

# An Old Testament Glance

## The History Books – 1 Samuel, Part 1

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*After Judge Samson dies in Judges 16:30, we see the rotten condition of Israel.*

*A rich man named Micah has a personal idol made; he creates a religious cult and hires a Levite priest to bless it. He figures God will bless whatever he does. (Judges 17:13).*

*Men from the tribe of Dan steal this religious business and the idol, and kidnap the Levite priest.*

1. What town did the Levite priest end up in? (Judges 19:1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Levite priests could marry but not to prostitutes or deviant women. This was the vow they made with God so as to not be polluted by the world & retrain a holy life.*

2. What did this Levite priest do to show how wretched the religious leaders were in the Israel religious system? (Judges 19:2)

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*The Levite's lady friend ran back home to her daddy; the Levite went after her. He got drunk with the father, takes the lady friend & hits the road back home.*

*However, he left late in the day & cannot find a place to stay for the night. An old man finally takes them in (Judges 19:16-21).*

3. Some local men surround the house. What do they want? (Judges 19:22)

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*As you can see, the sexual values are in the toilet: find a prostitute & run off with her; surround a house & want to rape a man inside. This is disgusting!! The old man saves the Levite by giving the men his own daughter; the Levite gave them his prostitute. **THEY RAPED THEM ALL NIGHT & CUT THEIR BODIES INTO PIECES.** (Judges 19:22-30)*

4. What person are we introduced to right away in 1 Samuel 1? \_\_\_\_\_

*We meet his father (1 Samuel 1:1); his mother (1:5); and him (1:20). Obviously, Samuel is the driving force in Israel. You would think that the High Priest, Eli, would have been more visible during the rotten days of the Judges, but he wasn't.*

5. Describe Eli, the High Priest's family. (1 Sam 2:12-17)

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6. Describe the teenage boy, Samuel. (I Samuel 2:18-21, 26).

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7. What message did Samuel have to relay from God to Eli the Priest. (1 Samuel 3:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

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*It appears that God has had enough of the evil ways of Israel. You can see God turning the corner & taking Israel along.*

8. The Judges did their duty. Did the nation of Israel turn to the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

*If you said "yes", you would be right but it didn't last long. Remember how the book of Judges ended (Judges 21:25)?*

9. Write out the verse again. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Did you notice the phrase, "In those days there was no king in Israel"?*

10. What phrase appears in each of these verses?

Judges 17:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 18:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 19:1 \_\_\_\_\_

*Check out all these verse: (1 Samuel 3:10,12; 4:2; 9:6; 11:13,17,19,25)*

11. What did all the nations that surrounded them have?

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12. So, what did the people of Israel want? (1 Samuel 8:5)

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*So, now we know the subject of the book of 1 Samuel: Stayed tuned for part 2.*

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*Point #1: WE WANT A KING LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE (Says Israel).*

*Point #2: OK, YOU ARE GOING TO GET A KING!!! (Says God).*

13. What three reasons did they give for wanting a king? (1 Samuel 8:4-5)
- a. You are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Your sons do not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Make us a king to \_\_\_\_\_ us like all the other \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Basically, what were the people of Israel saying? (1 Samuel 8:7)

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*Samuel prayed about it & God told him to give them what they want – a king. He explained what having a king would be like – it will not always be pleasant. "Are you sure you want this? Your children will have to serve; you will be taxed; you will have to serve; you will have to support the king's staff; God will not intervene nor respond to you. You are stuck with this king.*

15. How did they respond to this speech? (1 Samuel 8:19)

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*Oh, brother!! Look at what they want this king to do for them? (1 Samuel 8:20)*

16. List the reasons.
- a. That we may be \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. That our king may \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - c. That he will go out \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. That he will \_\_\_\_\_

Ok, sit down. Here comes the king that they wanted!!

You fill in the consequences of King Saul's stupid actions.

<b>1 Samuel</b>	<b>Saul's Sinful Choices</b>	<b>Sad Consequences</b>
13:5-23	He did the role of the priest	
14:1-52	He made a foolish oath or promise	
15:1-9	He did not completely destroy Agag	
18:10-16	He personally tried to kill David	
19:1-7	He ordered the murder of David	
19:8-10	He again tried to kill David	
19:11-24	He continued to chase David	
20:1-42	He assigned his son to kill David	
22:6-23	He ordered the murder of priests	
28:7-25	He visited a witch for wisdom	
31:4	He committed suicide	

*Needless to say, God regretted making Saul king of Israel (1 Samuel 15:11). The prophet of God, Samuel, even stopped seeing King Saul (1 Samuel 15:34).*

*God told Samuel to stop being obsessed with King Saul's failure & eventual destruction.*

17. Then, what did God tell Samuel? (1 Samuel 16:1)

18. What very sad thing happened to King Saul? (1 Samuel 16:14)

19. What very good thing happened to David? (1 Samuel 15:13)

*From this point on, David was rising to authority & success; Saul was dying a slow death as king. Saul had a demonic spirit of depression & hopelessness.*

20. What was the only way that King Saul could temporarily get rid of the distressing spirit? (1 Samuel 16:23)

*The rest of 1 Samuel is the decline of King Saul's reign. He spent all of his time chasing David around the country- yes, to kill him.*

*So, in summary:*

*1 Samuel is about the rise & fall of the reign of King Saul.*

*2 Samuel is about the rise & fall of the reign of King David.*