

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(1 Samuel)

I. General Introduction to 1 Samuel

-Title: first half of 'Samuel' (Hebrew Bible); '1 Kingdoms' (LXX); '1 Kings' (Early Latin Vulgate); '1 Samuel' (Later Latin Vulgate)

-Author/Date: compiled sometime between 931 BC (1 Sam. 27:6) and 722 BC from the accounts of Samuel, Nathan, and Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29)

-Theme/Purpose: describe the transition of the nation from the theocracy to the monarchy

-Structure:

- I. Samuel the Prophet (chs. 1-7)
- II. Saul, the First King (chs. 8-15)
- III. David, the Greatest King (chs. 16-31)

II. General Overview of 1 Samuel

III. Christ in 1 Samuel

-In the Prophecy of 1 Samuel 2:35

-In the Institution of the Monarchy

-In the Person of David (Ps. 22; Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16)

IV. Prominent Themes and Practical Lessons in 1 Samuel

1) Prayer (1:10-18, 27-2:10; 7:5, 9; 8:6; 12:23)

2) The Sovereignty of God (Hannah's conception; 2:25; 3:18; institution of the monarchy; 16:14-16; 18:10; 19:9)

3) Ethics in Connection with the Sanctity of Truth (16:1-3; 19:13, 14; 20:28, 29; 21:1-9 and 22:1-23 with Jesus' citation of the incident; 21:10-25)

4) Godly Friendship (chs. 18-20; 23:16-18)

5) Family Life (Hannah; Eli; Abigail and Nabal; Saul and Jonathan)

6) The Importance of Honoring the Lord (Eli and his Sons; Samuel; the sin of Israel in asking for a king; Saul; David)

7) Our Need of a Savior