

THE BOOK OF

1<sup>st</sup> SAMUEL

RISE OF THE  
KINGS



THROUGH THE BIBLE

# **1st SAMUEL FAST FACTS:**

**1st & 2nd Samuel were originally ONE BOOK. It isn't until the Septuagint (2nd Century BC) that they were broken into TWO books.**

**In the Vulgate, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel are called 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings are called 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Kings); together, they're known as "The Books of the Kingdoms" (sometimes, the 'Book of Reigns').**

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel COVERS about 140 years:**

**The birth of SAMUEL (1150 BC)—the death of SAUL (1010 BC)**

**Samuel probably wrote—or supplied information for—Chapters 1 - 25  
Later Chapters written/compiled by someone else (perhaps Abiathar,  
Nathan, Gad, even Jeremiah or Ezra)**

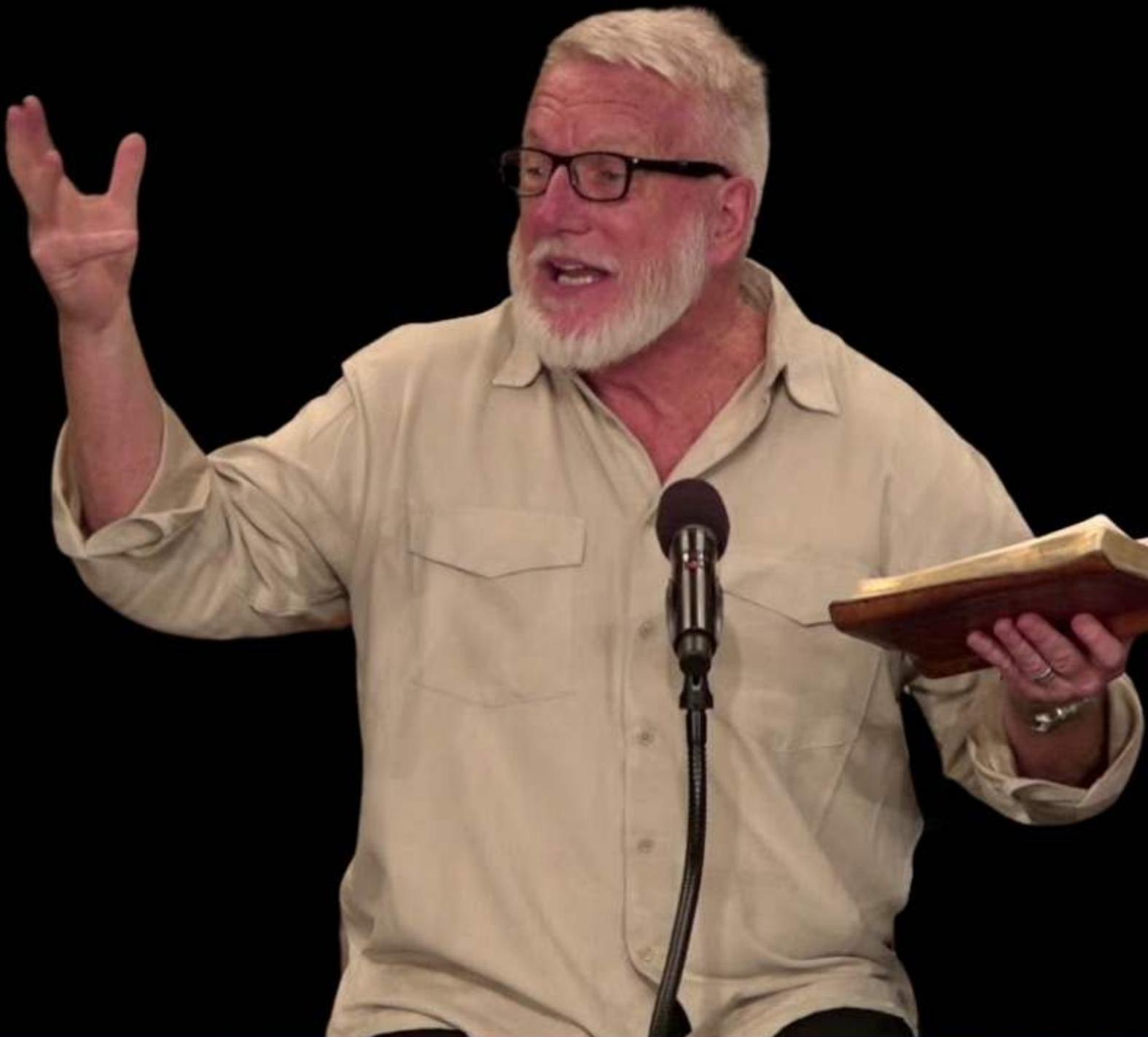
*"[The books] are called... 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, not because Samuel wrote all of them, but because they describe his great ministry."* - David Guzik | EnduringWord.com

