

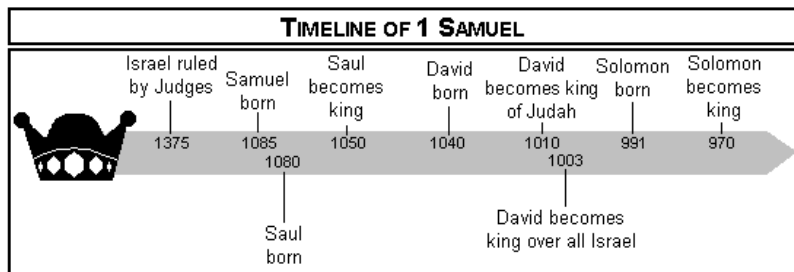
1 Samuel 17 Resources

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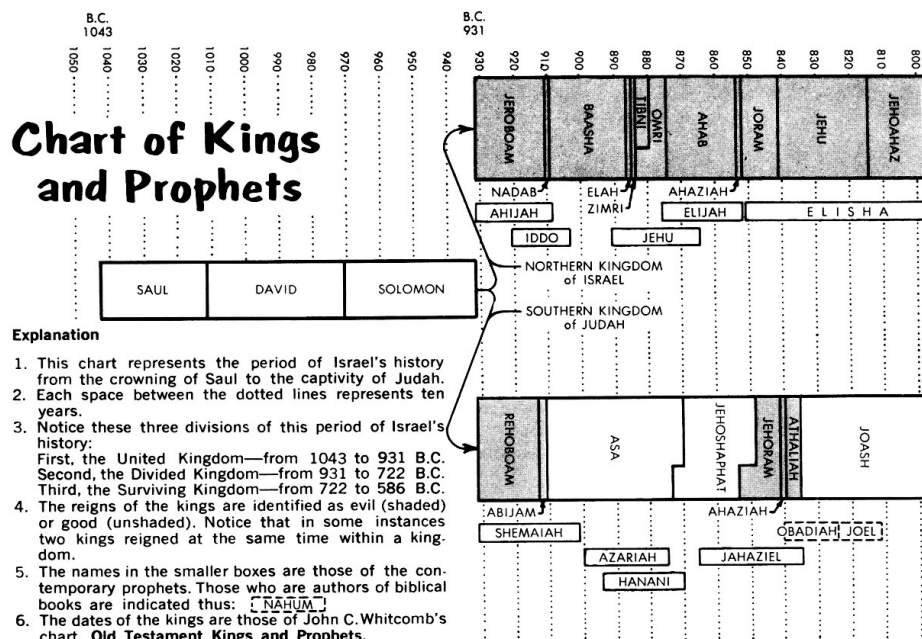
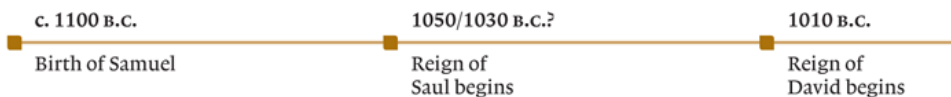
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1 SAMUEL 17 RESOURCES

Chart from recommended resource [Jensen's Survey of the OT](#) - used by permission
[1 Samuel Chart](#) from Charles Swindoll



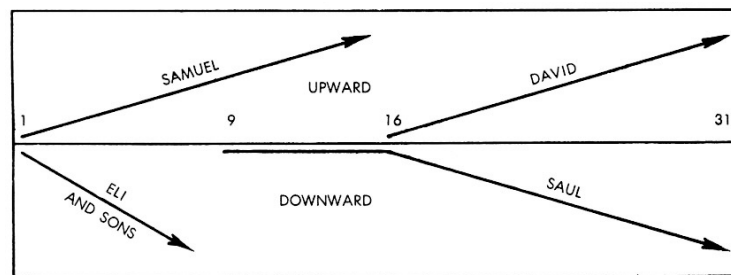
The Ryrie Study Bible



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Overlappings in 1 Samuel



First Three Kings of Israel

1	9	16	31
SAMUEL —prophet, priest, judge	SAUL —man after man's heart	DAVID —man after God's heart	
—birth —childhood —judgeship	—choice —reign —rejection	—anointing —pursuit —exile	

