

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of 1 Samuel

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
 - Unknown, but many believe Samuel
 - 1 and 2 Samuel are named after Samuel, the judge who anointed both Saul and David kings of Israel.

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- ◎ **Timing of Events:**

- **Around 1105 to 1011 B.C.**
- **From Samuel's birth to Saul's death.**
- **1 Samuel covers 94 years.**

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- **Part 2 - Saul, the First King, Chaps. 8-31**
 - The transition from Samuel to Saul
 - The Reign of King Saul
 - The Transition from Saul to David

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Israel's twelve tribes unite under a king.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** Speaks to His priests Eli and Samuel
- **Hannah:** asks God for a child
- **Eli:** the priest
- **Samuel:** becomes a servant of the Lord as a boy
- **Saul:** first king of Israel
- **Jonathan:** God-fearing son of Saul and best friend of David
- **Michal:** daughter of Saul and wife of David
- **David:** shepherd, harpist, fearless warrior, and future king

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- ◎ Cast of Characters cont.:
 - Goliath: Ten feet tall Philistine champion
 - The witch of Endor: conjures up the spirit of Samuel for Saul.

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - The first two kings, Saul and David, foreshadow the true King Jesus Christ, who is in the lineage of David and is called Son of David.
 - Samuel's role as priest, prophet, and political leader foreshadows Jesus' role as Priest, Prophet, and King.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ The Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.” (1 Samuel 8:7 NASB)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- The two books of Samuel were originally one book in the Hebrew text, but were divided in to two books when they were translated into Greek.
- Samuel is the last judge, and the first prophet (Acts 3:24; 1 Sam. 19:20).
- Samuel is the only “ghost” we meet in the bible besides the Holy Ghost.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Make sure that your request is God's will for your life. If it is not, you may receive it, but at great consequence.

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in 1 Samuel this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.