



April 7, 2019 || **1 Samuel 9 - 15** || King Saul  
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. |
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| 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

#### Geographical Notes:

**5 Cities of the Philistines:** Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gaza, Gath and Ekron

**Gilgal:** first camp location into Canaan, altar erected by Joshua

**Shiloh:** first location of tabernacle, in the tribe of Ephraim, home of Eli the priest

**Mizpah:** in tribe of Benjamin, circuit city of Samuel, gathering place for Israel

**Ramah:** home of Samuel, in the tribe of Benjamin

**Gibeah:** hometown of Saul, in the tribe of Benjamin

#### **Theological Takeaways:**

God's people can not be a blessing to the nations and be like them.

God gave the people what they wanted to prove to them what they needed.

Man choses based on outward appearance. God choses based on the heart.

To obey God is better than sacrificing to God.

**UP NEXT:** April 14, 2019 - **King David** – 1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5