Main Characters in 1 Samuel

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click [archive.org](https://www.archive.org) and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

[David, a heart for God](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart [1 rating](#)

[Looking on the heart](#) (Volume 2 - 1 Samuel 15-31) by Davis, Dale Ralph [A Study of 1 Samuel \(21-Part MP3 Series\)](#)

[2 Kings : the power and the fury](#) by Davis, Dale Ralph

Cyril Barber - Combines history and theology in his description of the events surrounding Israel's first two kings.

[Preaching through the Bible : 1 Samuel](#) by Eaton, Michael

[First and Second Samuel](#) by Johnson, Frank,

[1 and 2 Samuel : an introduction and commentary](#) by Baldwin, Joyce

A concise, competent, clear evangelical work using various sources, elucidating most passages well and showing their theological and practical relevance then and now.

[1 Samuel](#) by Klein, Ralph - Word Biblical Commentary Series. This is a cumbersome commentary for routine use.

Cyril Barber - Based on the latest Redaktionsgeschichte, this exposition makes a valuable contribution but **needs to be used with discernment**. The bibliographies at the beginning of each chapter are of the utmost value. Comments on the text are technical, and because Klein feels the text is in poor shape, he relies heavily on the LXX and other critical commentaries. Seminarians and pastors will find Klein's translation helpful, his research impeccable; but his explanation of the theme of 1 Samuel is lacking. However, his overall treatment is one that deserves careful consideration.

[Samuel](#) -1 & 2 Samuel by Payne, David [8 ratings](#)

[The first book of Samuel](#) by Ackroyd, Peter - [The second book of Samuel : commentary](#)

James Rosscup - An attempt to meet general readers' needs. The approach is mildly critical. Ackroyd has a clear writing style and often is of help on the reading of a given text, historical setting, customs and explanation of the passage. The work is cursory.

[The first book of Samuel](#) by Blaikie, William Garden, (See his book on [2 Samuel](#))

Cyril Barber - One of the finest devotional commentaries ever produced. First published in 1887 as part of The Expositor's Bible ([see below](#))

[Desiring God's own heart](#) -1 & 2 Samuel/1 Chronicles by Arthur, Kay [52 ratings](#)

[1 & 2 Samuel : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[A NavPress Bible study on the book of 1 Samuel](#) [55 ratings](#)

[The prophets of Israel](#) - Leon Wood - 405 pages (1979) [See user reviews](#).

James Rosscup - A thoroughly conservative work, very clearly written, in two sections, prophetism and the prophets. Wood under the first division goes into the identity, meaning of "to prophesy," function, the Holy Spirit and prophecy, and other aspects. In the second, **he discusses in some detail prophets before Samuel, Samuel, monarchy prophets, and the writing prophets from the ninth century to post-exilic days**. This

is a fine book that gives the student or pastor a much better, integrated understanding of the prophets behind the prophetic books.

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible 120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Disciple's Study Bible : New international version 54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will find interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. [Here is a link to the 2011 version of the NIV Study Bible](#) Note that this resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews.](#)

[Harper study Bible : the Holy Bible. Revised Standard Version](#)

[The Jewish Study Bible](#) - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

[The student Bible : New International Version](#)

[Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible : New international version](#)

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's Handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The Shaw Pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

MORE COMMENTARIES AND SERMONS

DON ANDERSON Verse by Verse Teaching Notes Life of David

- [David Lectures - Mp3's](#) - Link to list of 24 lectures See below for Scriptures covered in each study
- David #2: 1 Samuel 17:1-58

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- [David Study Guide](#)
 - [David Chart Scans \(studies 1-24\)](#)

Don Anderson - David Teacher Notes - See above for Scriptures covered in each study

- [David study 2](#) 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Don Anderson - David Study Notes - over 700 pages of notes

