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## *Christ in Every Chapter*

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## **I Samuel 1 - 15**

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### **CHAPTER 1**

Verse 11: The fact that Samuel is going to be a desired and consecrated “man child” makes him a type of Christ. The New Testament reference is Revelation 12:5: **“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”**

Verse 28: **“Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.”** So Christ was totally dedicated to God His whole life.

### **CHAPTER 2**

Verse 26: **“And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.”** A very similar statement is made regarding Jesus in Luke 2:52: **“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”**

Verse 35: **“And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.”** The short view obviously points to Samuel, the faithful priest that God raises up, but the long view points to our High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **CHAPTER 3**

Verse 19: **“And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.”** So it was with God’s faithful servant, the Lord Jesus Christ. He upheld all of the law

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and preached sound doctrine in such a way that the scribes and Pharisees were astonished. He was so faithful with the words of God that He prayed to the Father in John 17:8 and said, **“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.”**

**Verse 21: “And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.”** Samuel’s association with Shiloh further establishes him as a type of Christ. Shiloh, signifying *a place of rest*, is the word used in reference to Christ in the messianic promise of Genesis 49:10: **“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”**

## CHAPTER 4

Verses 3, 10-11: Israel was defeated and the ark was taken after the Jews made the mistake of saying **“... Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.”** No “it” has ever saved anyone, and God wasn’t about to let this time be any exception. This pictures someone expecting God’s blessings for doing things merely *in the name* of Christ rather than truly loving and obeying Him. The ark being taken and the glory departing (vs. 21) pictures Christ breaking fellowship with a Christian or a church. A good New Testament example is Revelation 2:5: **“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”**

## CHAPTER 5

Verses 1-4: So, though there be Lords many and gods many (I Cor. 8:5-6), Christ is superior to them all. He has the ability to conquer any environment into which He is taken. **“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”** (II Cor. 2:14)

## CHAPTER 6

Verse 2: **“And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.”** So it is with Christ. People want to send Him to His “proper place” rather than invite Him to rule and enrich their lives. They want Him kept in the church or between the covers of the Bible. He isn’t welcome at their dinner tables, in their work areas, in their offices or cafeterias.

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## CHAPTER 7

Verse 2: **“And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.”** Probably no one thought that the ark would be gone for twenty years, but it was. As someone has said, “Sin will take you further than you want to go, and it will keep you longer than you want to stay.” The Christian should abide in Christ, not spend long periods of time separated from His fellowship.

Verse 12: **“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.”** The word *Ebenezer* means “rock of help,” obviously a reference to Christ the Rock of our salvation. The best New Testament reference is probably I Corinthians 10:4 where Paul says, “that Rock was Christ.”

## CHAPTER 8

Verses 5-7: **“... make us a king to judge us like all the nations . . . But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.”**

The lesson is obvious. Men today reject Christ because they do not want Him ruling their lives. They want to live “like all the nations” instead of being a peculiar people and a holy nation unto the Lord (I Peter 2:9). Consequently, most churches have compromised the gospel message by eliminating repentance and allowing church members to continue in lives of sin and worldliness.

## CHAPTER 9

Verse 27: **“... Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.”** So it was, and is, with Jesus. He seeks to show the word of God to those who will take the time to listen. (Luke 4:4; 8:21; 11:28)

## CHAPTER 10

Verse 6: **“And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.”** The picture can't be pressed very far, since we know how Saul turns out, but the statement itself reminds us of what happens in the New Testament when a man is born again of God's Spirit: he becomes a new creature in Christ (II Cor. 5:17). After all, Saul has a

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“another heart” in verse 10, and people are curious about his conduct in verse 11. So it is with a new Christian.

Verses 18-19: **“... Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us.”** So it is with modern day churches that do not want Christ to rule. They set aside the words of their Lord and resort to the words and ways of men.

## CHAPTER 11

Verses 12-13: **“And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.”** Saul states that no man would be put to death “this day” for not following him because “to day” the LORD had wrought salvation. This is similar to the first coming of Christ when Jesus didn’t come to destroy men, but to save them: **“For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them . . . ”** (Luke 9:56) The *second* coming will be a different story altogether.

## CHAPTER 12

Verses 14-15: **“ If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.”** This is similar to the Christian’s obligation to follow Christ. Merely *having* Jesus as our king isn’t enough. We must obey Him, lest we reap the chastening hand of God (I Cor. 11:31-32).

Verse 25: **“But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.”** Such is the case with Christ and the church. If the church does wickedly, the spirit of Christ is quenched and the spiritual lights go out. In history, this is what caused the Dark Ages, a time when God refused to bless the church due to her sins. Consequently, both the church and the world suffered.

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## CHAPTER 13

Verse 12: **“Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.”** Saul committed a great sin in usurping the office of the priest. Many commit the same sin today by usurping the office of Christ our High Priest. Hebrews 10:10-12 states it very well: **“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.”**

Verse 14: **“... the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people . . .”** The short view obviously has David in focus, but the long view points to Christ the “captain” of our salvation (Heb. 2:10).

