



Outline of the Books of 1 and 2 Samuel by [John T Polk II](#)

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I Samuel = Heard by God 1:20
Ends 450 years of Judges **Acts 13:20**

[God's Perceptiveness]
Blueprint for Redemption

I. Samuel 1:1-25:1

- A. Fine Personal Training **1:1-2:36**
 - 1. Elkanah and wives Hannah & Peninnah **1:1-2:36**
 - a. "Pre-partum blues" **1:2,4-8**
 - b. Prayed to the LORD, not "a lab" **1:10-19**
 - c. Praised the LORD **1:20-2:11** **Romans 12:1-2**
 - d. Provided for Samuel's progress **2:19-21,11,26**
 - 2. Eli the priest **1:3,9**
 - a. Perverse sons, Hophni & Phinehas **1:3**, as priests **2:12-25**
 - b. Predictable summary **2:27-36**
- B. Final Judge - First "new" prophet **3:1-8:22** **Hebrews 11:32**
 - 1. Prophecy #1, or tuning a prophet's "ear" **3:1-4:1;9:9** **Acts 3:24**
 - 2. Fumbling the ark to the Philistines, Eli dies at 98 **4:2-22**
 - 3. Abuse at Ashdod, ark passed off to Israelites **5:1-6:11**
 - 4. "Bombed" at Beth-Shemesh **6:12-7:2**
 - 5. First judgment starts at Mizpah and ends with Ebenezer **7:3-17**
 - 6. Perverse sons, Joel & Abijah, ruin confidence in judges **8:1-3**
 - 7. People demand a king to judge, and reject God as Judge **8:4-22**

II. King Saul 9:1-15:35

40 years, **Acts 13:21**

- A. "Mr. Israel" **9:1-24**
 - 1. His "rise" from "donkey boy" **9:3** to prophet/king **9:25-10:27**
 - 2. His real victory over Ammonites **11:1-11**
 - 3. His regal day **11:12-25**
 - a. Began with "pardons" **11:12-15**

- b. Samuel is a "character witness" **12:1-5**
 - c. God's right ways with Israel **12:6-11**
 - d. God retains His "kingship" while Saul is on throne **12:12-25**
- B. "Mr. Self-rising" In Philistine War **13:1-14:46,52**
- 1. Self-appointed priest in Gilgal **13:1-15**
 - 2. Fear of Philistines aided by "gun control?" **13:16-23**
 - 3. Jonathan, Saul's son, sallies forth **14:1-14**
 - 4. King Saul called for the ark and won **14:15-23**
 - 5. King Saul wrongly commanded fasting in battle **14:24-46**
- C. "Mr. Self-righteousness" or, Victories Go To His Head **14:47-15:35**
- 1. Unstoppable against: Moab, Ammon, Edom, Zobah, Philistines, and Amalekites **14:47-48,52**
 - 2. Saul the "family man" **14:49-51**
 - 3. Victory over the Amalekites, Saul's defeat **15:1-35**
 - a. "Slash and burn" them all **15:1-5 Cf Exodus 17:8-16; Numbers 24:20-24**
 - b. Rightly spared the Kenites **15:6 Cf Exodus 18:1-27**
 - c. Wrongly spared Agag and the good spoils **15:7-35**

III. King David **16:1-31:13**

- A. Boy Wonder **16:1-20:42**
- 1. Youngest with the biggest heart **16:1-13** **Acts 13:22**
 - 2. "Mr. Talent" (music conquers Saul) **16:14-23**
 - 3. "Mr. Faith" (shepherd sling conquers Goliath) **17:1-54**
 - a. Philistine giant made Israel cringe **17:1-11**
 - b. David sent from sheep with food to brothers **17:12-23**
 - c. David's fired-up faith **17:24-37**
 - d. Armed with only staff, stones, sling, he won **17:38-51**
 - e. Saul met David and identified with Jonathan **17:52-18:5**
 - f. Saul became angry, suspicious, violent, and afraid **18:6-16**
 - g. David blessed with Michal, Saul's daughter **17:25; 18:17-30**
 - h. Saul seeks David's death, Jonathan spares him **19:1-20:42**
- B. Early Manhood **21:1-31:13**
- 1. David his men eat priests' showbread **21:1-9** **Matthew 12:1-4**
 - 2. David fakes madness in Gath **21:10-15**
 - 3. David's "army" of 400, parents hid in Moab **22:1-5; 30:22**
 - 4. Saul murders God's priests in Nob **22:6-19**
 - 5. David defeats Philistines in Keilah but takes livestock **23:1-13**
 - 6. David hides from Saul in Ziph wilderness **23:14-29**

