



1-2 Samuel

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Lesson 1

1 Samuel 1:1–28; 2:12–21; 3:1–21

1. Why were the priests of the Lord in Shiloh (1:3, 7, 9)?
2. Describe the faith of Elkanah and Hannah (from the readings).
3. What rivalry is spoken of in 1:6? Was this a departure from God's ways?
4. Of what benefit was prayer to Hannah (1:12–18)?
5. When Hannah brought Samuel to Eli, what else did she bring? Why?
6. How did Eli's sons despise the offering of the Lord (2:12–17)?
7. How did God bless Hannah for dedicating Samuel (2:20–21)?
8. What was rare in the days when Samuel was a youth (3:1)? Why is this important when Samuel will become a prophet?
9. Why was God's judgment going to be brought on Eli's house (3:13; 2:23–25, 29)?
10. How was Samuel confirmed as a prophet of God (3:19–20)?
11. Why is the statement in 3:21 important - *"and the Lord appeared again at Shiloh"*?

1. How do we know David was a prophet (23:1–2)?
2. What confidence does David assert about his house (family)? Where did he get this confidence (23:5)?
3. What was David's instruction to Joab (24:1–2)?
 - A. How long did this take?
 - B. How many men were there?
4. Because David's heart (conscience) was troubled what does he do (24:10)?
 - A. How does God respond (24:11)?
 - B. What punishment did David select (24:12–14)?
 - C. How painful to select your own punishment (24:12–14). Discuss how we do select our punishment as the consequences for the sin we choose to commit.
5. How many died (24:15)?
6. What did David say after seeing the angel (24:17)?
7. What is David told to do (24:18–25)?
 - A. What did David insist on doing, and why (24:21–24)?
 - B. What should be our attitude about service and sacrifice to God? Try to list two or three ways which "cost" us something (24:24).

REVIEW

8. Who are the main characters in the books of 1–2 Samuel? (Who is this about?)
9. Name some specific things recorded about God's people in these books that were sinful.
10. Name some specific things about God's people in these books that demonstrate their faith.

1. Why did the people think the Lord defeated them (or allowed them to be defeated) (4:1–5)?
2. What reputation did Jehovah have with the Philistines (4:6–9)?
3. How did Eli die (4:10–18)?
4. What was the result of the Philistines setting the Ark of Jehovah next to their idol Dagon (5:1–5)?
5. How did God afflict the Philistines? What became the reputation of having the Ark in your city (5:6–10)?
6. How long did the Philistines keep the Ark in their country (6:1)?
7. Does 6:2 refer to the priests of Jehovah or of the idols?
8. What items were included in the return of the Ark as a guilt offering (6:3–9)?
9. What did God strike down some of the men from Beth-shemesh (6:19–21)?

Lesson 3

1 Samuel 8:1–10,19; 9:1–2, 17; 10:1, 17–27

1. What was wrong with the people desiring a king like the other nations (8:4-9; 19–22)?
2. How was Saul different from other Israelites (9:1–2)?
3. Who annointed Saul as king (10:10)?
4. What message did Samuel preach to the people (10:18–19)?
5. Where was Saul? How did they find him (10:20–23)?
6. What did the people shout when Saul was presented (10:24)?
7. Who now accompanied the new king (10:26)? What was their purpose?
8. Why might some of the people been unhappy with the choice of Saul (10:27)?
9. Who is our king (Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 17:14)? What does that mean for our lives (Matthew 7:21–23)?

2 Samuel 18–19:14; 21:15–22**Lesson 12**

1. Where was David in the battle against Absolom (18:1–5)? Why?
2. Where did the battle take place, and how many died (18:6–8)?
3. How did Absolom die (18:9–15)?
4. Who was Ahimaaz that he insisted on running with news to David (18:29–23)?
5. What good news did each of the runners bring to David (18:24–33)?
6. What does Joab tell David (19:1–7)?
7. What can we learn about a father’s love for his child from David?
8. What was the state of the nation as David asserted himself as King (19:8–14)?
9. The writer of 2 Samuel looks backward in time beginning in 21:15 to the days of battle against the Philistines (recorded in 2 Sam. 5 and 8). A military role of honor is given of some whose valor in battle is outstanding.
 - A. Who killed Ishbi-benob, and why was this important (21:15–17)?
 - B. Who killed Saph, and why was this significant (21:18)?
 - C. Who did Elhanan kill (21:19)?
 - D. Who killed the 6 fingered giant (21:20–22)?
 - E. Why are these four events recorded for us?

1. How did Absalom steal away the hearts of the men of Israel (15:1–6)?
2. How did Absalom plan to declare himself King (15:7–12)?
3. Why did David flee Jerusalem (15:13–18)? Who went with him?
4. Why did David want Ittai to remain in Jerusalem, and what was Ittai's response (15:19–23)?
5. Why didn't David take the Ark of the Covenant (15:24–29)?
6. Why was there so much weeping and mourning surrounding David (15:30–31)?
7. What role did Hushai agree to take for David (15:32–37)?
8. What does Ziba say is the attitude of Mephibosheth regarding David's leaving (16:1–4)? Why might we find this surprising?
9. Why was Shimei allowed to live though he cursed the King (16:5–14)? What do we learn about David's attitude toward God?
10. How did Hushai convince Absalom he could be trusted (16:15–19)?