## CHAPTER 14

Verses 6-7: The respect and loyalty that the armourbearer has for Jonathan reminds us of the respect and loyalty that we owe to Christ. Our answer to every command of the Lord should be **“Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.”**

Verse 45: **“And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.”** Jonathan pictures Christ in that he is responsible for “great salvation” and in the fact that a wicked man wants him dead, picturing the antichrist opposing Jesus Christ..

## CHAPTER 15

Verse 3: **“Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.”** Amalek is a type of the flesh, one of the three enemies of Christ (Exo. 17:8-16). Only through the word of God and prayer does the Christian gain victory over this enemy and live in the power of Christ.

Verses 13-14: So the disobedient Christian will slip nothing past the Lord at the judgment seat of Christ.

Verse 29: The term “the Strength of Israel” serves as one of the many names for Christ in the Bible.

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## *Christ in Every Chapter*

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#### **CHAPTER 16**

Verse 1: **“... I have provided me a king ...”** God the Father provided His Son to be His King.

Verse 13: **“Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward ...”** Likewise, the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus at His baptism (Mat. 3:16-17).

Verse 23: **“And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.”** Throughout Jesus’ ministry, evil spirits departed from people at His command (Luke 7:21; 8:2; Mat. 8:16; Mark 1:39, etc.). Also, Saul’s trouble with evil spirits makes him a type of the antichrist, the archenemy of Jesus Christ.

#### **CHAPTER 17**

Verse 32: **“... thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”** So, Jesus went and fought for us.

Verse 49: **“And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.”** We are reminded here that God hasn’t forgotten His promise of Genesis 3:15, the fact that His Son will wound the head of the old serpent.

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## **CHAPTER 18**

Verse 1: **“... the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”** Our souls should be “knit” to Jesus Christ.

Verse 3: **“Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.”** We have a “covenant” with Jesus: **“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.”**

Verse 30: **“... David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.”** Much like the name of Jesus (Philip. 2:9; Acts 4:12).

## **CHAPTER 19**

Verse 1: **“And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.”** So people sought to kill Jesus (Mark 14:1; 14:55; John 11:53)

Verse 5: **“... wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?”** This was exactly the case with Jesus. In fact, in Matthew 27:4, Judas said, **“I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.”**

## **CHAPTER 20**

Verse 32: **“And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?”** The wording is very similar to the words of Pilate in Mark 15:14: **“Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done?”**

## **CHAPTER 21**

Verses 1-6: Unlike other common men, David is permitted to eat the hallowed showbread that belonged to the priests. This is because David pictures Christ the High Priest. His men are permitted to eat the bread also, picturing the fact that we are joint heirs with Christ and are in His priestly class (Rom. 8:17; I Pet. 2:1-5).

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## **CHAPTER 22**

Verse 2: **“And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them . . .”** What a perfect picture of us before Jesus became the captain of our salvation!

Verse 23: **“Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.”** So Christians are secure from Satan’s destroying hand by taking refuge in Christ.

## **CHAPTER 23**

Verse 9: **“And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him . . .”** Jesus knows the secrets of every heart (Mat. 9:4; Rom. 2:16).

Verse 14: **“And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.”** Likewise, we read in the gospels that Christ’s enemies sought to kill Him throughout His ministry, but the heavenly Father always provided a way of escape (Mark. 14:1; John 7:30; 10:39).

## **CHAPTER 24**

Verse 17: **“And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.”** Jesus received much the same treatment.

## **CHAPTER 25**

Verse 39: **“And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.”** David gets a bride who had previously been married to an unworthy and unappreciative man. Such is the case with Christ. He has a bride, the church, which is made up of people who had previously been bound to the flesh under the law of sin and death. Upon receiving Christ, the marriage to the flesh was dissolved and a new relationship began. Romans 7:4-6 states the case perfectly: **“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised**



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from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.”

## **CHAPTER 26**

Verse 25: “Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail . . .” Jesus does “great things” as well: “Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.” (Luke 8:39)

## **CHAPTER 27**

Verse 10: “And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.” Christ made a road also, all the way to Heaven!

Verse 12: “And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.” Christ made the Jews abhor Him so much that they rejected and killed Him.

## **CHAPTER 28**

Verse 17: “And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David.” So Satan loses his kingdom to Christ (Rev. 11:15).

## **CHAPTER 29**

Verse 6: “. . . I have not found evil in thee . . .” The same was true with Jesus. Pilate said, “Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.” (John 19:4)

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Verse 9: **“And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God . . .”** David being compared to “an angel of God” points us to similar comments about Christ in the New Testament: **“And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.”** (Gal. 4:14) **“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve.”** (Acts 27:23)

## **CHAPTER 30**

Verse 18: **“And David recovered all . . .”** Christ also recovered all. In fact, Psalm 69:4 says, **“then I restored that which I took not away.”**

## **CHAPTER 31**

Verses 11-12: **“And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.”**

Though it wouldn't be correct to make Saul a type of Christ, we can see a similarity here. In accordance with Deuteronomy 21:23, the body of a Jewish king is treated respectfully and given a proper burial. So it was with Jesus (John 19:38-42).