

Saul's Reign

Year	AC	BC	Event	Kings	References	Ages				
				Judah; Israel		Samuel	Saul	Jonathan	Ishbosheth	David
2934		1092	Samuel is urged to set a king over them	Samuel	1 Sam 8	76	40	18	0	
"		"	Saul looks for his father's donkeys	Samuel	1 Sam 9:1-4 (cf. 9:20)	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Lord tells Samuel about Saul	Samuel	1 Sam 9:15-16	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Saul seeks and finds Samuel	Samuel	1 Sam 9:5-14, 17-25	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Saul returns home, prophesying on the way	Samuel	1 Sam 9:26—10:16	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Samuel announces Saul at Mizpah	Samuel	1 Sam 10:17-27	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Ammonites threaten Jabesh-Gilead; Saul delivers them; Saul's coronation in Gilgal	Saul	1 Sam 11	"	"	"	"	
"		"	Samuel addresses the people	Saul	1 Sam 12	"	"	"	"	
2936		1090	Hard Philistine oppression; Saul foolishly offers a sacrifice; Saul and Jonathan defeat Philistines	Saul	1 Sam 13:1—14:46	78	42	20	2	
~		~	Saul's campaigns	Saul	1 Sam 14:47-52; 1 Chron 5:10, 18-24	~	~	~	~	
2944		1082	David is born	Saul	cf. 2 Sam 5:4	86	50	28	10	0
~		~	Saul's campaigns	Saul	1 Sam 14:47-52	~	~	~	~	~
2959		1067	Saul defeats the Amalekites	Saul	1 Sam 15	101	65	43	25	15
"		"	Samuel anoints David; David joins Saul's court as armorbearer and musician	Saul	1 Sam 16:1-13; <i>Psa 39</i> ; 1 Sam 16:14-23; <i>Psa 19</i> ; 8	"	"	"	"	"
2964		1062	David kills Goliath	Saul	1 Sam 17	106	70	48	30	20
"		"	Jonathan and David become friends; David praised by women; Saul tries to kill David with a spear	Saul	1 Sam 18:1-4; <i>Psa 23</i> ; 1 Sam 18:5-11; <i>Psa 5</i>	"	"	"	"	"
"		"	Saul makes David captain over 1000	Saul	1 Sam 18:12-16	"	"	"	"	"
~		~	Deeds of David's mighty men *	Saul	2 Sam 23:8-12; 1 Chron 11:10-14	~	~	~	~	~
~		~	David marries Michal	Saul	1 Sam 18:17-30; <i>Psa 12</i>	~	~	~	~	~
~		~	More deeds of David's mighty men **	Saul	2 Sam 23:18-39; 1 Chron 11:20-47 **	~	~	~	~	~
~		~	Saul conspires to kill David; David flees	Saul	1 Sam 19:1-17; <i>Psa 59</i> ; 11	~	~	~	~	~
~		~	To Naioth with Samuel near Ramah	Saul	1 Sam 19:18-24; <i>Psa 25</i>	~	~	~	~	~
~		~	To Jonathan to see if Saul still wants to kill David; he does (1 st & 2 nd of the month)	Saul	1 Sam 20; <i>Psa 26</i>	~	~	~	~	~