7. David spares Saul's life (1st time) in En Gedi **24:1-22**
8. Samuel dies **25:1**
9. David adds Nabal's widow to wives **25:2-42,43-44**
10. David spares Saul's life (2nd time) **26:1-25**
11. David fights WITH the Philistines **27:1-28:2**
12. Saul turns to "spiritualism" for message **28:3-25**
13. Philistines send David to his people **29:1-11**
14. David fights Amalekites takes back 2 wives **30:1-31**
15. Saul's suicide, his armor-bearer and 3 sons killed in Philistine victory **31:1-13 // 1 Chronicles 10:1-14**

2 Samuel = Heard By God

Written by Samuel, Nathan, Gad **1 Chronicles 29:29**

[God Pardons]

Blueprint for Redemption

I. King David's Justice **1:1-4:12**

- A. David Honors Saul In Death **1:1-27**
 - 1. Saul's inglorious death falsely reported **1:1-10**
 - 2. David mourns for Saul and Jonathan **1:11-12**
 - 3. Kills Amalekite messenger **1:13-16 Cf 1 Samuel 31**
 - 4. Composes "Song of the Bow" for children **1:17-27**

- B. David Publicly Anointed King of Judah **2:1-7,10-11 Cf 1 Sam.16:13**

- C. War Between House of Saul and House of David **2:8-3:1**
 - 1. Abner makes Ishbosheth king of Israel **2:8-10**
 - a. from Mahanaim **2:8 Cf Genesis 31:22-23,47; 32:1-2**
 - b. lasted for 2 years **2:10**
 - 2. David rules from Hebron 7 1/2 years **2:4,11; 5:5**
 - a. Abner's 12 die with Joab's 12, Abner lost battle, too **2:12-17**
 - b. Abner kills Joab's brother in pursuit **2:18-23**
 - c. Joab turns Benjamites from further pursuit **2:24-32**
 - d. House of David strengthens, House of Saul weakens **3:1**
 - e. David's sons born in Hebron **3:2-5 // 1 Chronicles 3:1-4**
 - f. Abner backs down Ishbosheth over Saul's concubine **3:6-11**
 - g. David demands Michal, Saul's daughter **3:12-16**
 - (1 She was promised to Goliath-killer **1 Samuel 17:25**
 - (2 She married and loved David **1 Samuel 18:19-28**
 - (3 Saul gave Michal to another man **1 Samuel 18:17-18; 25:44**
 - h. Abner at "Camp David" agree for peace **2 Samuel 3:17-21**
 - i. Joab kills Abner to avenge Asahel's blood **3:22-30**
 - j. David mourns Abner's death **3:31-39**
 - 3. End of Saul's House **4:1-12**
 - a. Ishbosheth killed during afternoon nap **4:1-2, 5-7**
 - b. David avenges his beheading **4:8-12**
 - c. Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth, is crippled by his nurse **4:4**

II. King David's Jubilations **5:1-10:19**

- A. One Nation (Judah and Israel) **5:1- // 1 Chronicles 11:1-3**
 - 1. Conquered "Jebusalem" **5:6-16**
 - a. Jerusalem, City of David, for 33 years **5:5-10**
 - b. Hiram, of Tyre, built David a house of cedar **5:11-12**

- c. David's increased family **5:12-16 // 1 Chronicles 3:5-9**
- 2. Defeats of the Philistines **5:17-25 // 1 Chronicles 14:8-17**
- 3. Ark brought to Jerusalem **6:1-7:29 // 1 Chronicles 13:1-14**
 - a. Without authority for:
 - (1 "carting it around" **6:1-5; Exodus 25:12-15; Numbers 4:1-6,15-20; Deuteronomy 10:8; 31:9**)
 - (2 Uzzah's "touch-ing" death **6:6-7**)
 - (3 David's anger and confusion **6:8-10**)
 - b. God's way cleared by sacrifices **6:11-23**
 - (1 King David offered them **6:11-13**)
 - (2 David danced for joy **6:14-16, 20-23**
 - (a David rejoiced, Michal despised it **6:14-16**)
 - (b ark placed in tabernacle **6:17-19**)
 - (c Michal cursed with childlessness **6:20-23**)