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

*“Samuel was a transitional figure, in that he was the last Judge of Israel.*

*However... although the Philistines plagued the land, Samuel didn’t deliver [Israel] physical... He delivered them spiritually. Samuel did not lead armies; he was a spiritual leader. He was a godly man who ministered to the people in the difficult days... between the time of the Judges and the rule of the Kings.”*

**Jon Courson**



# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## **THREE MAIN CHARACTERS: Samuel, Saul, & David**

*“These three were important leaders whose actions would transition Israel from a group of tribes ruled by judges into a unified kingdom ruled by... David in Jerusalem.”*

**1 Samuel 15:28: “So SAMUEL said to him [SAUL]: ‘The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and... given it to a neighbor of yours [DAVID] who is better than you.”**

*“The contents of Samuel can be outlined as follows: **THE JUDGESHIP OF SAMUEL** (Chapters 1–7)... **the RISE OF SAUL** (Chapters 8–15)... and **the DECLINE OF SAUL and THE RISE OF DAVID** (Chapters 16–31).”*

**Howard F. Vos**

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## THE 'SPINE' of 1<sup>st</sup> SAMUEL

("What is this book about?")



STORY SPINE

- The END of the Period of the Judges
- The ESTABLISHMENT of the FIRST KING
- Saul's REJECTION & REPLACEMENT by David
- David SET-UP to SIT ON THE THRONE (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

**THE PLOT is 'SET-UP' from the BEGINNING**  
(*Hannah's Song*" - Chapter 2:1-10)

**VS 1: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD."**

**DAVID**

**VS 3: "...the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed."**

**SAUL**

**VS 4: "The bows of the mighty men are broken... and those who stumbled are girded with strength."**

**VS 7: "The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory."**

**SAUL &  
DAVID**

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

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vs 10: "The **adversaries of the LORD** shall be **broken in pieces**; from **heaven** He will thunder against them. The **LORD** will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to **His king**, and exalt

**the horn of His anointed.**" **DAVID**  
מֶשֶׁךְ = Messiah

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

FIRST  
USE OF  
'MESSIAH'

the horn of His anointed."

"When Hannah spoke of 'His king' she looked ahead to the Messiah... This is the first place in [scripture] Jesus is referred to as the Messiah, God's 'anointed.'"

"[Hannah] first applies to Him the remarkable title **MESSIAH** in Hebrew, **CHRIST** in Greek, and **ANOINTED** in English, which then became adopted by David, Nathan, Ethan, Isaiah, Daniel, and the succeeding prophets of the Old Testament; and by the apostles and inspired writers of the New." (Adam Clarke)

"Zecharias—the father of John the Baptist—quotes Hannah in Luke 1:69 when he prophetically called Jesus a horn of salvation, quoting from 1 Samuel 2:10. Mary—the mother of Jesus—quotes Hannah's song often (in Luke 1:46-55)." (David Guzik)

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## CHAPTERS 1-2: A CHILD is BORN

- 1 SAM. 1:11: **“If You will... give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life...”**
- 1 SAM. 1:20: **“Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel...”**
- 1 SAM. 1:24: **“when she... weaned him, she... brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh.”**
- 1 SAM. 2:18: **“Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child...”**
- 1 SAM. 2:26: **“...he grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.”**

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## CHAPTER 3: The CALL of SAMUEL

- 1 SAM. 3:1: **“The boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli [the priest]... the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.”**
- VS. 3: **“it came to pass, while Samuel was lying down... the LORD called [to him]. And [Samuel] answered, “Here I am!”**
- VS 7: **“Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.”** - VS: 6 & 8: **“...the LORD called yet again, “Samuel!”** - **“...the LORD called Samuel... [a] third time.”**
- VS. 10: **“[Samuel] answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”**
- VS. 11: **“the LORD said to Samuel: ‘Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.’**

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1 SAM. 3:19: **“Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD.”**