- [David study 2](#) 1 Samuel 17:1-58

PAUL APPLE 1 Samuel Commentary 189 page Pdf

- [1 Samuel Commentary](#)
- [1 Samuel Blog - 1-28](#)

ALBERT BARNES- Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

BELIEVER'S CHAPEL

- [1 Samuel - Believers Chapel Dallas](#) - Matt Heidelberg
- [1 Samuel - Believers Chapel Dallas](#) - Geoff Brown

BRIAN BELL - Sermons - often has very helpful insights

- 1 Samuel 17 [One Giant Whoopin](#)

BENSON BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

ROBERT BERGEN - two resources that can be borrowed

James Rosscup on **New American Commentary** - The commentator is a professor at Hannibal-La Grange

College, Hannibal, MO. He argues for the accurate, reliable, relevant Word of God. His excellent work reflects wide knowledge of biblical literature in the text and in footnotes. The writing flows with lucid vitality, and Bergen invests much from word study, grammar, customs, geographical details, etc. His appraisal of Eli is arresting (69), as are comments on Saul's excuses of 1 Sam. 15 and David's fight with Goliath. Bergen's careful weighing of views about how Saul died ends with his harmonizing view that Saul fell on his sword (1 Sam. 31), but in his final moments the Amalekite hastened his death (2 Sam. 1). This is a fine grappling with main details in the two books.

- [1 & 2 Second Samuel - Shepherd's Notes](#) by Bergen, Robert D - Not very detailed but occasional interesting insights.
- [1 & 2 Samuel - New American Commentary](#) Bergen, Robert D.

GARY BYERS

- [To Sling or Not to Sling — That Was Never The Question - Bible and Spade 11:1, Winter, 1998](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

BRIAN BILL 1 Samuel Sermon Notes - has very insightful comments worth checking

- [1 Samuel 17 Handling Your Fears](#)

JIM BOMKAMP - Sermons

- [1 Samuel 17 The Story Of David And Goliath"](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

RICH CATHERS

- [1 Samuel 16-18](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:1-51](#)

KENNETH CHAFIN - BORROW

Rosscup says this is part of "A 12-vol. set done by 12 men selected for unusual ability to show the Bible is alive in biblical exposition, with spiritual refreshment and insight. The authors seek to combine scholarship on biblical meaning, illustrations to spark applications, and outlines."

Cyril Barber - Pastoring a church with a good seminary library close by enabled Chafin to have access to the finest literary resources available. His treatment of the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David is helpful, even if it lacks depth that a thorough knowledge of human personality would enhance. In spite of this, preachers will find these chapters clearly outlined and their contents ably articulated.

- [The Communicator's Commentary: 1, 2 Samuel](#) Now published as The Preacher's Commentary

ROBERT CHISHOLM

- [1 Samuel 15:28 Does God Change His Mind?](#)

ADAM CLARKE - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE - Expository Notes

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

COVENANT STUDY

- [1 Samuel 17-18 Covenant: Exchanging of Robes - Symbolism of the Covenant Between Jonathan and David](#)
- [1 Samuel 18 Covenant: Withholding Nothing - Symbolism of the Covenant Between Jonathan and David](#)
- [1 Samuel 19 Covenant: Exchange of Armor- Symbolism of the Covenant Between Jonathan and David](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 Samuel 17:1-50 THE ARMOR OF GOD](#)

RON DANIEL

- [Click here for links to sermons](#) listed below:
- 1 Samuel 17

DARBY BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

DALE RALPH DAVIS - colorful speaker, writer

- [Looking on the heart](#) (Volume 2 - 1 Samuel 15-31) - Borrow
- [A Study of 1 Samuel \(21-Part MP3 Series\)](#)
- [Should We Slay Our Goliaths?](#) (MP3)| 1 Samuel 17:1-58

WILLIAM JOHN DEANE (AND THOMAS KIRK)

[Cyril Barber](#) "A pleasing exposition of the Biblical text." – In this treatment of the lives of Samuel and Saul, Samuel is shown to possess an inner Godward orientation that motivated all he did. Saul is revealed as being motivated by external considerations. These two men-contemporaries for a time-explain for us the dynamics of success from God's perspective. In explaining 1 Samuel, Deane and Kirk provide the kind of practical application that will delight every devout Bible student. Recommended.

