

SAMUEL: David's Mentor

study #1



THE LIFE OF DAVID: Cultivating a Heart for God

Samuel was the link between the age of the judges and the age of the kings. His name became the title for the books that chronicle the “golden age” of Israel - the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon. He was the last judge, the first of the prophets and the one who anointed the first kings of Israel. He was God’s spokesman during an unstable time in Israel’s history.

How did Samuel impact David’s life? What was it like for David to grow up in the shadow of this man? What changes took place in Israel during this period? All of these questions can be answered by taking a closer look at this pivotal Old Testament figure.



“**Samuel**” appears 122 times in the Bible. What does “*Samuel*” mean? Look him up in a Bible dictionary.


Samuel is mentioned three times in the New Testament. How is he described in each of the following verses?


 Acts 3:23


 Acts 13:20

 Hebrews 11:32

In the following chapters, discover what we know about him by noting the episodes in his life. Do this by summarizing the major events in each of the chapters.

 Chapter 1
What kind of man was Eli (Samuel’s mentor)?

 Chapter 2
What does verse 2:26 remind you of in the life of Jesus? What is the corresponding verse?

 Chapter 3
What was significant about Shiloh in Samuel’s day? (see a Bible dictionary)



Chapter 7

What does Samuel do in 7:12?

What has been an “Ebenezer” - a memorial to God’s help - in your life?



Chapter 8

How do you think God felt about Israel’s request?



Chapter 9

If you were to cast a modern-day movie actor as Saul, who would it be?



Chapter 10

What adjectives would you use to describe Saul’s inauguration?



Chapter 12

Compare Samuel’s speech to Moses’ in Deuteronomy 30.



Chapter 13

What does Samuel reveal in verse 14?



Chapter 15

What is Saul’s second big mistake?



Chapter 16

What is the contrast in verse 7 between David & Saul?



Chapter 19

What do you think David learned from this brief visit?



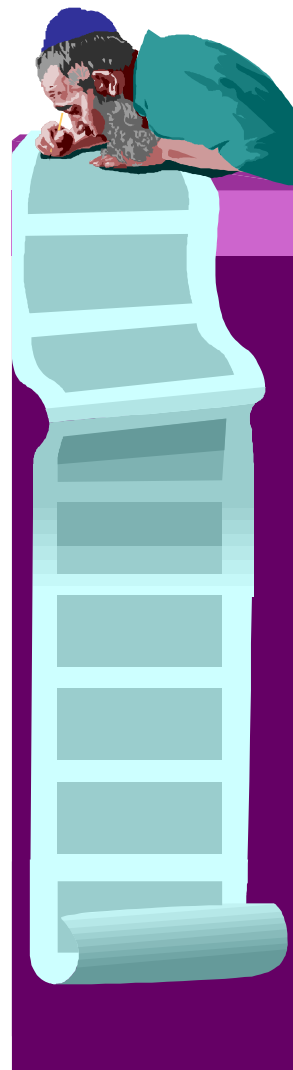
Chapter 25

Find “Ramah” on a map.



Chapter 28

What’s going on here!?



SAMUEL'S IMPACT ON DAVID'S LIFE

How often did David actually see Samuel?

What effect do you think Samuel had on David?



LIFE RESPONSE: What Does it Mean to Me?

- ◆ What characteristics do you see in Samuel that you'd like to see in yourself?

- ◆ Who has been a mentor in your life? (your father, another relative, a teacher, coach, employer, etc?)

- ◆ What did they teach you?

- ◆ Do you have one now?

- ◆ Are you someone else's mentor now?

