

# Bible Survey

## Lesson 6 – 1 and 2 Samuel

### 1 Samuel

#### 1. The Summary

1 Samuel begins with the birth of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1100 BC and concludes with the death of Saul in 1010 BC.

Chapters 1-8 cover the life and ministry of Samuel. Chapters 1-3 record the circumstances surrounding his birth and call. Chapters 4-8 record Israel's history during the time of Samuel's judgeship. When Samuel was about 25 years old Israel carried the Ark into battle and the Philistines captured it. Hophni and Phinehas died in this battle and Eli died when he heard that the Ark had been captured (ch. 4). The Philistines returned the Ark because God's hand was against them with a great destruction while the Ark was in their possession. For the next \_\_\_\_\_ years Samuel led Israel to a spiritual revival. They put away their foreign gods and served Jehovah only (7:4). As a result, God gave them victory over the \_\_\_\_\_ at the battle of Mizpah (7:13). After this battle, however, the Israelites insisted on having a \_\_\_\_\_ that they might be like the other nations.

Chapters 9-15 record the anointing and rejection of Saul as Israel's first king. God gave them a king as a result of their rebellious insistence. Out of His grace, He even chose the king. \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen from the tribe of Benjamin and the people were pleased (10:24). As a result of Saul's sin in entering into the duties of the priesthood (13:9,10) and his sin in failing to utterly destroy the Amalekites (15:1-8), God removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from Saul's family and began to raise up a new king.

Chapters 16-31 detail the anointing of \_\_\_\_\_ to be king and his exile and persecution. Saul becomes very jealous of David's popularity and seeks to kill him. Although David is anointed at the

age of 15 he does not actually begin to reign as king until 15 years later, after \_\_\_\_\_ death (ch. 13).

## 2. The Author

Unknown

Jewish tradition held that \_\_\_\_\_ was the author. But in the Hebrew Bible 1 and 2 Samuel formed just one book called *Samuel* and since Samuel's death is recorded in chapter 25 of 1 Samuel, it doesn't seem likely that he is the author.

## 3. The Date

1 Samuel covers the period from the birth of \_\_\_\_\_ to the death of \_\_\_\_\_ (1100 – 1010 BC).

## 4. The Theme

Saul, The First King of Israel

## 5. The Key Verses

8:19,20 (8:5, 9, 18, 19; 10:19, 24; 11:15; 12:13, 17)

## 6. The Outline

- I. Samuel 1-8
- II. Saul 9-15
- III. David 16-31

## 7. The Highlights

# SAUL, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

# 1 SAMUEL

|  |  |                   |    |
|--|--|-------------------|----|
| 1                                      | 8 9                                    | 15 16             | 31 |
| SAMUEL                                 |  | DAVID             |    |
| 1                                      | Samuel                                 |                   | 19 |
| 1                                      | Birth <sup>3</sup> & Call <sup>4</sup> | Judgeship         | 19 |
|  |  | Later Ministries  |    |
|  |  | Saul              |    |
| 9                                      | 15 16                                  | 31                |    |
| Reign                                  |  | Decline and Death |    |
|  |  | 16                | 31 |
|  |  | David             |    |
| 16                                     | 20 21                                  | 31                |    |
| Anointed                               |  | Exiled            |    |
| Covers about 90 years (1100 - 1010 BC) |  |                   |    |

## 2 Samuel

### 1. The Summary

2 Samuel begins with the death of \_\_\_\_\_ and closes with some significant events at the end of David's reign over Israel. The book covers about 40 years (a little less). David was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age in 1010 BC when the book begins. He reigned for \_\_\_\_\_ years and is still on the throne when the book ends.

The first 10 chapters record \_\_\_\_\_. Saul dies in chapter 1. Finally, it is time for David to take the throne. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ years since Samuel anointed him (1 Samuel 16:13). But there are still complications. Abner, Saul's military commander, appoints Ish-bosheth, one of Saul's sons, king (2 Samuel 2:10). Only the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes David as their king. It will be another 7 ½ years until David is king over all of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-5). David makes Jerusalem the capital (ch. 5) and he moves the Ark there (ch. 6). In chapter 7 God makes a covenant with David – the \_\_\_\_\_. This covenant establishes a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ to be in David's name forever (7:12-16). This is important because it answers questions such as:

1. Will there be a literal kingdom?
2. Will Israel be regathered?

Chapters 8-10 record David's victories.

David's \_\_\_\_\_ with Bathsheba is recorded in chapters 11 and 12.

Most of the rest of the book is the story of the consequences of this sin. We call it David's \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Amnon violates Tamar – 13
2. Absalom kills Amnon – 13
3. Absalom rebels against David – 15
4. Shemei curses David – 16
5. Absalom pursues David – 17
6. David mourns – 19
7. Sheba's revolt – 20

David's \_\_\_\_\_ are recorded in chapters 21-24. The final chapter tells us about David's sin and God's judgment for numbering the people.

## 2. The Date

2 Samuel covers the reign of David (40 years). Though 2 Samuel does not record the death of David, there is a statement of the total duration of David's reign in 5:5. Since 1 and 2 Samuel were originally one book this is probably an indication that it was written just after the reign of David.

## 3. The Theme

David, the Second King of Israel

## 4. The Key Verses

5:1-5

## 5. The Outline

- I. David's Triumphs 1-10
- II. David's Sin 11-12
- III. David's Troubles 13-20
- IV. David's Last Words and Acts 21-24

## 6. The Highlights

# 2 SAMUEL DAVID, SECOND KING OF ISRAEL

|                                       |          |          |   |                               |    |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|---|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1                                     | 10<br>11 | 12<br>13 | David's<br>Troubles                       | 20<br>21                      | 24 | David's<br>Last<br>Words<br>And Acts |
| David's<br>Triumphs                   |          |          | David's Sin                               |                               |    |                                      |
| 1                                     | 4<br>5   | 14<br>15 | Reign Over All                            | 18<br>19                      | 24 | Restored to<br>Kingdom               |
| Reign<br>Over<br>Judah                |          |          | Flees<br>Absalom                          |                               |    |                                      |
| Covers about 40 years (1010 - 970 BC) |          |          |   |                               |    |                                      |
|                                       |          |          | Absalom rebels - 15                       | David mourns - 19             |    |                                      |
|                                       |          |          | David forgives<br>Absalom - 14            | Absalom pursues<br>David - 17 |    |                                      |
|                                       |          |          | Absalom kills Amnon<br>Amnon & Tamar - 13 | Shimei curses<br>David - 16   |    |                                      |
|                                       |          |          | Sheba's revolt - 20                       |                               |    |                                      |