- [Samuel and Saul: Their Lives and Times](#) (Or [Here](#)) - William Deane Publication Date: 1889 230 pp.

BOB DEFFINBAUGH - Sermons

- [David and Goliath \(1 Samuel 17:1-58\)](#)

DICTIONARIES

- Baker's Evangelical Dictionary: [Samuel, First & Second, Theology of](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible: [Samuel, Books](#)
- McClintock and Strong: [Samuel, First and Second Books of.](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Kitto's Popular Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Samuel, books of](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Samuel, the Books of](#)
- Smith Bible Dictionary [Samuel, Books of](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books of](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books of](#)
- The Jewish Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books o](#)
- Saul means "demanded, lent, ditch, death" – [Hitchcock's Bible Names](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Saul, king of israel](#)

- American Tract Society [Saul](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Saul](#)
- Whyte's Bible Characters [Saul](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Saul](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Saul](#)
- McClintock and Strong [Saul](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Saul](#)

JOHN DUMMELOW - COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

EASY ENGLISH - Commentary

- [1 Samuel- Israel's First King](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

ESV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW

- [ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- [The Power Of Courage 1 Sam.17:8-11, 17: 32-39, 17:45-47](#)
- [Delivered- 1 Sam. 17:32-37, 42-50](#)
- [Faithful - 1 Sam. 18:1-5, 20:35-42](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE Commentary - William Blaikie

D Edmond Hiebert - A practical, warm-hearted exposition by a conservative scholar. Although written during the nineteenth century, it is rich in its interpretative contents, as, for example, on chapter 15.

Cyril J. Barber - One of the finest devotional commentaries ever produced.

Spurgeon on Blaikie's related life of David: "Dr. Blaikie is a good writer. This Life of David has supplied a great lack." ([Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries](#))

- [1 Samuel 17](#)
- [1 Samuel](#) - entire book on one page

EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

A C GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

GENE GETZ - short videos emphasizing application

- [David: God's man in faith and failure](#) by Getz, Gene A - Borrow this book (This book corresponds for the most part to his book "Men of Character: David")
- [When you feel like a failure : take a lesson from David](#) by Getz, Gene - Borrow this book

- 1 Samuel; Principle #28; 1 Sam. 17:12-28; Jealous Reactions: When we have feelings of anger and jealousy, we must be on guard since these normal emotions can become very sinful. [Video](#)
- 1 Samuel; Principle #29; 1 Sam. 17:31-37; Youthful Service: We should encourage young people to be bold and courageous in their service for God. [Video](#)
- 1 Samuel; Principle #30; 1 Sam. 17:38-47; Honoring God: When Satan and his evil forces attack us, one of our major goals should be to uphold God's reputation. [Video](#)
- 1 Samuel; Principle #31; 1 Sam. 17:48-18:4; True Friendship: We are to honor one another, be devoted to one another, and even be willing to lay down our lives for one another. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

R P GORDON - BORROW

James Rosscup - This generally highly-regarded work **offers much assistance verse by verse**, using the RSV. The author comments a lot on the Hebrew text as to exegesis, word study, dealing with problems, etc.

- [1 & 2 Samuel](#) by Gordon, R. P

GOSPEL COALITION

- [Resources](#)

GOTQUESTIONS

- [Book of 1 Samuel - Bible Survey](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 What should we learn from the account of David and Goliath?](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:4ff How tall was Goliath?](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 Are there beheadings recorded in the Bible?](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:40 Why did David choose five smooth stones before going to fight Goliath?](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 Who killed Goliath, David or Elhanan?](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:12-14 Does the Bible mention David's mother?](#)

GRACE GEMS

- [1 Samuel 16:23 Human Remedies](#)

L M GRANT - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

DAVE GUZIK - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

ROBERT HAWKER - Poor Man's Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

MATTHEW HENRY - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

DAVID HOCKING - 62 page study "Learning to Trust God" in 1 Samuel (outline format)

