

1 Samuel

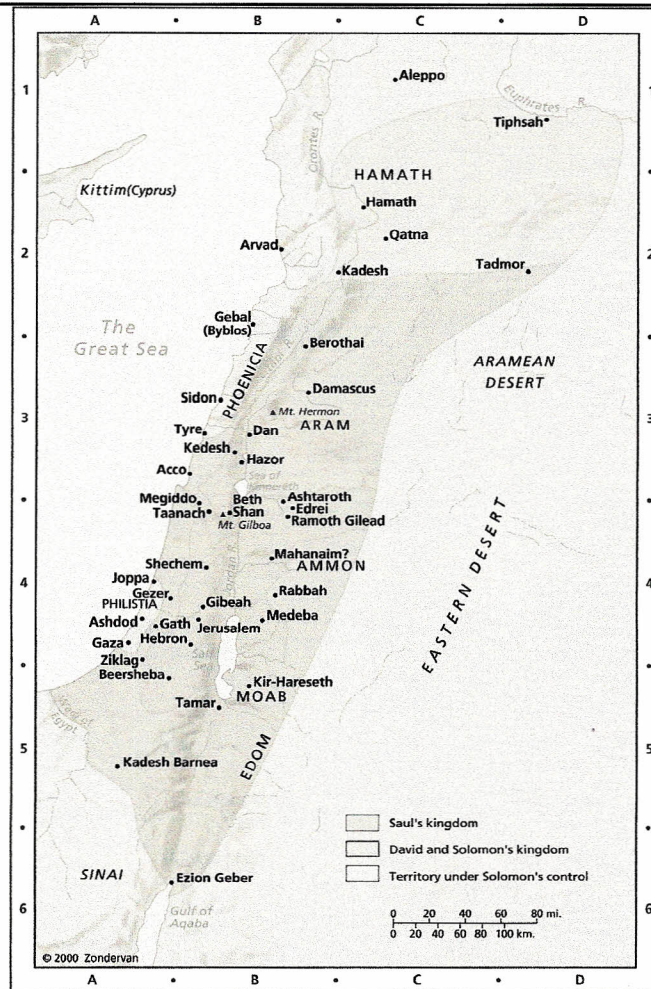
Originally one book, *1 Samuel* and *2 Samuel* were divided in two by the translators of the *Septuagint* (the Greek translation of the Old Testament). *1 Samuel* describes Israel as it moves from the time of the Judges to an earthly monarchy. The Israelites are pleading for a king, so that they will be like other nations. God doesn't want Israel to be like other nations. God has warned Israel in the past (most specifically in *Deuteronomy*) about the pitfalls of an earthly kingdom, but He nevertheless directs Samuel to select Saul to be Israel's first king.

1 Samuel depicts both the greatest personal rivalry in the *Bible* (between David and Saul) and its greatest personal friendship (between David and Jonathan).

1 Samuel on Sin

If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?

1 Samuel 2:25a



Kingdom's of Saul and David

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

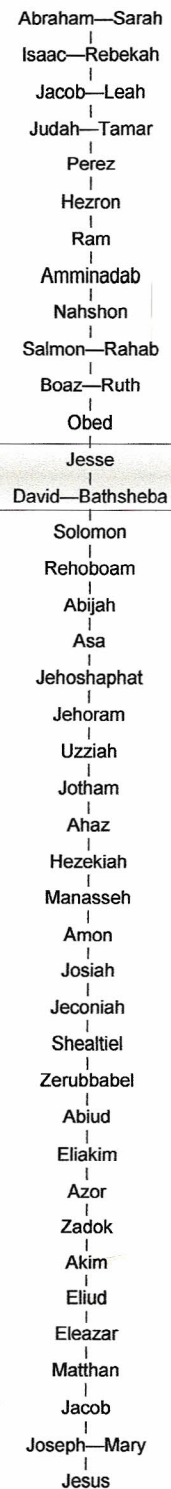
PEOPLE

Abigail meets David after her husband has unwisely refused David's requests for assistance; marries David after the death of her first husband **Benjamite** descendant of Benjamin, the youngest of Jacob's sons; member of the tribe of Benjamin **Dagon** the primary Philistine pagan god, he has the head of a human and the body of a fish **David** slayer of Goliath and second king of Israel, David is flawed yet demonstrates a great heart for God; ancestor of Christ **Eli** a priest who serves as Israel's second-to-last judge, he leads Israel for 40 years **Goliath** a giant Philistine warrior whom young David defeats with a stone thrown from his sling **Hannah** Samuel's mother, who faithfully enters him into the Lord's service after God blesses her with the child **Hophni** a sinful and corrupt priest, this son of Eli, along with his equally corrupt brother Phinehas, is killed by the Philistines **Jesse** father of David; ancestor of Christ **Jonathan** son of Saul, best friend of David **Michal** Saul's daughter, initially loves David, is given in marriage to David after he kills 200 Philistines **Philistines** settlers in Canaan, the people of Philistia battle with Israel throughout the ages of the judges and kings **Phinehas** a sinful and corrupt priest, this son of Eli, along with his equally corrupt brother Hophni, is killed by the Philistines **Saul** Israel's first king, he loses God's support by not following Him faithfully, then failing to repent **Samuel** prophet, priest, and Israel's last judge, Samuel anoints Saul and then David as king

TERMS

ark of God/ark of the covenant/ark of the Lord a wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments **Ashtoreth** pagan fertility goddess worshiped by the Philistines (and, at times, by the Israelites) **Baal** pagan fertility god worshiped by the Philistines (and, at times, by the Israelites) **covenant** agreement between two parties **judge** leader; interpreter of laws **prophet** person who speaks as inspired by God **temple** principle place of worship for Jewish people

Genealogy of Christ



930

722

587

538

336

63 BC

Divided Kingdom

North: Ahab
Elijah
South: Hezekiah
Isaiah

Samaria

falls to Assyria,
scatters

Jerusalem

falls to Babylon,
exiled

Judeans return

Esther
Ezra
Nehemiah

Greek rule

Roman rule