

1Samuel 14-31

Ch 14

Theme –The bold faith of Jonathan; God begins to deliver Philistines into hands of Israel & Saul joins the fray; Saul makes a rash vow; the people save Jonathan from consequences of Saul's rash vow; military campaigns of Saul (Moab, Ammon, Edom, Zobah, Philistines; Amalekites); genealogy of Saul

Ch 15

Theme – Saul called to strike down the Amalekites; Saul is “mostly faithful;” Saul is confronted by Samuel; Saul is rejected by God and mourned by Samuel

Ch 16

Theme – God directs Samuel to stop mourning & to go to house of Jesse of Bethlehem; “Lord looks at the heart”; Samuel anoints David to be the next king; Saul is terrorized by an evil spirit; David sent to play the harp for Saul

Ch 17

Theme – David and Goliath

Ch 18

Theme – David and Jonathan become close friends; Saul is jealousy of David’s popularity; David declines to marry Saul’s oldest daughter (Merab); David marries Saul’s younger daughter (Michal)

Ch 19

Theme – Jonathan intercedes with Saul on David’s behalf; David fight valiantly & Saul gets jealous and tries to kill David with a spear; Michal helps David escape; David tells Samuel what happened; Saul and servants prophesy when they try to seize David

Ch 20

Theme – David approaches Jonathan and asks to know his sin; Jonathan agrees to find out Saul’s true intentions; Jonathan makes covenant of protection with the house of David; Saul lashes out at Jonathan; David and Jonathan say goodbye (not for the final time)

Ch 21

Theme – David on the run; David and his men eat the old Shewbread from the Tabernacle; David flees to Gath (hometown of Goliath)

Ch 22

Theme – David hides in a cave in Adullam and his family and all who were in distress come to him; David hides his parents with the king of Moab; Saul has the priests at Nob slaughtered; David promises to keep Abiathar (son of the High Priest, Ahimelech) safe

Ch 23

Theme – David rescues the city of Keilah who is then willing to turn David over to Saul; Jonathan sees David for the last time; the Rock of Escape; David hides at En Gedi

Ch 24

Theme – David cuts off the edge of Saul's robe, David saves Saul from David's men; David confronts Saul; Saul asks for David to make a covenant not to destroy the house of Saul

Ch 25

Theme – Samuel passes and all of Israel mourns; David and Abigail

Ch 26

Theme – David sneaks into Saul's camp; spares and confronts Saul again

Ch 27

Theme –David seeks safe harbor with the Philistines (in Gath), receives Ziklag, a Jewish city in Philistine possession, and raids Israel's enemies for 16 mths

Ch 28

Theme – Achish charges David to act as his bodyguard in the coming war with Israel, Saul seeks a medium who will summon Samuel from the dead

Ch 29

Theme – The Philistine commanders pressure Achish to send David away

Ch 30

Theme – Amalekites raid Ziklag and take the families of David's men prisoner; David retrieves their families and establishes rules for dividing the spoil; David sends gifts to cities in Judah

Ch 31

Theme – Saul and his sons die in battle; Philistines hang the body of Saul and sons to the wall of Beth-Shen; men of Jabesh-gilead retrieve their bodies and mourn Saul