B. Under God **7:1-29**

- 1. David wants a House for God **7:1-3**
- 2. God tells Nathan He has a reservation **7:4-17** **Luke 1:30-35**
- 3. David humbles himself before God **7:18-29**

C. Indivisible **8:1-10:19**

- 1. Victorious wars **8:1-14 // 1 Chronicles 18:1-13; 1 Kings 11:14-22**
- 2. Successful administration **8:15-18 // 1 Chronicles 18:14-17**
- 3. Tender mercy to Jonathan's cripple son, Mephibosheth **9:1-13**
- 4. Ammonites and Syrians defeated **10:1-19 // 1 Chronicles 19:1-19**

III. King David's Judgments **11:1-24:25**

A. Taking a "Bathsheba" **11:1-12:25**

- 1. Adultery cost loyal Uriah his life at Rabbah **11:1-26**
- 2. Adultery cost innocent baby's life **11:27-12:23**
- 3. Adultery cost David a harmonious home **12:7-12**
- 4. Adultery delayed birth of "beloved" (Solomon) **12:24-25**
- 5. Victory at Rabbah gives David his crown **12:26-31**

B. "O my son, Absalom" **13:1-19:8**

- 1. Absalom's revenge of Tamar **13:1-22**
 - a. Amnon's deceit and rape of Tamar **13:1-22**
 - b. Absalom's treachery and murder of Amnon **13:32-33**
 - c. Absalom flees and David yearns for him **13:34-39**
 - d. Joab tricks David into allowing Absalom to return **14:1-33**
- 2. Absalom rebels against David **15:1-19:8**
 - a. Campaign of sympathy with people against David **15:1-9**

- b. Plan to alert rebels of uprising **15:10-12**
 - c. David fled Jerusalem, without 10 concubines or Ark **15:13-30**
 - d. Ahithophel is identified with the rebel forces **15:31-37**
 - e. Mephibosheth's servant, Ziba, is merciful to David **16:1-4**
 - f. Shimei cursed and stoned David and is spared **16:5-14**
 - g. Ahithophel's deceit rejected, he kills himself **16:15-17:23**
 - h. Barzilla shows kindness to David at Mahanaim **17:24-29**
 - i. Absalom's defeat and death by Joab and 10 men **18:1-18**
 - j. David mourns and forgets kingdom **18:19-19:8**
- C. David's Restoration to The Throne 19:9-24:25**
1. Restatement of kinship **19:9-18**
 2. Mercy to Shimei **19:18-23**
 3. Mercy to Ziba, and Mephibosheth **19:24-30**
 4. Mercy to Barzilla **19:31-39**
 5. Israel follow's Sheba's rebellion **19:40-20:22**
 - a. Israel unfaithful to David **19:40-20:2**
 - b. David never went in to 10 concubines in Jerusalem **20:3**
 - c. Amasa's bloody death with Joab's "kiss" **20:4-13**
 - d. Sheba beheaded by "a wise woman" **20:14-22**
 - e. David's administration re-organized **20:23-26 Cf 8:15-18**
 - f. Famine for 3 years settled by:
 - 1) Gibeonite's revenge for Saul's betrayal **21:1-9**
Cf Josh.9:3-15
 - 2) Rizpah, Saul's step-daughter demands re-burial **21:10-14**
 6. David's "giant-killers" **21:15-22**
 7. David's praise for God **22:1-51**
 8. David's "last words" **23:1-7**
 9. David's valiant veterans **23:8-39**
 10. David's sin in numbering Israel and Judah **24:1-25 // 1 Chronicles 21:1-17**
 - a. Against Joab's advice, with God's anger **24:1-9**
 - b. David chooses God's vengeance **24:10-17**
 - c. David buys altar site for God **24:18-25//1 Chronicles 21:18-30**
 - (1 the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite **24:18-23**
 - 3) David insists on paying for it **24:24**
 - 4) David sacrifices and ends plague in Israel **24:25**