- [1 Samuel \(outline format\)](#) - Lot's of alliteration - Check it out

F B HOLE - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

HOLMAN PUBLISHING - BORROW - Editor Jeremy Royal Howard

- [HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holman's excellent maps. Borrow

HOMILETICS

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY A Critical & Exegetical Commentary Henry P Smith (1904)

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

S. LEWIS JOHNSON Lessons from the Life of David Recommended

- 1 Samuel 17:4-11; 28-51 [David, Goliath and David's Greater Son](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:1-58 [David and Goliath](#)

KEIL AND DELITZSCH 1 Samuel Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

JOHN KITTO - PICTORIAL BIBLE WITH NOTES

Spurgeon's Comments: "Then, of course, gentlemen, you will economize rigidly until you have accumulated funds to purchase **Kitto's Pictorial Bible**. You mean to take that goodly freight on board before you launch upon the sea of married life. As you cannot visit the Holy Land, it is well for you that there is a work like the Pictorial Bible, in which the notes of the most observant travellers are arranged under the texts which they illustrate. For the geography, zoology, botany, and manners and customs of Palestine, this will be your counselor and guide....A work of art as well as learning."

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

JOHN KITTO - DAILY BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS

Spurgeon comments: "Exceeding meritorious. Refer to it frequently....They are not exactly a commentary, but what marvelous expositions you have there! You have reading more interesting than any novel that was ever written, and as instructive as the heaviest theology. The matter is quite attractive and fascinating, and yet so weighty, that the man who shall study these volumes thoroughly, will not fail to read his Bible intelligently and with growing interest."

- [1 Samuel 17:1-7 Goliath's Armor](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:1 The Sling and the Stone](#)

KJV BIBLE PARALLEL BIBLE COMMENTARY - Edward Dobson, Charles Feinberg, E. Hindson, W. Kroll - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. [User reviews](#) - [372 ratings](#) - I have found the comments are very good but generally not in great depth. It is worth checking as you may glean additional insights on a passage. It is not strictly speaking verse by verse but does cover many verses.

- [KJV Bible Commentary](#). - 3119 pages - allow copy and paste function

KJV STUDY BIBLE - General Editor - Edward Hindson - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

- [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

PAUL E. KRETZMANN - Lutheran Perspective

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

LANGE'S COMMENTARY - J J VAN OOSTERZEE - Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures

Spurgeon writes "Oosterzee in Lange is excellent."

D Edmond Hiebert - In keeping with the series to which it belongs, the massive material is presented in three parts: exegetical and critical, doctrinal and ethical, and homiletical and practical. Conservative in viewpoint. Valuable for those willing to dig into its vast stores of material, much of which is definitely dated.

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

CARL LANEY - BORROW - Everyman's Bible Commentary

James Rosscup - Laney, an assistant professor of Biblical literature at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary and more widely known for his volume *The Divorce Myth*, traces the lives of Samuel, Saul and David. This 1982 update for Moody Press's Everyman's Bible Commentary Series is a surprisingly resourceful paperback. Laney argues tersely for a 722 B. C. date for the Fall of Samaria. Thus, he prefers a time of writing for I & II Samuel sometime during or immediately following David's lifetime. He dates the dividing of the kingdom as 931 B. C. Regarding textual matters, Laney does not overlook the lacuna of I Samuel 13:1 as he states that great benefit can be gleaned from the LXX in a study of these two books. One interesting sidelight is his citation of the "dynastic defense" motif evident in I Samuel 15 and II Samuel 8, a setting apparently not unlike 13th Century Hittite tradition. Laney's discussion of God's will in I Samuel 8:21, 22 is quite helpful. In I Samuel 28 the treatment of the Witch of Endor is thorough. He concludes that God caused Samuel himself to appear. In II Samuel 7, Laney sheds light on the covenant by picturing its threefold nature. Laney's maps and graphics are well-placed and worthwhile. His treatment in 2 Samuel 24 of the two-sided nature of David numbering God's people is also worthy of attention. This is a well researched and supported volume. There are few volumes on I and II Samuel which could rightly claim to be more helpful on expositional matters.—Jan Sattem

