

	October	Bul					
	November	Chislev					
	December	Tebeth					
1048	January	Shebat					
	February	Adar					
	March		SAUL	480 years		ASHURNASIRPAL I	
	April	Abib	19	435		2	
	May	Ziv					
	June	Sivan					
	July	Tammuz					
	August	Ab					
	September	Elul					
	October	Ethanim					
	November	Bul					
	December	Chislev					
1047	January	Tebeth					
	February	Shebat					
	March	Adar	SAUL	480 years		ASHURNASIRPAL I	
	April	Abib	20	436		3	
	May	Ziv					
	June	Sivan					
	July	Tammuz					
	August	Ab	DAVID				
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**Death of Samuel**  
 Samuel died (1 Samuel 25:1) not long before Saul, who sought to contact Samuel through a 'medium' for help in the worsening war with the Philistines, in which he and his son Jonathan died (1 Samuel chapters 28-31).

"The Philistines fought against Israel: and....Saul died" (1 Samuel 31:1,6). "And when Yahweh had removed him, he raised up...David to be their king" (Acts 13:22).

**Age of Saul at his death**  
 With Saul's second son "Ishui/Ishbosheth", being 40 at the time of Saul's death (1 Samuel 14:49; 2 Samuel 2:8,10), it follows that the age of Saul's firstborn son Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:49) would be at least 41 when he died with Saul in battle - 31:2). And presuming Saul had his firstborn (Jonathan) no earlier than the age of 20, Saul would have been some 20+41 or about 61 years old at the time of his death (cf. 1 Samuel 31:2f.).

"David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years" (2 Samuel 5:4).

**The beginning of David's rule**  
 For about 5 years before David was established as king over the whole nation, "there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David", with Abner's attempt at establishing "Ishbosheth the son of Saul" as king having failed (2 Samuel 2:8-10; 3:6-12, etc.).