

PROPOSED CHRONOLOGY FOR SAUL'S REIGN

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Event(s):	David's Age:	Jonathan's Age:	Saul's Age:	Date:
Saul marries <i>(1 year follows)</i>			19	1047 B.C.
Saul is made king, Jonathan is born 1 Sam 9:1–13:1 <i>(20 years follow)</i>		birth	20	1046 B.C.
Saul reorganizes the army, Battle of Michmash 1 Sam 13–14 <i>(5 years follow)</i>	9	20	40	1026 B.C.
Saul subdues the Amalekites 1 Sam 15 <i>(1 year follows)</i>	14	25	45	1021 B.C.
David is anointed by Samuel 1 Sam 16 <i>(3 years follow)</i>	15	26	46	1020 B.C.
David kills Goliath and meets Jonathan at court 1 Sam 17–20 <i>(1 year follows)</i>	18	29	49	1017 B.C.
David flees Saul's court, parts from Jonathan 1 Sam 21–30 <i>(11 years follow)</i>	19	30	50	1016 B.C.
Saul and Jonathan are killed, David made king in Hebron 1 Sam 31:1 – 2 Sam 2:11	30	41	61	1005 B.C.

Saul was 20 when he became king, and he ruled 42 years (1047-1005 B.C.), 1 Sam 13:1.