

## Overview of First Samuel

- I. **Samuel: Faithful Leader, Final Judge** (1-8)
  - A. **The Call of Samuel:** Hannah and Eli (1-3)
    1. Hannah Prays for a Son (1)
    2. Hannah's Son, the Wickedness of Eli's Sons (2)
    3. The Lord Speaks to Samuel (3)
  - B. **The Commission of Samuel:** The Ark is Taken and Recovered (4-7)
    1. The Ark is Taken, Eli's Sons are Slain, Eli Dies (4)
    2. God Judges the Philistines for the Ark (5)
    3. The Philistines Send the Ark Back to Israel (6)
    4. Samuel Calls Israel to Repentance, Philistine Oppression is Broken (7)
  - C. **The Concern of Samuel:** Israel Demands a King (8)
- II. **Saul: Failed Leader, First King** (9-15)
  - A. **Saul's Selection** (9-12)
    1. Saul and Samuel Meet (9)
    2. Saul is Anointed King Over Israel (10)
    3. Saul Leads Israel Against the Ammonites (11)
    4. Samuel Intercedes for the People (12)
  - B. **Saul's Rejection** (13-15)
    1. Saul's Hasty Sacrifice (13)
    2. Jonathan's Victory and Saul's Foolish Curse (14)
    3. Saul's Partial Obedience in Defeating the Amalekites (15)
- III. **David: Future Leader, Greatest King** (16-31)
  - A. **David the Shepherd:** Chosen and Anointed (16)
  - B. **David the Giant Killer:** Winning the Hearts of the People (17)
  - C. **David the Friend of Jonathan:** Rejected by Saul
    1. David's Covenant with Jonathan, David Behaves Himself Wisely, Marries Saul's Daughter (18)
    2. Saul's Hatred for David, David Flees (19)
  - D. **David the Fugitive:** Pursued by Saul (20-31)
    1. David and Jonathan Renew Their Covenant (20)
    2. Saul Slays the Priests of Nob (21)
    3. Men Begin to Join Themselves to David (22)
    4. David Eludes Saul at Keilah and the Wilderness of Maon (23)
    5. David Spares Saul's Life at En-Gedi (24)
    6. Samuel Dies, David Encounters Abigail (25)
    7. David Again Spares Saul's Life (26)
    8. David Flees to Achish and Dwells with the Philistines (27)
    9. Saul Enquires of a Woman with a Familiar Spirit (28)
    10. David Dismissed by the Philistine Princes (29)
    11. Ziklag Spoiled, David Recovers All (30)
    12. Saul and His Sons Slain in Battle (31)