

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE



1st Samuel

How to get the most from this series

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Read the book being covered.

Write down your thoughts and questions.

Share with another person

Obey what you learn.

Contrasts between Testaments

Old Testament

New Testament

- Intercessors: prophets, judges, patriarch, & kings
- National / Tribal identity

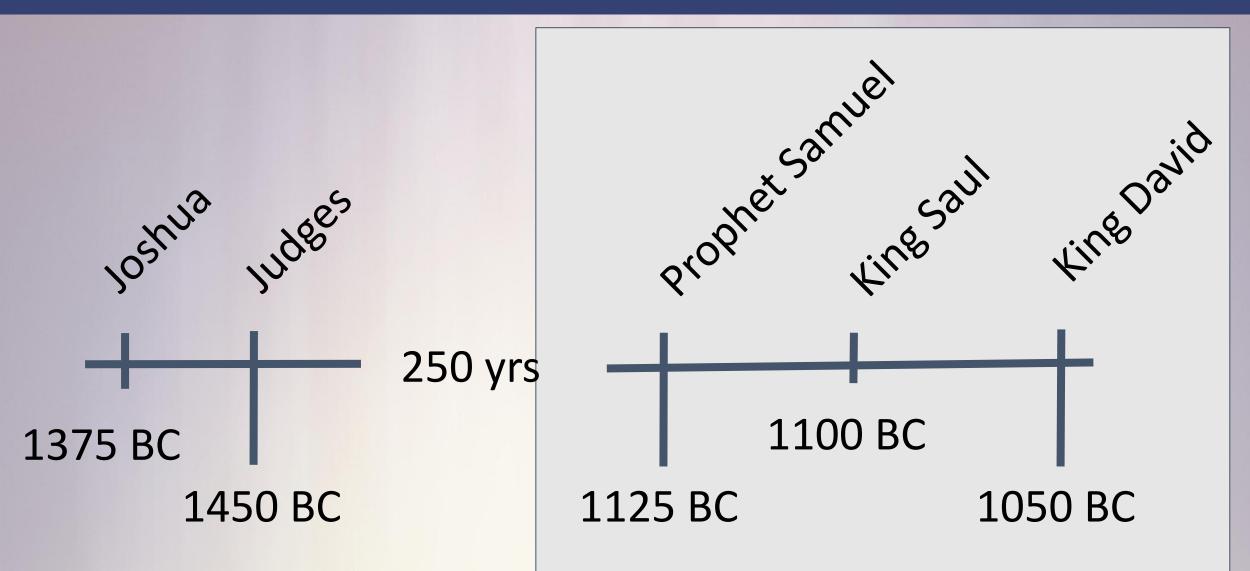
- Direct Relationship through Christ.
- Spiritual identity that supersedes boundaries.

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Revelation of Law

Revelation of Grace

1 Samuel - dates for context



Structure of the Book of 1st Samuel

Ministry of Samuel: chapters 1-8

Reign of Saul: chapters 9-15

Rise of David: chapters 15-21

David in the Wilderness: chapters 22-27

The Painful Finale: chapters 28-31

Ministry of Samuel: chapters 1-8

- The call of Samuel
- Defeat of Israel by Philistines
- Misuse of the Ark
- Period of stability
- Israel asks for a king

Notable Characters in Samuel's Life

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Hannah - cast her burden upon the Lord

Phineas - negligence of his responsibilities

Saul - disappointment and dangerous

Reign of Saul: chapters 9-15

- Samuel anoints Saul and warns Israel.
- Saul's military successes (Ammonites, Philistines, Canaanites)
- Saul's failures: insecurity, impatience, foolish oaths, greed regarding Amalek
- The Lord rejects Saul (1 Sam. 15:11)

