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The Rise of David
First Samuel 16:1 to 31:13



Just as the story of the beginning of **Israelite** monarchy **(Chapters 8-15)** begins with an account of the rise of **Sha'ul (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.[339]