

SAMUEL AND SAUL: The first Prophet and first King of Israel

1 Samuel Chapters 4 to 16

- **Israel battles against God's enemies.**
- **The Ark of God stolen and quickly returned.**
- **Samuel prays to save Israel from the Philistines.**

- **God permits Israel to have their own king.**
- **King Saul wins a battle but loses God's blessing.**
- **God tells Samuel to anoint David as king.**

THIS BOOK... THIS BOOK covers the period in Israel from the death of Eli the Priest up to the anointing of David as king in place of King Saul. It describes the events of the people of Israel over 3000 years ago during the constant attacks by surrounding heathen tribes. It shows how God blesses and protects and guides those who obey Him and put their trust in Him. He also allows punishment and persecution to happen to those who do not obey. Samuel was Israel's first prophet and Saul was their first king. The Bible still teaches us today to be obedient and to wait on God for His salvation. This was promised to Abraham's family and to the rest of the world through Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah. We learn about the importance of Ruth, Hannah and the town of Bethlehem in the life of Samuel, Saul, David and their coming Messiah.

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