



March 31, 2019 || **1 Samuel 1 - 8** || The Prophet Samuel

Seeing God's Big Story, Fitting Our Story Into His Story

### ONE BIG STORY Timeline

1390 B.C.	1105 B.C.	1048 B.C.	1011 B.C.	971 B.C.
Judges (Ruth)	Samuel	Saul	David	Solomon

**Samuel** (1105 B.C. – 1015 B.C.) – first to fill the position as prophet, God's spokesman  
A Levite living in the tribe of Ephraim

**Saul** (reigns 1048 B.C. – 1011 B.C.) – first king, chosen by human standards  
From the tribe of Benjamin

**David** (reigns 1011 B.C. – 971 B.C.) – first and greatest king, chosen by God's standards  
From the tribe of Judah

**Realms of Leadership:** Political, Judicial, Military, Spiritual

**Judges:** loosely defined leaders, sometimes political or judicial or military or spiritual

**Kings:** well-defined leaders in political, judicial and military realms

**Prophets:** God-inspired leaders in the spiritual realm

Former Prophets: Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Elisha

Later Writing Prophets: 9<sup>th</sup> century: Joel, Obadiah

8<sup>th</sup> century: Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah

7<sup>th</sup> century: Nahum, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

6<sup>th</sup> century: Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah

5<sup>th</sup> century: Nehemiah, Malachi

### **Theological Takeaways:**

God designed His people to be ruled by a theocracy (God rule).

The spiritual dynamic is essential and controls all other areas of life.

Spiritual life can not be condensed down to practices and rules.

Jesus poured out His Spirit on all believers.

**UP NEXT:** April 7, 2019 - **King Saul** – 1 Samuel 9 -15