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>2964	>1062	To Nob with Ahimelech the priest	Saul	1 Sam 21:1-9	>106	>70	>48	>30	>20	
~	~	To Achish king of Gath; feigned madness	Saul	1 Sam 21:10-15; Psa 56; 34	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To cave of Adullam; ~400 men join him including family	Saul	1 Sam 22:1-2	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	Mighty men also join David	Saul	2 Sam 23:13; 1 Chron 11:15; Psa 141	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To Mizpah of Moab to keep parents safe	Saul	1 Sam 22:3-4; Psa 64	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	David's men fetch water from well in Bethlehem	Saul	2 Sam 23:14-17; 1 Chron 11:16-19	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To the forest of Hereth	Saul	1 Sam 22:5	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	Saul has Doeg the Edomite kill the priests in Nob; only Abiathar escapes to David	Saul	1 Sam 22:6-23; Psa 52; 35	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	David rescues Keilah from Philistines; Saul begins to go to Keilah to get David; David now has ~600 men	Saul	1 Sam 23:1-5; Psa 140; 31; 1 Sam 23:6-13	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph; Jonathan visits David	Saul	1 Sam 23:14; Psa 13; 1 Sam 23:15-18; Psa 17	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	Some Gadites and sons of Benjamin and Judah join David	Saul	1 Chron 12:8-18	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	Ziphites betray David †	Saul	1 Sam 23:19-23 †	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To Wilderness of Maon; Saul follows, but is called away to battle Philistines	Saul	1 Sam 23:24-28	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	To En Gedi; David does not kill Saul in cave; Saul ceases to pursue David	Saul	1 Sam 23:29; Psa 63; 16; 35; 1 Sam 24:1-22; Psa 57; 142; 108	~	~	~	~	~	
~	~	Samuel dies	Saul	1 Sam 25:1	x	~	~	~	~	
2969	1057	Mephibosheth is born	Saul	cf. 2 Sam 4:4		75	53	35	25	0
~	~	Incident with Nabal; David marries Abigail and Ahinoam; Michal given to Palti	Saul	1 Sam 25:2-44		~	~	~	~	~
?	?	Saul kills Gibeonites	Saul	cf. 2 Sam 21:1		?	?	?	?	?
?	?	Nahash king of Ammon shows kindness to David	Saul	cf. 2 Sam 10:2		?	?	?	?	?
~	~	Saul pursues David once more in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon †	Saul	1 Sam 26; Psa 54 †		~	~	~	~	~
2973	1053	David "defects" to Achish king of Gath for 1 year 4 months; based in Ziklag	Saul	1 Sam 27:1-7		79	57	39	29	4
"	"	Men join David in Ziklag **	Saul	1 Chron 12:1-7 **		"	"	"	"	"

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2973	1053	David's campaigns aligned with Achish	Saul	1 Sam 27:8-12		79	57	39	29	4
2974	1052	Philistines go up against Israel; Saul consults a medium; David joins Philistines	Saul	1 Sam 28:1—29:2		80	58	40	30	5
“	“	Some Manassites defect to David	Saul	1 Chron 12:19-20		“	“	“	“	“
“	“	David sent back to Ziklag	Saul	1 Sam 29:3-11		“	“	“	“	“
“	“	Philistines defeat Israelites; Saul and his sons die.	Saul	1 Sam 31:1-7; 1 Chron 10:1-7 (cf. 1 Sam 28:19)		x	x	“	“	“
“	“	Saul's body found and desecrated	--	1 Sam 31:8-10; 1 Chron 10:8-10				“	“	“
“	“	David discovers Ziklag burned by Amalekites; defeats Amalekites and recovers spoils	--	1 Sam 30 (vs. 1); 1 Chron 12:21-22				“	“	“
“	“	Saul's body recovered and burned by those from Jabesh Gilead	--	1 Sam 31:11-13; 1 Chron 10:11-14				“	“	“
“	“	Mephibosheth made lame	--	2 Sam 4:4				“	“	“
“	“	David hears about Israelite defeat; writes Song of the Bow	--	2 Sam 1				“	“	“
“	“	David goes up to Hebron, becomes king of Judah; Abner crowns Ishbosheth king of Israel	David; Ishbosheth	2 Sam 2:1-11				“	“	“

“ Same year/age

~ Possible later year or older age

? Complete guess

x Time of death

* Deeds of David's mighty men likely surround marrying of Michal – exact order impossible to determine

** Benaiah son of Jehoiada slaying the Egyptian (2 Sam 23:21; 1 Chron 11:23) could be around time of marrying Michal, or when David was in Ziklag (1 Sam 27:8); it specifically mentions going “as far as the land of Egypt.”

† Ziphites betray David twice; Psalm 54 seems to go with latter betrayal since it is while there had been a truce between Saul & David

Samuel's age – discussion in period of judges

Saul's age – various translations of 1 Sam 13:1, particularly the ASV; also Jonathan's age taken into account

Jonathan's age – 20 based on his first military engagement in 1 Sam 13:3

Ishbosheth's age – 2 Sam 2:10

David's age – 2 Sam 5:4; 15 y.o. guess, late teens assumed; 20 y.o. guess, when Saul makes him a captain

Mephibosheth's age – 2 Sam 4:4

Psa 39

Scholarly placement of Psalm (*Reese Chronological Bible*)