

# 1 Samuel Reading Plan

July - August 2023

This summer, we will have our daily Bible reading from the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel. 1 Samuel follows the story of three characters: Samuel the Prophet, Saul the first king of Israelites, and David the successor of Saul. As you go through this plan, you will soon notice a pattern of rises and falls, seeing new 'heroes' succeeding the former. This reading plan is structured around the stories of the three main characters: Samuel, Saul and David, with the insert of a few Psalms near the end, bringing us into David's inner life and struggle during his escape. To help you with this reading, below are some pointers on what to look for.

- Pay attention to the pattern of rise and fall for each character.
- What makes a good king or leader?
- Who is God? What does God require of His people? How is God's sovereignty depicted in the story?

## We want a King!

1 Samuel continues the story of Judges. After experiencing an extended period and cycles of oppression and deliverance, the tribes of Israel remained in a spiritually and politically corrupt state - "everyone did what they saw fit" (Judges 21:25). At this point of the story, we as readers are left to wonder what will God do to "fix" this corruption while remaining faithful to the covenant He made with Abraham in Genesis. The book of 1 Samuel then furthers the story by introducing the idea and the rise of the monarchy. While there were already hints for a future establishment of kingship in the book of Deuteronomy (Deut 17) and Judges (Judg 21), we need to remember human kingship was never intended by God. Unlike the other nations, Israel was only to have one King, and that is Yahweh Himself. With this in mind, we now come to the book of 1 Samuel and see how God's work and promise are unfolded through the life of Samuel, Saul and David.

Date	Reading	Read?
<b>1 Samuel: The Rise of Kingship</b>		
<b>The Story of Samuel (1:1-7:17)</b>		
7/1	1 Samuel 1:1-20	
7/2	1 Samuel 1:21-28	
7/3	1 Samuel 2:1-11	
7/4	1 Samuel 2:12-26	
7/5	1 Samuel 2:27-36	
7/6	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a	
7/7	1 Samuel 4:1b-11	
7/8	1 Samuel 4:12-22	
7/9	1 Samuel 5:1-12	
7/10	1 Samuel 6:1-12	
7/11	1 Samuel 6:13-7:2a	
7/12	1 Samuel 7:2b-17	
<b>The Story of Samuel and Saul (8:1-15:35)</b>		
7/13	1 Samuel 8:1-22	
7/14	1 Samuel 9:1-13	
7/15	1 Samuel 9:14-27	
7/16	1 Samuel 10:1-8	
7/17	1 Samuel 10:9-27	
7/18	1 Samuel 11:1-11	
7/19	1 Samuel 11:12-15	
7/20	1 Samuel 12:1-17	
7/21	1 Samuel 12:18-25	
7/22	1 Samuel 13:1-10	
7/23	1 Samuel 13:11-15	
7/24	1 Samuel 13:16-23	
7/25	1 Samuel 14:1-14	
7/26	1 Samuel 14:15-23	
7/27	1 Samuel 14:24-35	
7/28	1 Samuel 14:36-48	
7/29	1 Samuel 14:49-52	
7/30	1 Samuel 15:1-11	
7/31	1 Samuel 15:12-35	

<b>The Story of Saul and David (16:1-31:13)</b>		
8/1	1 Samuel 16:1-13	
8/2	1 Samuel 16:14-23	
8/3	1 Samuel 17:1-31	
8/4	1 Samuel 17:32-58	
8/5	1 Samuel 18:1-16	
8/6	1 Samuel 18:17-30	
8/7	1 Samuel 19:1-13	
8/8	1 Samuel 19:14-24	
8/9	1 Samuel 20:1-23	
8/10	1 Samuel 20:24-42	
8/11	1 Samuel 21:1-9	
8/12	1 Samuel 21:10-15	
8/13	Psalm 34	
8/14	1 Samuel 22:1-5	
8/15	Psalm 57	
8/16	1 Samuel 22:6-23	
8/17	Psalm 52	
8/18	1 Samuel 23:1-6	
8/19	1 Samuel 23:7-29	
8/20	Psalm 54	
8/21	1 Samuel 24:1-22	
8/22	1 Samuel 25:1-19	
8/23	1 Samuel 25:20-44	
8/24	1 Samuel 26:1-12	
8/25	1 Samuel 26:13-25	
8/26	1 Samuel 27:1-12	
8/27	1 Samuel 28:1-25	
8/28	1 Samuel 29:1-11	
8/29	1 Samuel 30:1-10	
8/30	1 Samuel 30:11-31	
8/31	1 Samuel 31:1-13	

## Additional Resources:

- Bible Project: "The Book of 1 Samuel" <https://bit.ly/421819m>