- [First and Second Samuel](#)

LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE - BORROW

- [Life Application Study Bible](#) - OT and NT study notes.. [4,445 ratings](#)

JOHN LIGHTFOOT - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR- verse by verse - probably the best expositor in the last 100 years -- very literal and conservative

- BORROW [The MacArthur Study Bible](#)

WILLIAM MACDONALD - BORROW

John MacArthur - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

- [Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - This resource is always worth checking. commentary on whole Bible. Often has pithy, practical and devotional comments.

ALEXANDER MACLAREN - sermons with a devotional bent

- 1 Samuel 17:32-51 The Victory of the Unarmed Faith

BRYN MACPHAIL - sermons

- 1 Samuel 17 [When Armour Is Not Enough](#)
- 1 Samuel 17 [In Defense Of God's Honour](#)
- 1 Samuel 17 [Defend God's Honour](#)

MAPS

- [The Ministry of Samuel and Anointment of Saul](#)
- [The Kingdom of Saul and His Wars](#)
- [Saul, 1000 BCE](#)

ROD MATTOON 1 SAMUEL COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel Commentary](#) - **RECOMMENDED** - 616 pages - Go to page for list of multiple illustrations on page 596

JAMES MCCULLEN - sermons and study notes

- [1 Samuel 17:8-11, 17: 32-39, 17:45-47 The Power Of Courage](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:17-20, 28-2, 33-39, 45-47, 49-51](#) Lessons from David's Experience with Goliath #1
- [1 Samuel 17:17-20, 28-29, 33-39, 45-47, 49-51](#) Lessons from David's Experience with Goliath #2

J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible comments - often has pithy comments

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

BRYN MACPHAIL - sermons

- 1 Samuel 17 [When Armour Is Not Enough](#)
- 1 Samuel 17 [In Defense Of God's Honour](#)
- 1 Samuel 17 [Defend God's Honour](#)

EUGENE MERRILL - unfortunately some of margins slightly cut off but overall still usable.

James Rosscup - Professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary surveys both books with conservative expertise, dealing with Hebrew meaning, problems, customs, etc. He has a high view of inspiration and a good use of literature relevant in the area.

- [Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1 Samuel by Eugene Merrill

F B MEYER - Devotional

- [1 Samuel 17](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:26, 36
- [1 Samuel 17:2 A Dark Background](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 Faith of God's Elect](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:45 In the Name of the Lord of Hosts](#)

J R MILLER

- [1 Samuel 17:50-51 We must hew our Agags to pieces!](#)

- [David and Goliath](#)

ROBERT MORGAN - sermon

- 1 Samuel 17:38-39 Verses That Have Helped Me In Preaching

HENRY MORRIS - Defender's Study Bible Notes - well-known creationist. Conservative. Millennial.

- **BORROW** - [The Defender's Study Bible](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:4 [height](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:6 [greaves](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:7 [six hundred shekels](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:10 [give me a man](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:22 [carriage](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:38 [his armour](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:40 [five smooth stones his sling](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:50 [slew him](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:54 [brought it to Jerusalem](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:58 [Whose son art thou](#)

ROBERT NEIGHBOUR - Living Water Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

TOMMY NELSON - all are mp3's but he is always pithy and poignant

- [Click here for most of the messages below](#) (all mp3 only) - note some may not have been archived - click at the bottom of the page to load more sermons.
- 1 Samuel 17:1-22 A Man Whose Day Has Come
- 1 Samuel 17:22-58 Giant Killer

WILLIAM NEWELL

- [1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings - Old Testament Studies- Being the Lessons Given at Various Union Bible](#)
- [The Book of First Samuel - The Divine Kingdom in Human Hands](#)

PHIL NEWTON Sermons South Woods Baptist Church

- [1 Samuel 17 The Battle is the Lord's](#)

NET BIBLE NOTES - somewhat technical but you can find some practical "nuggets"

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

PHIL NEWTON

- 1 Samuel 17 [The Battle is the Lord's](#)

JAMES NISBET'S - Church Pulpit Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

NIV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW - notes are brief but helpful.

