

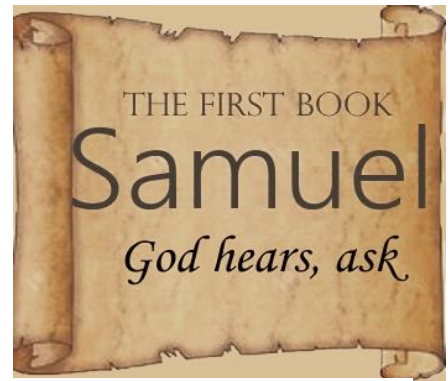
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



David was protected by Jonathan,

¹ And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said to Jonathan, What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?

² And he said to him, Far be it; you will not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me: so why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so.

³ And David vowed again, saying, Your father knows very well I have found favor in your eyes; and he has said, Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved. But truly as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, there is just a step between me and death.

⁴ Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever you desire, I will do it for you.

⁵ So David said to Jonathan, indeed, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should go sit with the king at meal: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening.

⁶ If your father misses me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city: because it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

⁷ If he says, It is good; you servant will be safe: but if he is very angry, then know that he has decided on evil.

⁸ Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant to a covenant of the LORD with you: but if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?

⁹ And Jonathan said, Far be it from you: for if I knew for certain that evil was decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?

¹⁰ Then said David to Jonathan, Who will tell me if your father answer you harshly?

¹¹ And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. So both of them went out to the field.

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¹² And Jonathan said to David, O LORD, the God of Israel is our witness, when I have sounded out my father by this time tomorrow, or the third day, and, behold, if there is good feeling toward David, will I then not send to you, and make it known to you?

¹³ The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it pleases my father to do you harm, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And the LORD be with you, as He has been with my father.

¹⁴ And if I am still alive, you will not show me the loving kindness of the LORD, that I may not die?

¹⁵ And you will not cut off your loving kindness from my house forever: not even when the LORD has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, May the LORD require it at the hands of David's enemies.

¹⁷ And Jonathan made David to pledge again, because of his love for him: for he loved him as he loved his own life.

¹⁸ Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty.

¹⁹ When you have stayed three days, then you will go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself on that eventful day, and you will remain by the stone Ezel.

²⁰ And I will shoot three arrows on the side of it, as though I shot at a target.

²¹ And, behold, I will send the lad, saying, Go, find the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, take them; then come: for there is safety for you, and no harm; as the Lord lives.

²² But if I say thus to the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond you; go: for the LORD has sent you away.

²³ And as for the agreement that you and I have spoken, behold, the LORD is between you and me forever.

²⁴ So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon went, the king sat him down to eat meat.

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