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## Young David First Samuel 16:1 to 20:42

## David was most likely born in 1040 BC



Just as the story of the beginning of Israelite monarchy (First Samuel Chapters 8-15) begins with an account of the rise of Sha'ul (First Samuel Chapters 8-12), so does the story of the establishment of that monarchy begin with an account of the rise of David. In this case, however, the rise of David is so intimately intertwined with the decline of Sha'ul that the story occupies much more space in the telling.<sup>21</sup>