab, Ammon, Edom (8:9-18)
    - 4. David seeks out and honors Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son (9:1-13)
    - 5. David's messengers to Ammon are insulted (10:1-5)
  - F. David's great sin (11:1 to 12:24)
  - G. Absalom's rebellion (13:1 to 19:40)
  - H. Revolt of Sheba (20:1-26)
  - I. Last years of David's reign (21:1 to 24:25)
    - 1. A list of David's mighty men (23:8-39)
    - 2. Numbering of the people (24:1-9)
    - 3. Plague sent for making the census (24:10-17)
    - 4. David sacrifices to the Lord to stay the plague (24:18-25)