1 SAM. 3:21: **“the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.”**



# SAMUEL & JESUS:

**ALOT OF  
SIMILARITIES!**

- **BOTH** were **CHILDREN OF PROMISE...**
- **BOTH** had **MIRACULOUS CONCEPTIONS...**
- **BOTH DEDICATED BEFORE BIRTH...**
- **BOTH** spent time in **THE HOUSE OF THE LORD** from an **EARLY AGE**
- **Samuel** “grew in stature, and in favor both with the *LORD* and men.” |  
“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men”  
**(Lk. 2:52)**...
- **BOTH BRIDGED PERIOD'S OF TRANSITION** in Israel...
- **From Joshua to Samuel:** “the Word of the Lord was rare” (**400 years**) |  
**Between OLD TESTAMENT and NEW TESTAMENT (400 years)**
- **BOTH CORRESPOND to the ‘prophet like Moses’ (Deut. 18)...**
- **BOTH PREACHED REPENTANCE...**
- Samuel = **PROPHET & PRIEST** | Jesus = **PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING**

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## CHAPTERS 4-7: SAMUEL JUDGES ISRAEL

- 1 SAM. 7:3: “**Samuel SPOKE to all the house of Israel, saying, ‘If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, [and] put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only... He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.’**
- VS. 6: “**So they gathered together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured it out before the LORD. And they fasted that day, and said there, “We have sinned against the LORD.” And Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.**”

VS. 10: “**the LORD thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines...**”  
[1 SAM. 2:10: “**The [Lord’s] adversaries... shall be broken in pieces; from heaven He will thunder against them.**”

1 SAM. 7:15: “**Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.**”

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## CHAPTER 8: ISRAEL DEMANDS a KING

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VS 3: **“But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.”**

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*“[Their] desire to have a king was not bad [in and of itself]. God knew [that] one day Israel would have a king. 400 years [earlier] God gave [them] instructions... about their future king (Deut. 17:14-20). A king was in God’s plan for Israel... It was the **reason** Israel wanted a king [that] was wrong.” - “Make us a king... like all the nations.” - “We often get into trouble by wanting to be like the world when we **SHOULD** be transformed into the image of Christ.” (David Guzik)*

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VS. 9: **“forewarn [the people], and SHOW them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.”** - (Chapter 8:11–18)...

VS. 19: **“Nevertheless, the people refused to obey... Samuel; and... said, “we will have a king over us, that we... may be like all the nations...”**

# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## CHAPTER 9: SAUL comes on the SCENE

- 1 SAM. 9:1-2: **“a choice and handsome son” of “a mighty man of power.”** – **“There was not a more handsome person... among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.”** – (“Head and Shoulders Above the Rest”)
- 1 SAM. 10:1 & 6: **“...the LORD has anointed you...”** – **“the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you... you will prophesy... and be turned into another man.”**
- VS. 7-9: **“God is with you.”** – **“God gave [Saul] another heart; and... the Spirit of [the Lord] came upon him, and he prophesied among them.”**
- VS. 26: **“Valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had touched.”**



**SAUL HAD A GOOD START!**

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## CHAPTER 11: SAUL SAVES JABESH-GILEAD

1 SAM. 11:6: "**the Spirit of [the Lord] came upon [Saul]...**"

VS. 13: "**[Saul said] today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel.**"

*"Chapters 10-11 record Saul's inward & outward battles... inwardly Saul defeated the strong and subtle temptations to pride, insecurity, and revenge." (David Guzik)*

*"O Saul... how well for thee it would have been hadst thou maintained this spirit!" (William Blaikie)*



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## CHAPTER 13: SAUL'S UNLAWFUL SACRIFICE

- 1 SAM. 13:5: “**The Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude.**”
- VS. 6: “**When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger... the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits... Some of the Hebrews crossed... the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.**”
- VS. 7: “**As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.**”

**THIS WAS  
FORBIDDEN  
IN THE LAW!**

VS. 8: “[Saul] waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from [Saul]. So, Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And [Saul] offered the burnt offering.”

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1 SAM. 13:10: “As soon as [Saul] finished presenting the burnt offering... Samuel came... And Samuel said [to him]:  
“What have you done?”

VS. 11-12: “Saul said, ‘When I saw that the people were scattered from me... and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.”

REPENTANCE?

SAUL MADE EXCUSES!

