

ESV Study Bible Outline

I. The Story of Samuel (1:1-7:17)

1. Rise of Samuel as prophet (1:1-4:1a)
 - a. Birth and dedication of Samuel (1:1-28)
 - b. Hannah's song (2:1-10)
 - c. Samuel, and Eli's two sons (2:11-36)
 - d. Call of Samuel as a prophet (3:1-4:1a)
2. Story of the ark of God (4:1b-7:1)
 - a. Capture of the ark (4:1b-22)
 - b. The ark in Philistia (5:1-12)
 - c. Return of the ark (6:1-7:1)
 - d. Judgeship of Samuel (7:2-17)

II. Transition to the Monarchy (8:1-22)

III. The Story of Saul (9:1-15:35)

1. Saul made king (9:1-11:15)
 - a. Saul's meeting with Samuel (9:1-27)
 - b. Anointing of Saul and his election (10:1-27)
 - c. Making Saul king (11:1-15)
2. Samuel's address to Israel (12:1-25)
3. Reign of Saul (13:1-15:35)
 - a. Saul and the Philistines—first rejection of Saul (13:1-23)
 - b. Saul and Jonathan (14:1-52)
 - c. Saul and the Amalekites—second rejection of Saul (15:1-35)

IV. The Story of Saul and David (16:1-31:13)

1. Introduction of David (16:1-23)
 - a. Anointing of David (16:1-13)
 - b. David at Saul's court (16:14-23)
2. David and Goliath: battle at the Valley of Elah (17:1-54)
3. Saul, Jonathan, and David (17:55-18:5)
4. Saul becomes David's enemy (18:6-30)
5. Saul's attempts to kill David (19:1-20:42)

6. David's escapes from Saul (21:1-26:25)
 - a. David's escapes (21:1-23:29)
 - b. David spares Saul at Engedi (24:1-25:1)
 - c. David marries Abigail (25:2-44)
 - d. David spares Saul at the hill of Hachilah (26:1-25)
7. David in Philistia (27:1-30:31)
 - a. David and Achish (27:1-12)
 - b. The Philistines gather for war (28:1-2)
 - c. The medium of En-dor (28:3-25)
 - d. The Philistine rulers reject David (29:1-11)
 - e. Amalekite raid on Ziklag and David's victory (30:1-31)
 - f. Deaths of Saul and Jonathan (31:1-13)