1. What was the great wickedness the people committed (12:12–17)?
2. How did Samuel prove his point (12:17–18)?
3. Why did God not destroy the Israelites for their sin in asking for a King (12:19–22)?
4. What kind of things should we consider which would make us desire to serve God in truth with all our heart (12:24)?
5. What instructions did God give Saul regarding the Amalekites (15:1–3)?
6. Who were spared by Saul and why (15:6)?
7. What did Saul and the Israelites destroy and what was kept alive (15:8–9)?
8. What was Saul's attitude and understanding about his actions (15:13–21)?
9. What excuses did Saul make for his own sin (15:21–24)?
10. Why did God not delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices (15:22) when this is what He commanded? (see also Isaiah 1:11–15.)
11. What truth was stated when Saul tore the edge of Samuel's robe (15:27–29)?
12. Do you see anything wrong with Saul worshipping God in 15:31?
13. What is that attitude of Samuel and God toward Saul (15:35)?

1. What happened when David was anointed by Samuel (16:13–14)?
2. What role did David fulfill that brought him into the King's presence (16:16–23)?
3. Describe Goliath (17:1–7).
4. What was the effect of Goliath's taunts:
 - A. On Saul and Israel (17:11, 24)
 - B. On David (17:26, 32)
 - C. How long had this been going on (17:16)?
5. Describe the discussion between two brothers (17:28–30). Why was there animosity toward David?
6. What evidence does David present to Saul to prove his ability to go out against Goliath (17:31–37)?
7. Why did David reject Saul's armor (17:38–39)?
8. What did David choose to arm himself with (17:40)?
9. How did David say he would defeat Goliath (17:41–47)?
10. What was David's attitude about this fight (17:48)? Why was he confident?
11. How was Goliath killed (17:49–51)?
12. What became of the Philistine army (17:52–54)?
13. What became Saul's attitude toward David (17:55–58)?

1. What was David's sin before he committed adultery with Bathsheeba (11:1–4)?
2. What was David's response upon learning of her pregnancy (11:5–13)?
 - A. Describe how David attempted to hide his sin.
 - B. How did Uriah have a better attitude than David?
3. How did Uriah die (11:14–17)?
4. How many deaths covered for David's sin (11:17)? How did they die (11:19–24)?
5. Joab knew of David's treachery against Uriah. What message did David send back to Joab (11:25)?
6. How did David ultimately take care of Bathsheeba's pregnancy (11:26–27)?
7. In the story told by the prophet Nathan (12:1–4), what was wrong with the actions of the rich man?
8. What did Nathan mean when he told David "*You are the man!*" (12:7)?
9. What was David's judgment upon himself (12:5–6)?
10. What was God's judgment upon David (12:7–14)?
11. Though told the child would die, what did David do (12:15–18)? Why?
12. Why did David's attitude change after the child died (12:19–23)?
13. What does David mean "*I will go to him*" (12:23)?

1. To whom did David show kindness (9:1–8)?
 - A. What kindness did David show him?
 - B. Why was this kindness shown?
2. What became Ziba's position (9:9–13)?
3. Who was king of the Ammonites that showed a kindness to David (10:2)?
4. How were David's envoys perceived by the Ammonites (10:3)?
5. How did Hanun humiliate the servants of David (10:4–5)?
6. How did the Ammonites prepare for war (10:6–8)?
7. Describe the battle plan of Joab against the Ammonites and Arameans (10:9–13).
8. How did the battle go (10:14)?
9. How did the Arameans become the servants of David (10:15–19)?
10. What evidence (from this and other portions of 1–2 Samuel) demonstrate David was a man of war, and truly a warrior king?
11. Why was David not allowed to build the Temple (1 Chronicles 22:6–8)?

1. What position was David given after defeating Goliath (18:1–5)?
2. What saying displeased Saul (18:6–9)?
3. What became Saul's attitude toward David? Why? (18:10–13)
4. What did the people think of David (18:14–16)?
5. Explain the covenant between Jonathan and David (20:1–17). What does this reveal of Jonathan's attitude about the throne?
6. Describe the disagreement between Jonathan and his father (20:30–34). Who had the righteous attitude?
7. How did the priests supposedly conspire against Saul (22:9–13)?
8. What command did Saul's personal guards refuse to obey (22:14–17)?
9. What did Doeg do (22:18–19)?
10. What did Saul seem to think about God and God's servants?

Lesson 7

1 Samuel 24:1–22; 31:1–6;
2 Samuel 2:1–11; 3:6–13

1. Why was Saul seeking David (1 Sam. 24:1–2; 23:15)?
2. Why was David unwilling to kill Saul (1 Sam. 24:3–7)?
3. Why did Saul weep (1 Sam. 24:8–16)?
4. What does Saul finally admit (1 Sam. 24:17–20)?
5. What was Saul's concern about David's taking the throne (1 Sam. 24:21)?
6. How did Saul die (1 Sam. 31:1–6)?
7. Why did David go up to Hebron (2 Sam. 2:1–3)?
8. What did David become king of (2 Sam. 2:4)?
9. Who was Abner, and what did he do after Saul's death (2 Sam. 2:8–11)?
10. What happened between the house of Saul and the house of David (2 Sam. 3:1)?
11. What became of Abner (2 Sam. 3:6–13)?

2 Samuel 5:1–12; 6:1–19; 7:1–17

Lesson 8

1. When had God told David (5:2)?
2. What did David become King of (5:3)?
3. How long did David reign as king (5:4–5)?
4. Who were the Jebusites (5:6)?
5. How did David capture the "stronghold of Zion" and what did he make of it (5:6–10)? Where is this located?
6. What was the name of the ark of the covenant (6:1–2)?
7. What was wrong with the way the ark was transported (6:3–5)?
8. Why was Uzzah struck down by God (6:7)? Was Uzzah doing a good thing?
9. How was the ark transported the second time (6:12–13)?
10. List three ways we can be like Uzzah thinking we are doing something good but fail to obey God.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
11. What did David plan to build (7:1–7)?
12. What does God think about this (7:5–7, 12–13)?
13. What promises are made by God to David (7:9–17)?