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1 SAM. 13:13-14: **"And Samuel said to Saul: 'You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD... For... the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."**



# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

## CHAPTER 15: SAUL REJECTED as KING

1 SAM. 15:2-3: **'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 'Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'**"

VS. 7-9: **"Saul attacked the Amalekites... [and] took Agag king of the Amalekites alive... [They] spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them."**

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1 SAM. 15:14: **“Samuel said, ‘What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?’”**

VS. 18-19: **“The LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘utterly destroy... the Amalekites... until they are consumed.’ Why... did you not obey the voice of the LORD?”**

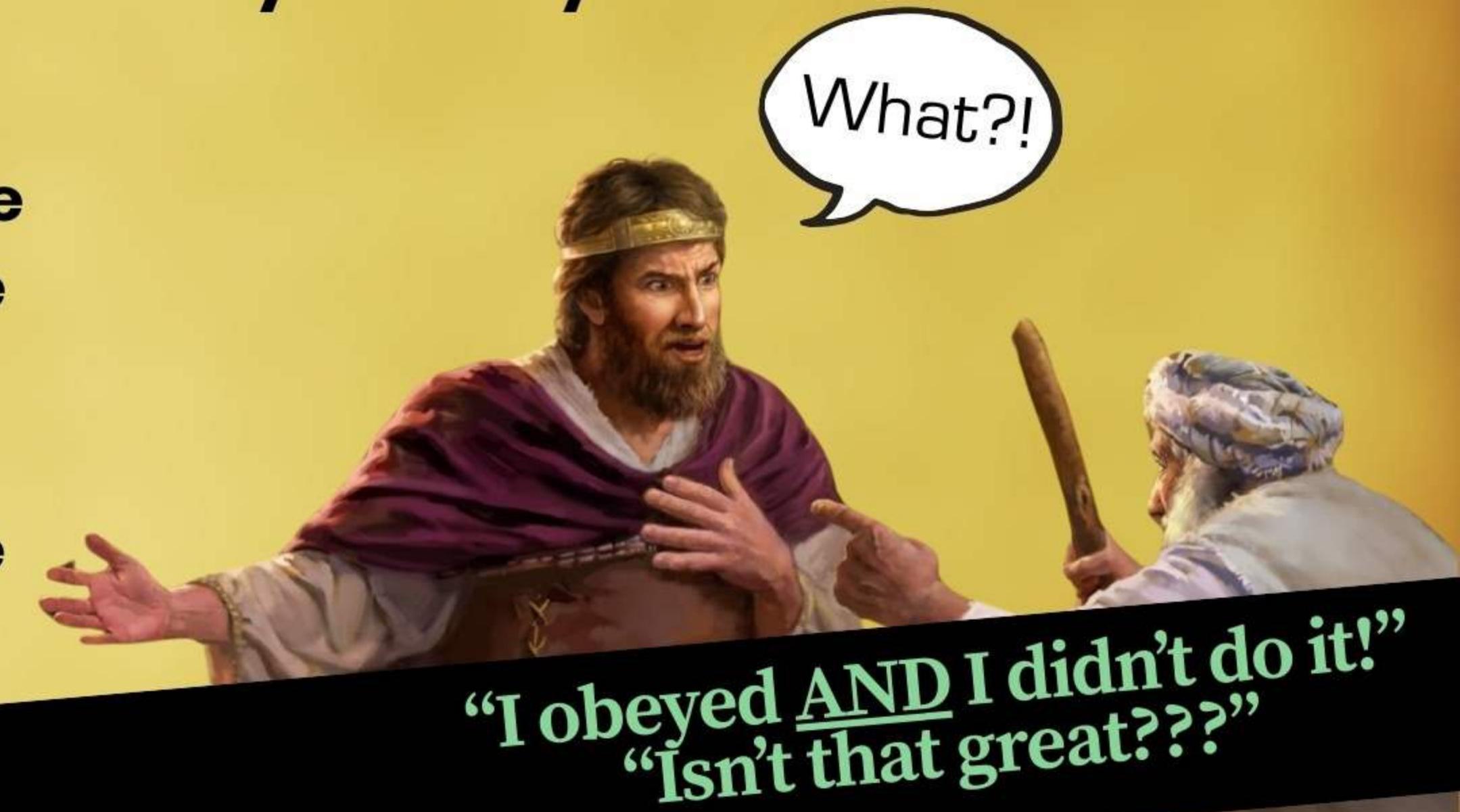


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1 SAM 15:20: **“I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.”**

