



Sermon Notes—AM  
*Is God a Genocidal Maniac?*  
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1 Samuel 15:1–33  
Studies in 1 Samuel #15

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*As we come to chapter 15, we pause to reflect on the harsh reality of this passage. With militant atheism constantly bombarding the Christian faith concerning the Old Testament and God's character displayed in it, we need to understand what is going on when God commands his people to "devote to destruction" their enemies.*

## **A Word About Defending God**

## **A Witness to God's Justice**

## **A Warning to the World**

## **A Way to Respond**

### **The Big Picture of 1 Samuel**

*"The overall story of the Bible is how God worked out a plan to save the human race from sin and death. In the OT, this plan was nearly identical with the national history of God's chosen nation of Israel. First Samuel recounts the history of Israel at a very crucial stage of its existence. The crucial development in the nation was its unwillingness to have God as its only king. As we observe this phase of Israelite history, we are led to ponder what kind of rule we need and to conclude that only the eventual Son of David, Christ, is sufficient." —The Literary Study Bible, ESV*

*Theme:* The Lord continues his covenant of grace by transitioning his people from judges to a King, who would represent his people against all enemies and give them rest.

*Outline:*

Samuel (ch. 1–7)

Saul (ch. 8–15)

David (ch. 16–31)