

# 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>