

- 1 Samuel 1:1-14:52
- John 5:1-7:53
- Psalms 105:37-109:31
- Proverbs 14:28-15:7

**1 Samuel**

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Era <sup>1</sup>	Key Person	Location	Books/Theme
Kingdom	David	Israel	<b>1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles:</b> David, the greatest king in the new monarchy, is followed by a succession of mostly unrighteous kings, and God eventually judges Israel for her sin, sending her into exile.

Week 19: One Year Bible Readings in 1 Samuel <sup>2</sup>			
5/7	1 Sam 1:1-2:21	<b>Eli and Samuel</b> <i>Samuel's birth and childhood</i>	- Elkanah and his family - Hannah's prayer for a son - Samuel's birth and dedication - Hannah's prayer of praise - Eli's wicked sons
5/8	1 Sam 2:22-4:22		- A warning for Eli's family - The Lord speaks to Samuel <i>War with the Philistines</i> - The Philistines capture the Ark
5/9	1 Sam 5:1-7:17		- The Ark in Philistia - The Philistines return the Ark - The Ark moved to Kiriath-Jearim - Samuel leads Israel to victory
5/10	1 Sam 8:1-9:27	<b>Samuel and Saul</b> <i>Saul becomes king of Israel</i>	- Israel requests a king - Samuel warns against a kingdom - Saul meets Samuel
5/11	1 Sam 10:1-11:15		- Samuel anoints Saul as king - Samuel's signs are fulfilled - Saul is acclaimed king - Saul defeats the Ammonites
5/12	1 Sam 12:1-13:23		- Samuel's farewell address <i>God rejects Saul for disobedience</i> - Continued war with Philistia - Saul's disobedience and Samuel's rebuke - Israel's military disadvantage
5/13	1 Sam 14:1-52		- Jonathan's daring plan - Israel defeats the Philistines - Saul's foolish oath - Saul's military successes

As you read about Saul's disobedience in 1 Samuel 13, are you reminded of times that you have sinned? When you sin, which are you more likely to blame and why: circumstances? bad timing? parents? others? How hard is it for you to admit when you are wrong?

<sup>1</sup> Max Anders, *30 Days to Understanding the Bible in 15 Minutes a Day*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> *One Year Bible and Life Application Study Bible*, Tyndale House Publishers.

<sup>3</sup> *One Year Bible Companion*, Tyndale House Publishers, 1992.

# John

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Era <sup>1</sup>	Key Person	Location	Theme
Gospels	Jesus	Palestine	<b>Matthew, Mark, Luke John:</b> Jesus comes in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of a savior and offers salvation and the true kingdom of God. While some accept Him, most reject Him, and He is crucified, buried, and resurrected.

Week 19: One Year Bible Readings in John <sup>2</sup>		
5/7	John 5:1-23	<i>Jesus encounters belief and unbelief from the people (cont'd)</i> - Jesus heals a lame man by a pool - Jesus claims to be the Son of God
5/8	John 5:24-47	- Jesus supports his claim
5/9	John 6:1-21	- Jesus feeds five thousand - Jesus walks on water
5/10	John 6:22-42	- Jesus is the true bread from heaven - The people disagree that Jesus is from heaven
5/11	John 6:43-71	- The people disagree that Jesus is from heaven (cont'd) - Many disciples desert Jesus
5/12	John 7:1-30	<i>Jesus encounters conflict with the religious leaders</i> - Jesus' brothers ridicule him - Jesus teaches openly at the Temple
5/13	John 7:31-53	- Religious leaders attempt to arrest Jesus

*Do you identify with the people who struggled to believe in Jesus? Has your familiarity with Jesus (from Sunday School stories, parochial school, etc.) ever kept you from seeing who he really is? What can remove the blinders?*

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*Favorite Verse:*

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*Favorite Psalm and/or Proverb:*

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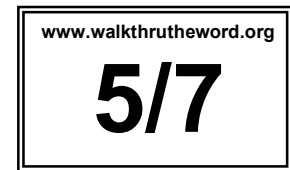
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Old Testament  
**Introduction to 1 Samuel**



*“Reading and praying our way through these pages, we get it; gradually but most emphatically we recognize that what it means to be a woman, a man, mostly has to do with God. These four stories [of Hannah, Samuel, Saul and David] do not show us how we should live but how in fact we do live, authenticating the reality of our daily experience as the stuff that God uses to work out his purposes of salvation in us and in the world.”*

- Eugene Peterson, The Message

**1 Samuel:** "The king-maker (Samuel) and the first king (Saul)"

**Type:** History

*Historical Books*

	Leviticus	Deuteronomy	Ruth		1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles			Esther		
Genesis <b>1</b>	Exodus <b>2</b>	Numbers <b>3</b>	Joshua <b>4</b>	Judges <b>5</b>	1 Samuel <b>6</b>	2 Samuel <b>7</b>	1 Kings <b>8</b>	2 Kings <b>9</b>	..	Ezra <b>10</b>	Nehemiah <b>11</b>

**Author:** Unknown

**Date:** Probably 10<sup>th</sup> century BC

**Content:** The books of 1-2 Samuel comprise one book in the Hebrew Bible because they form one continuous history covering the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David. They were separated into two books for convenience in reading. 1 Samuel deals with the Philistine wars and Saul's ultimate failure to deal with the enemy. The book opens with Israel being oppressed by the Philistines (a war-like neighboring nation) and the emergence of the two early leaders, Samuel and Saul. Samuel was the religious leader and Saul ultimately became king. Saul's early victories are described by his moral decline and tragic end. Balancing the decline of Saul is the rise of the youthful David who will assume leadership after the death of Saul.

**Theme:** The basic idea that pervades this book is that God does not make His people immune to the changes of human life, but gives them grace to see things through to a satisfactory conclusion. The rise and fall of kings, times of peace and war—throughout it all God stays the same and controls human events in such a way that those who trust Him will find comfort and courage to endure.<sup>3</sup>

**Key Passages:** *Israel's Rise:*  
 5/7 - Samuel, 1 Samuel 1-3  
 5/10 - Saul, 1 Samuel 8-10  
 5/14 - David and Saul, 1 Samuel 16:1-18:16  
 5/18 - David spares Saul, 1 Samuel 23:7-24:22

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