VS. 21: **“the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”**



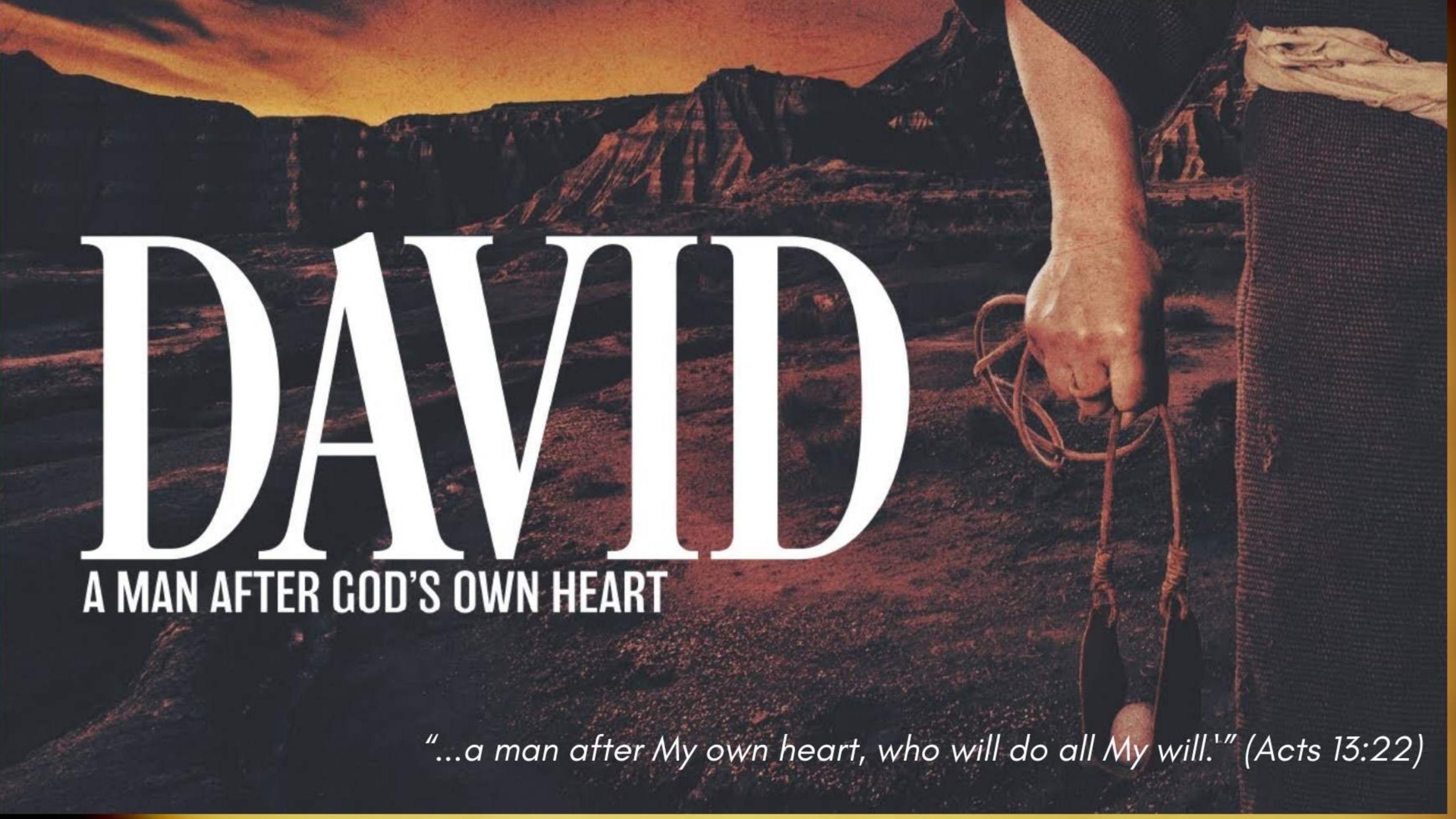
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# DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

*“...a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”* (Acts 13:22)

# “DAVID’S INTRODUCTION”

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RUTH 4:18-22: “This is the genealogy of **Perez**: Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Ram... Ram begot Amminadab; Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot **David**.”