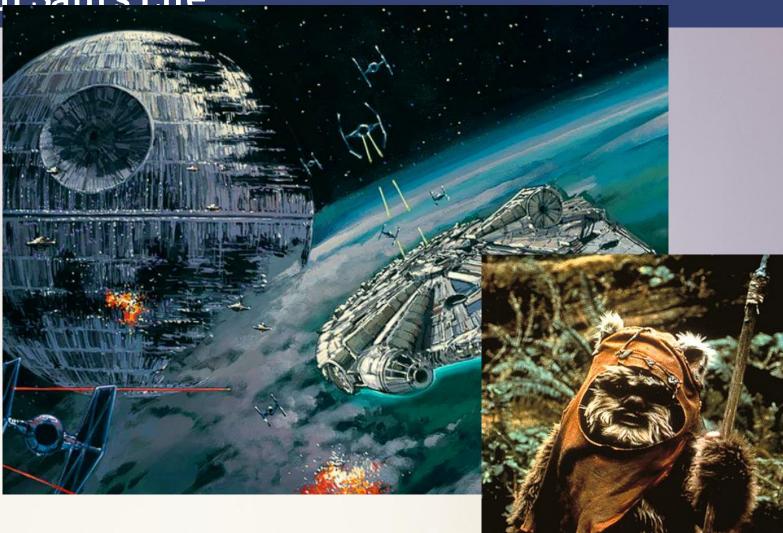
Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command." Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the Lord all night.

Notable Characters in Saul's Life

Jonathan

David

Witch of Endor



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Jonathan - Saul accused his son of disloyalty

David - Saul needed David, but came to hate him

Witch of Endor - Saul's desperation caused him to sink to depravity.

The Rise of David: chapters 15 - 21



- Samuel anoints David
- David Serves Saul
- David defeats Goliath through faith
- Saul takes David into service (1 Samuel 18:6-8)

1 Samuel 18:6-8

"When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. This was their song:

"Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" This made Saul very angry.

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- Saul takes David into service
- Saul displays suspicion and dread regarding David

The Rise of David: chapters 15 - 21

- Saul tries to kill David
- Saul kills priests who help David (1 Samuel 22:16-18)

"You will surely die, Ahimelech, along with your entire family!" the king shouted. And he ordered his bodyguards, "Kill these priests of the Lord, for they are allies and conspirators with David! They knew he was running away from me, but they didn't tell me!" But Saul's men refused to kill the Lord's priests. Then the king said to Doeg, "You do it."