- [Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - use the new edition if available.
- [The NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

NKJV STUDY BIBLE - no restriction for use - Earl Radmacher, Ronald Allen, H. Wayne House

- [NKJV Study Bible](#) - 2345 pages. Allows copy/paste - notes are brief but conservative and well-done

OUR DAILY BREAD

- See On Site 1 Samuel Devotionals - Our Daily Bread
- [1 Samuel 17:8, 32-37, 48-50 Are You Being Prepared?](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:31-50 Christ Our Champion
- [1 Samuel 17:31-58 E-Mail Challenge](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:32-37 The Small Giant](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:33-50 When We're Let Down](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:33-50 Triumphant Over Giants](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:32-37 The Penny Syndrome](#)

JOSEPH PARKER

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

PASTOR LIFE - SERMONS

Facing The Giants In Your Life	1 Samuel 17	New Year; Courage; Giants, Facing	Sammy Burgess
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17	Victory; Faith; Giants, Overcoming	Paul E. Brown
In the Land of Giants	1 Samuel 17	Problems; Goliath; Giants	Jerry N. Watts
The Power of One	1 Samuel 17:33	Significance; Dedication	J. Mike Minnix

DAVID F PAYNE

- [Kingdoms of the Lord. A History of the Hebrew Kingdoms](#) - 304 pages - (there are 27 total articles)

PENINSULA BIBLE CHURCH

- [1 Samuel 17:1-58 Defeating the Giant](#) Paul Taylor

PETER PETT - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

MATTHEW POOLE - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL - Commentary - Includes Germ Notes, Illustrations, Homilies

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

RAY PRITCHARD

- [1 Samuel 17 How to Kill a Giant \(2000\)](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 How to Kill a Giant \(2009\)](#)

PULPIT COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

ROBERT RAYBURN

- [1 Samuel 15:1-23](#)
- [1 Samuel 15:24-35](#)

ALAN REDPATH - excellent insights and application based on his expository studies

- [The Making of a Man of God \(Life of David\) - 137 PDF book](#)

REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE - study notes

- [1 Sam 17:1](#)
- [1 Sam 17:2](#)
- [1 Sam 17:4](#)
- [1 Sam 17:5-7](#)
- [1 Sam 17:11](#)
- [1 Sam 17:12](#)
- [1 Sam 17:15](#)
- [1 Sam 17:25](#)
- [1 Sam 17:26](#)
- [1 Sam 17:28](#)
- [1 Sam 17:33-37](#)
- [1 Sam 17:36](#)
- [1 Sam 17:37](#)
- [1 Sam 17:38-39](#)
- [1 Sam 17:45](#)
- [1 Sam 17:46](#)
- [1 Sam 17:47](#)
- [1 Sam 17:50](#)
- [1 Sam 17:51](#)
- [1 Sam 17:52](#)
- [1 Sam 17:54](#)
- [1 Sam 17:55](#)

ROBERT ROE

- [1 Samuel 17:31-54 David and Goliath - Part II](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:55-19:24 Impulsive, Compulsive, Consumed](#)

DAVID ROPER

- [1 Samuel 17:1-49 David and Goliath](#)

ROB SALVATO - Sermons

- [1 Samuel 17:1-58 Overcoming Giants](#)

RAYMOND SAXE

- 1 Samuel 17:1-58 ([pdf](#))

JOHN SCHULTZ - 150 page commentary - Well done

- [1 Samuel Commentary](#)

SERMONAUDIO - PDF's of sermons - Be aware there might be some variation in quality so be a Berean!

