

*“Learning to Wait on God”*

**The Life of David *Before* He Became King**

1 Samuel 16-31

Historical Setting of 1 Samuel

1. The Patriarchs (2000 B.C.)

\*Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

\*The 12 sons of Jacob

2. Captivity in Egypt

\*lasted 400 years

\*delivered 1440 B.C.

3. Conquest of Canaan

4. Period of the Judges

\*lasted 300 years

\*political, moral, and spiritual anarchy

The final verse of Judges sums up the deteriorated condition of those days: "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

Judges 21:25

An Overview of 1 Samuel

I. Israel under the Leadership of Eli (1-2)

II. Israel under the Leadership of Samuel (3-8)

III. Israel under the Leadership of Saul (9-15)

IV. Israel under the Leadership of both Saul & David (16-31)

V. Israel under the Leadership of David (II Samuel)