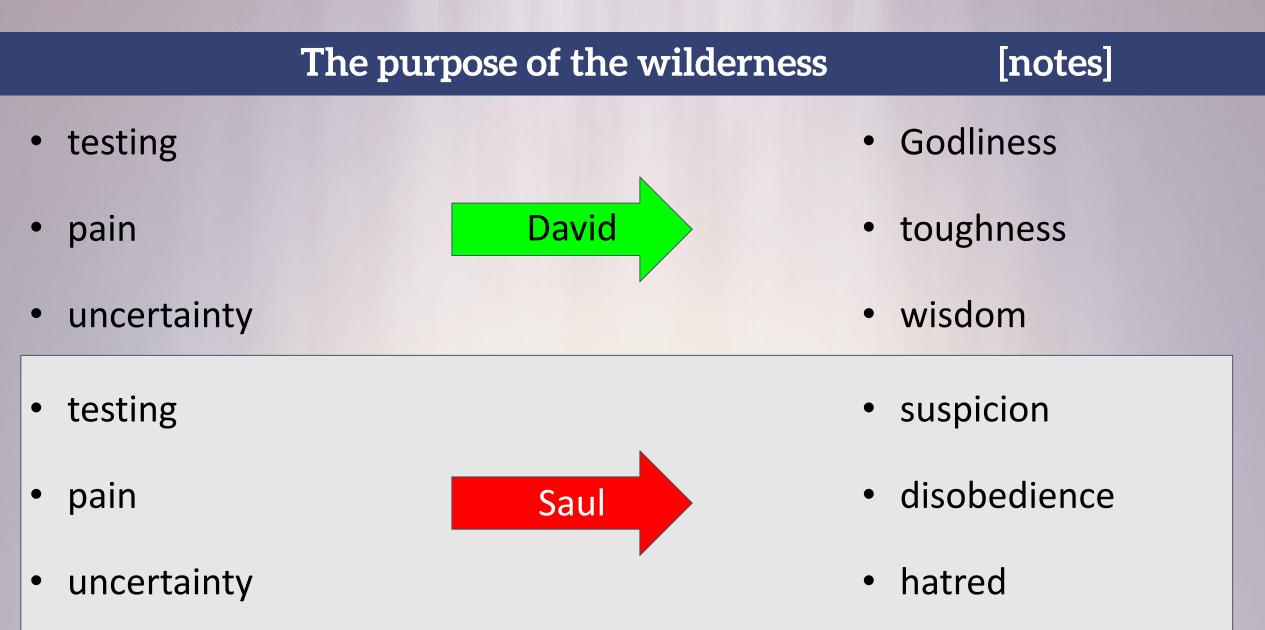
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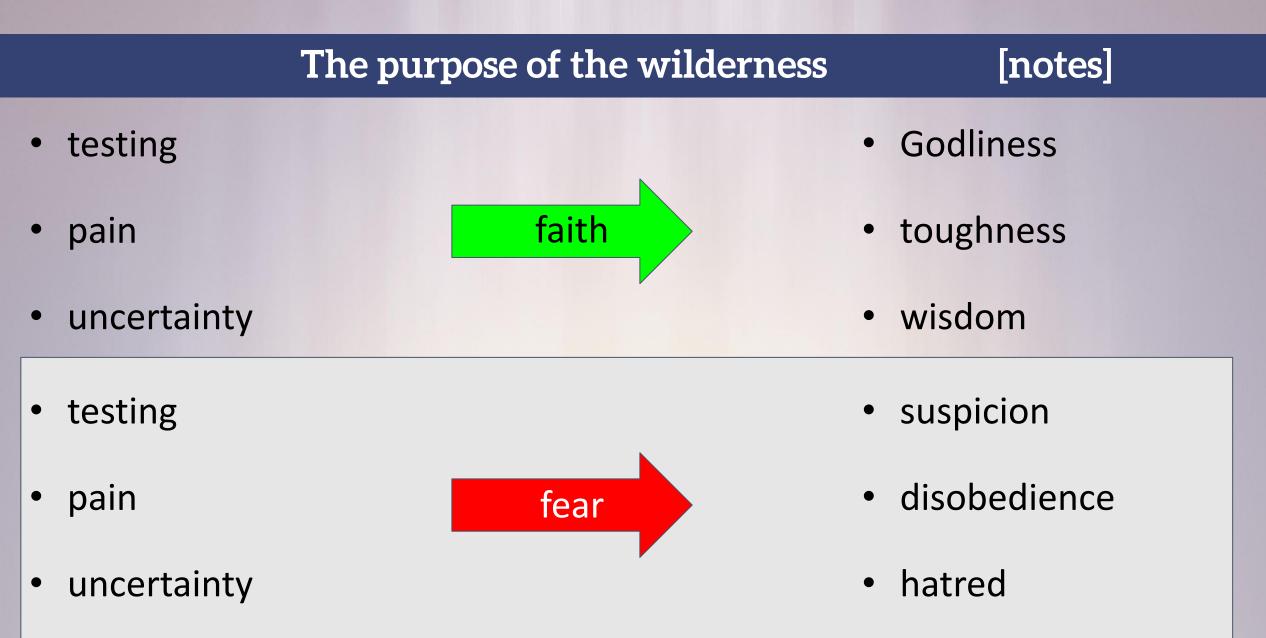


- Saul tries to kill David
- Saul kills those who help David (1 Samuel 22:16-18)
- David spares Saul
- David's flees to the wilderness

David in the Wilderness: chapters 22-27

- David attracts followers
- David spares Nabal, marries Abigail
- Samuel dies
- David spares Saul again
- David allies with the Philistines (Achish of Gath)





The Painful Finale: chapters 28-31

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- Saul cut off from God and consults witch
- Saul receives prophecy of death from Samuel
- David dismissed from Philistine army.
- David avenges Ziklag.
- Death of Saul and his sons.

Goliath - the proof of David's heart, not a test of faith

Jonathan - David had a deep and effective friendship

Abigail - David displayed humility and listened to Abigail's wisdom and appeal for mercy

Exercise - David's Early life

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1 - Saul disobeys

2 - David serves Saul

3 - David Annointed

4 - David kills Goliath

5 - Saul's jealousy

6 - David in wilderness

7 - Samuel's Death

8 - Saul's Death

- Hannah's Prayer of thanksgiving, 1 Samuel 2:1-10 "My heart exults in the Lord..."
- Samuel judge, prophet, priest, 1 Samuel 2:35
 "I will raise up a faithful priest..."
- David's heart, 1 Samuel 16:7
 "...The Lord looks at the heart..."



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"Speak, your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10



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"Obedience is better than sacrifice..."

1 Samuel 15:22

"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

Questions to ponder

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In which area are you being tested?

How have you prepared yourself previously?

When do you listen to God?

Who is influencing you towards faith?