- [1 Samuel 17 Sermons in PDF](#) - 140 sermons (1/14/23)

SERMON BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

CHARLES SIMEON - Sermons

- [Click for sermons below all on one page](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:29 David's Vindication of Himself
- 1 Samuel 17:45, 46 David and Goliath

CHUCK SMITH - Sermon Notes

- [1 Samuel 17](#) Commentary
- 1 Samuel 17:3-37 The Giant Killer -- [Click 1 Samuel 17:36-37](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:45-47 God's Salvation -- [Click 1 Samuel 17:45-47](#)

JAMES SMITH - rich teachings which includes many related cross references

- [1 Samuel 17. DAVID'S VICTORY.](#)

RUSSELL SMITH

- [1 Samuel 17 Giant Killing Faith](#)

R C SPROUL - devotional thoughts

- [1 Samuel 17 David and Goliath](#)
- [1 Samuel 17 David's Emergence](#)

C. H. SPURGEON - Sermons, et al

- 1 Samuel 17:47 The Battle is the Lord's - Sermon Notes
- 1 Samuel 17:37
- [1 Samuel 17:36,37 The Lion and the Bear. Trophies Hung Up](#)
- 1 Samuel 17:36, 37 The Lion-Slayer - The Giant-Killer
- [1 Samuel 17:47 The Battle is the Lord's - Sermon Notes](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:50 David's First Victory](#)

JOHN STEVENSON - Sermons

- [1 Samuel 16-18 The Rise of David.](#)

CHUCK SWINDOLL

- [David : a man of passion & destiny : Bible study guide](#)- 213 pages - Borrow
- [David : a man of passion & destiny : profiles in character](#)- 304 pages (Different from resource above) - Borrow

THIRD MILLENNIUM STUDY NOTES

- [David Defeats Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:1-18:5](#)

DAVID THOMPSON - sermons - average about 6 pages, verse by verse exposition. Literal. Conservative. [Audios are available](#) but only pdf's are listed)

- [1 Samuel 17:1-11](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:12-23](#)

- [1 Samuel 17:24-39](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:40-51](#)
- [1 Samuel 17:51-58](#)

TODAY IN THE WORD - devotionals

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

DAVID TSUMURA - BORROW - New International Commentary on the Old Testament

Mathison (Ligonier) - The best intermediate-advanced-level commentary on the first book of Samuel is now the commentary by David Tsumura in the NICOT series. It is very well written and very thorough. Tsumura's expertise in the languages of the ancient Near East is evident throughout.

- [The First book of Samuel 30 ratings](#)

JOHN TRAPP - Commentary

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

BOB UTLEY 1 Samuel Commentary - brief notes but offers interesting insights including Hebrew words with frequent topic addendums

- [1 Samuel 17](#)

HOWARD VOS - BORROW

James Rosscup - Vos was Professor of History and Archaeology, King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, In this conservative work he gives a long outline at the outset, then incorporates this in his survey of I and 2 Samuel. For many Bible teachers, preachers, and lay people the exposition helpfully sums up what is said and some implications. It offers brief explanation of some main problems, such as the number judged at Beth Shemesh in I Samuel 6:19ff. and how to fill in the number of Saul's years in 13:1.

- [1, 2 Samuel : Bible study commentary](#) 1983. 166 pp.

WARREN WIERSBE - BORROW - Always worth checking for preaching/teaching points.

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

- [Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#)
- [With the Word](#) - Excellent chapter summaries. Good ideas for preaching or teaching.
- [Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) - useful for preaching or teaching
- [Be successful \(1 Samuel\): Attaining Wealth That Money Can't Buy](#)

JOHN WHITCOMB AND JOHN J. DAVIS - Borrow - well done chapter summaries

- [Israel: from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#) - Saul: A Rejected King - see pages 212-222

WYCLIFFE BIBLE COMMENTARY - BORROW

- [Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

SERMONS BY VERSE - Older expositions

Israel Smitten with Fear	B. Dale	1 Samuel 17:1-11
The Battle of Elah	T. Kirk.	1 Samuel 17:1-27
The Philistines	W. J. Knox Little, M. A.	1 Samuel 17:1-27
The Shield Bearer of Goliath	R. Young, M. A.	1 Samuel 17:7
The Insulting Attitude of Worldliness Towards Religion	W. J. Knox Little, M. A.	1 Samuel 17:11
Parental Solitude	B. Dale	1 Samuel 17:17, 18
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