**DAVID DESCENDS from JUDAH**

(see GENESIS 49:8-12)

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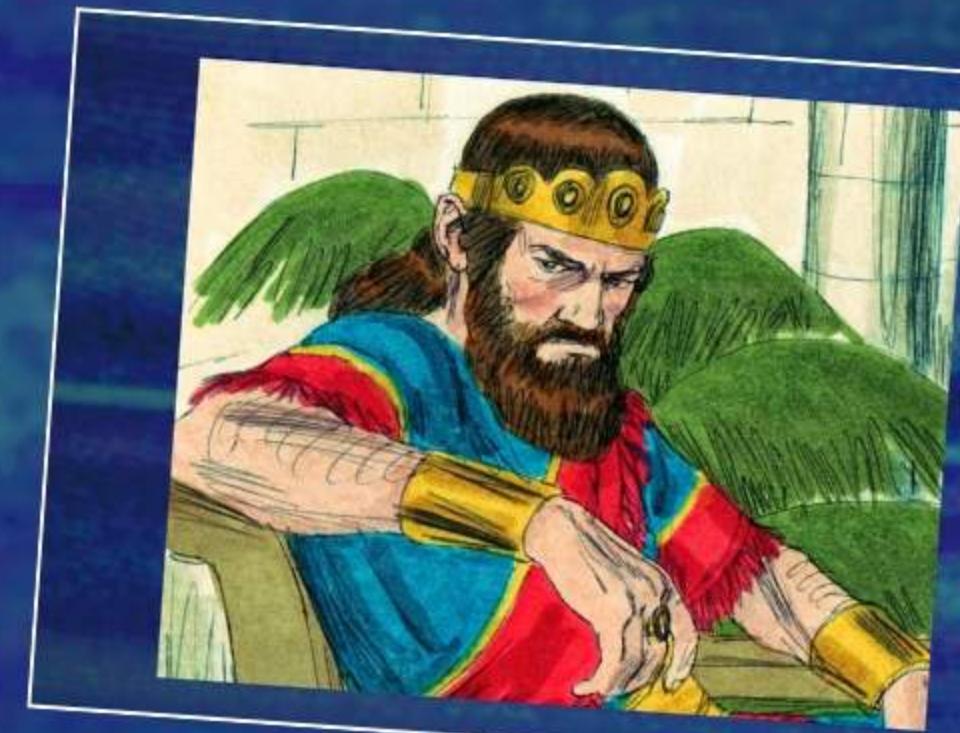
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Though David is anointed, it's almost 15 years before he sits on the throne!



**WE KNOW  
ABOUT  
THIS!**

The Problems With Saul  
(See 1 Samuel 8:10-22)

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1 Sam. 15:26

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*"Samuel did not begin a “Let’s Enthrone David” political party and he did not begin to undermine Saul’s throne, looking for a way to establish David as king. Samuel took one look at David and reacted exactly the way God wanted him to: “LORD, I don’t know why You chose this kid. But You will have to put him on the throne. I can’t do it.” (David Guzik)*

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*"David [is] one of the greatest men of the Bible, mentioned more than 1,000 times – more than Abraham, Moses, more than any... man in the New Testament. It is no accident that Jesus wasn't known as the 'Son of Abraham' or the 'Follower of Moses,' but as the Son of David."*  
*(David Guzik)*

*"From whatever side we view the life of David, it is remarkable. Abraham may have excelled him in faith... Moses in the power of fellowship with God, Elijah in the fiery force of [miracles]... But none of these was so many-sided as the richly gifted son of Jesse." (F.B. Meyer)*

# “DAVID’S INTRODUCTION”

1 SAM. 17:1: "...the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah..."

VS. 2-4: "And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from **Gath** whose height was six cubits and a span." ( = 8.5 ft. - 9.2 ft. tall)

David Guzik: "*His armor was probably... between 150 to 200 pounds. [Goliath] was a big man, and strong enough to carry and use... huge weapons.*"

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VS. 32: "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."



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1 SAM. 17:45-46: “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” – “This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you.”

VS. 48-49: “David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.... David put his hand into his bag and [took] out a stone; and... slung it and struck the Philistine... so that the stone sank into his forehead...”

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GEN. 3:15: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

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# THE BOOK of 1st SAMUEL:

*There's LOTS We Could Talk About!*

- JONATHAN and DAVID'S FRIENDSHIP...
- SAUL'S ATTEMPTS to KILL DAVID...
- DAVID & MICHAL...
- DAVID & ABIGAIL...
- David SPARING SAUL'S LIFE...
- SAMUEL'S DEATH...
- SAUL CONSULTING a WITCH...
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- DAVID LIVING AMONG the PHILISTINES...

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2<sup>nd</sup> SAM. 1:11-12: **“[David] took hold of his... clothes and tore them... [he] mourned and wept and fasted...”**

# SET-UP for 2nd SAMUEL:

*The 'SONG of the BOW'*

2. SAM. 1:17-27: **"The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! - The bow of Jonathan did not turn back... the sword of Saul did not return empty. Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided... O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul... How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! -- How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!"**



1 SAM. 2:4: **"The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength."**

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