

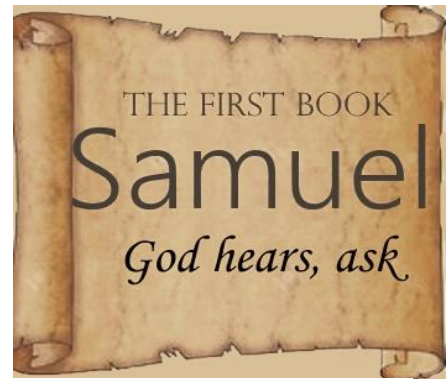
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the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

¹ And Samuel died; and all Israel was gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him at his house in Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

² And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very wealthy, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

³ (the man's name was Nabal / which means: fool; and the name of his wife Abigail who was an intelligent and very beautiful woman: but the man she married was rude and wrong in his doings; he was of the house of Caleb / which means this fool presumed to think he was something special, unlike his great and honorable father of the past),

⁴ and David heard in the wilderness that Nabal / the fool... was shearing his sheep.

⁵ And David sent out ten young men, and David said to the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name / in other words, be pleasant to the fool:

⁶ And thus will you say to him who lives in prosperity, Peace be both to you, and peace be to your household, and peace be to all that you possess.

⁷ I have heard that you have shearers: your shepherds who were with us, and we did not harm them, nor was anything taken from them, all the while they were in Carmel.

⁸ Ask your young men, and they will tell you.

So if the young men find favor in your eyes: for we come on feast day: please give whatever is available to your servants, and to your son David.

⁹ And when the young men of David came, they spoke to Nabal / the fool according to all those words in the name of David, and then they waited.

¹⁰ And Nabal answered the servants of David, and said, Who is this David? and who is the son of Jesse? there are many servants now days who break away from their master.

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¹¹ Will I then take my bread, and my water, and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to those whom I do not know where they are from?

¹² So the young men of David returned their way, and went and told him all these words.

¹³ And David said to his men, Gird every man with his sword. And they each girded on his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and about four hundred men there went up with David; while two hundred remained guarding the baggage.

¹⁴ But one of the young men told Abigail, the wife of **Nabal / the fool, saying, Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he protested against them.**

¹⁵ But the men were very good to us; and we were not harmed, nor are we missing anything, as long as we were friendly with them, when we were in the fields:

¹⁶ they were as a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them guarding the sheep.

¹⁷ So now know and consider what you will do; for wrong is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of a Belial / he is an S.O.B, that no one can speak sensibly to him.

¹⁸ Then Abigail hurried, and took two hundred loaves of bread, and two jugs of wine, and five sheep already prepared, and five measures of roasted grain, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on the asses.

¹⁹ And she said to her servants, Go in front of me; behold, I will follow after you. But she did not tell her husband **Nabal / the fool.**

²⁰ And it happened, as she rode on the ass, that she came down through the covert along the hillside, and, behold, suddenly David and his men were approaching, and she met them.

²¹ Now David had thought, Surely in vain have I guarded all that this foolish fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missing of all that belongs to him: and he has returned me evil for good.

²² May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all who belong to him by the morning, anyone who pisseth against the wall / in other words if any of the men working for this fool are still alive when morning dawns.

²³ And when Abigail saw David, she hurried, and dismounted the ass, and fell on her face before David, and bowed herself to the ground,

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24 falling at his feet, and said, On me alone, my lord, let this iniquity be charged: yet please let your maidservant speak to you, and hear the words of your maidservant.

25 Please, let not my lord, regard this worthless man of Belial, even **Nabal** / this fool: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and he is a fool: but I -- your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

26 So now my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, seeing the LORD has restrained you from coming to shed blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and those who seek to wrong my lord, be as **Nabal** / the fool.

27 But now, let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

28 Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant / forgive my changing the goal post, my stepping over the line: for the LORD will certainly make my lord an enduring household; because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and no wrong has been found in you all your days.

29 And should a anyone arise to pursue you, to seek your life: then the life of my lord will be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD, your God; and the lives of your enemies, them He will sling out, as from the center of a sling.

30 And it will happen, when the LORD will do to my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, then you will be appointed ruler over Israel;

31 and so this will cause no grief to you, nor offend the heart of my lord, that you have not shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. When the LORD deals well with my lord, then remember your maidservant.

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me:

33 and blessed be your advice, and blessed be you, who has guarded me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with my own hand.

34 For in deed, as the LORD, the God of Israel lives, who restrained me from harming you, except you had hurried and come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to **Nabal** by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall / all his male workers would have been dead.

35 So David accepted from her hand what she brought him, and said to her, Go in peace to your house;

see, I have listened to your words, and have accepted your gift.

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³⁶ And Abigail came to **Nabal** / the fool she married; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and the heart of **Nabal** was merry, for he was very drunk: so she told him nothing at all, until the morning light.

³⁷ But it happened in the morning, when the wine was gone from **Nabal**, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, so that he became as a stone.

³⁸ And it happened about ten days later, that the LORD struck **Nabal** / the fool, and he **dropped dead** / which always reminds me of our very good friend, who married a successful guy, but the older he grew, he started drinking and grew pathetically ugly and harmful for the last 3 years; until in his misery he dropped dead; and having dinner with my friend, she got the phone call that he died on April 1st – and for those who don't know: in America, that day is **April Fool's day** – true story.

³⁹ And when David heard that **Nabal** was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my criticism from the hand of **Nabal**, and has kept His servant from doing wrong: for the LORD has returned the wrongdoing of **Nabal** on his own head. And David sent and communicated with Abigail, to take her to be his wife.

⁴⁰ And when the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you, to take you as his wife.

⁴¹ And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the ground, and said, Behold, let your maidservant be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

⁴² And Abigail hurried, and quickly arose and rode on an ass, with her five maidens who attended her; and she went following the messengers of David, and became his wife.

⁴³ David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they both were his wives.

⁴⁴ But Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

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