1 SAMUEL
EXPLAINED: Episode Summary

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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 1 Samuel Well?

DATE: ***1100-1011 BC:*** Samuel's Birth - King David
GENRE: ***Historical:*** From Judges to Kings
AUTHOR: ***Unknown:*** Possibly Samuel, Others
SETTING: ***Israel:*** Jerusalem Becomes Central
PURPOSE: ***Rulership:*** God's Rule in National Israel
AUDIENCE: ***National Israel:*** Generations of Faith

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 1 Samuel Well?

Israel's Transition from Tribes to a Single Nation

- The Cycles are Ending
- Other Nations Have Kings
- Failure Within Priesthood
- Israel's Immorality Increases
- Samuel in Place for Transition

KEY VERSES

And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you."

- 1 Samuel 8:7-8

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in 1 Samuel?

- Barrenness, Conflict & Corruption
- Not Hearing & Heeding God's Voice
- Ark Taken & God's Glory Departs
- Man's Choice vs God's Choice
- Monarchy Established in Israel
- David's Call, Line, City & Covenant
- Saul's Decline & David's Formation

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of 1 Samuel?

CH 1-7: 1. Samuel's Role Exposing Unholy Priesthood
The birth, call and early years of Samuel, the loss and recapture of the ark

CH 8-15: 2. Saul's Reign Expanding Israel's Pride
The people choose a king despite warnings, God rejects Saul as Israel's lasting king

CH 16-31: 3. David's Anointing Expressing God's Heart
David anointed as Israel's true king, Saul threatens and pursues David, God forms David's character



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of 1 Samuel?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-7: 1. SAMUEL'S ROLE EXPOSING UNHOLY PRIESTHOOD

God raises up Samuel as Judge as Eli's house falls and the Philistines take and return the ark

CH 1-3: Samuel's Ministry, Eli's Misery
God chooses to raise up Samuel to speak God's judgment against the unholy priesthood of Eli's house

CH 4-7: The Ark Captured & Recovered
When the Philistines capture the Ark, the glory of God departs from Israel, Samuel brings restoration through repentance

CH 8-15: 2. SAUL'S REIGN EXPANDING ISRAEL'S PRIDE

Israel rejects God as king to be like the nations, and Saul's disobedience costs him the throne

CH 8-12: Saul Becomes King
The people reject God as their king and demand a human king, Saul is anointed as king, despite repeated warnings from God

CH 13-15: Saul Rejected as King
Saul's character flaws are revealed, including a foolish vow and his failure to destroy the Amalekites

CH 16-31: 3. DAVID'S ANOINTING EXPRESSING GOD'S HEART

God prepares His chosen shepherd-king through victory over Goliath, years in exile and Saul's jealous pursuit

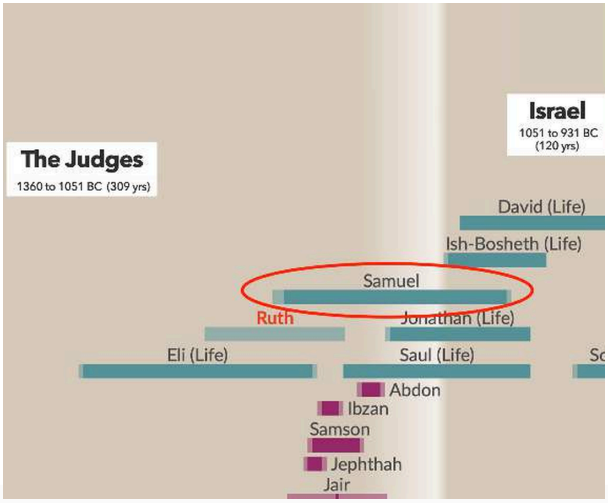
CH 16-18: David's Rise to Prominence
David is anointed as king privately, defeats Goliath, gaining instant national attention and adoration, increased victories and popularity

CH 19-23: Saul's Jealous Rage
Saul pursues David's life, Jonathan shows loyalty to David, God preserves & protects David's life

CH 24-31: David's Exile, Saul's Death
David spares Saul's life, Samuel dies, David allies with Philistines, Saul's tragic ending and death

5. HOW 1 SAMUEL POINTS TO CHRIST

- In the judgment of the corruption of the house of God
- In the triumph of David over Goliath as the One representing the many in victory
- In David crushing the head of Goliath, echoing the promised Seed of Genesis 3:15
- In the anointing of the shepherd King David, described as "a man after God's heart"



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