

# The Books of Samuel and the Emergence of the Hebrew State

## I. Introduction

## II. First Samuel

- A. The Samuel Cycle (1 Samuel 1:1 — 12:25)
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    - a) Hannah (1 Samuel 1)
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- b) The Philistine Threat: Metals Technology and the Centralization of the Hebrew Tribes
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## Terms and Concepts to Remember

Samuel Hannah Shiloh Ark of the covenant Philistines Saul The Saul Cycle Jonathan Michal An “evil spirit from Yahweh” David Goliath Ziklag Practical reasons for adopting a monarchy	The Deuteronomistic Historian’s perspective on the rise of the monarchy The David Cycle Hebron Jerusalem The Davidic Covenant Nathan The Succession Narrative Ammonites (and the nation of Ammon) Bathsheba Uriah the Hittite Absalom Amnon Solomon
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## Cities and Regions Related to this Topic

<b>Cities</b>	<b>Regions</b>
Shiloh	Philistia
Aphek	Phoenicia
Kiriath-yearim	Ammon
Gibeon	Moab
Bethlehem	Israel
Hebron	Judah
Jerusalem	