

The Numerical Features of the Book of 1 Samuel

A New Approach to its Compositional Structure¹

Please read the [General Introduction](#)

The book of 1-2 Samuel is in reality a single literary entity, which has at a later stage been divided (not in the Hebrew text, but in the LXX) into two sections 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel. In MT they are taken as a single book, because there is the normal layout marker **P** after 1 Sam. 31,13, instead of the usual colophon at the end of a book. The colophon is to be found at the end of 2 Samuel. This **P** marks the caesura between two sections of the book as a whole. Moreover, it is on the basis of the unity of 1-2 Samuel that the middle verse is indicated in MT at 1 Sam. 28,24 (more precisely, the middle verses are 28,22-23 (1506 = 752+2+752). And finally, the Samuel scroll from Qumran suggests that the two books were written on one scroll (see E.C. Ulrich, *The Qumran Text of Samuel and Josephus* (HSM 19), Missoula MT: Scholars Press, 1978, pp. 9-11.

It is only for the sake of convenience, that I analyse 1 and 2 Samuel separately.

Like Joshua and Judges, 1 Samuel is a numerical composition governed by the two divine name numbers **17** and **26**. In comparison with Joshua and Judges, 1 Samuel displays a much higher density of the occurrences of these numbers, with an average of **98%** of the verses and **72 %** of the words. Since it is not always possible to distinguish random occurrences of **17** and **26** from instances due to conscious choice or deliberate design, the percentages may all be somewhat lower. However, this may never be a reason for regarding all the instances I detected as due to coincidence.

Part I: 1,1-3,21	85 of the 85 (5x 17) verses (100%) and 1275 of the 1275 (75x 17) words (100%)
Part II: 4,1-7,1	34 of the 56 verses (61%) and 569 of the 1005 words (57%)
Part III: 7,2-17	4 of the 16 verses (25%) and 68 of the 265 words (26%)
Part IV: 8,1-22	14 of the 22 verses (64%) and 162 of the 271 words (60%)
Part V: 9,1-10,27	36 of the 54 verses (67%) and 562 of the 937 words (60%)
Part VI: 11,1-12,25	38 of the 40 verses (95%) and 647 of the 682 words (95%)
Part VII: 13,1-14,52	73 of the 75 verses (97%) and 1170 of the 1200 words (98%)
Part VIII: 15,1-35	30 of the 35 verses (86%) and 460 of the 529 words (87%)
Part IX: 16,1-23	14 of the 23 verses (61%) and 205 of the 373 words (55%)
Part X: 17,1-54	43 of the 54 verses (80%) and 677 of the 854 words (79%)
Part XI: 17,55-18,30	34 of the 34 verses (100%) and 268 of the 492 words (54%)
Part XII: 19,1-20,42	45 of the 66 verses (68%) and 707 of the 1098 words (64%)
Part XIII: 21,1-24,23	48 of the 90 verses (53%) and 728 of the 1511 words (48%)
Part XIV: 25,1-43	32 of the 43 verses (74%) and 541 of the 738 words (73%) are
Part XV: 25,44-26,25	26 of the 26 verses (100%) and 146 of the 487 words (30%)
Part XVI: 27,1-28,2	10 of the 14 verses (71%) and 180 of the 252 words (71%)
Part XVII: 28,3-25	23 of the 23 verses (100%) and 388 of the 388 words (100%)
Part XVIII: 29,1-30,31	36 of the 42 verses (85%) and 667 of the 705 words (94%)
Part XIX: 31,1-13	10 of the 13 verses (77%) and 163 of the 202 words (81%)
Grand Total	797 of the 811 verses (98%) and 9627 of the 13264 words (72%)

As I shall demonstrate below, the book divides into 19 main Parts primarily in terms of content and thematic considerations. In no less than eight cases there is also a numerical basis for the chosen division. See Part I with its **85** (5x**17**) verses and **1275** (75x**17**) words, Part III with its **265** words (5x**53** – see page 2), Parts V-VIII with their **204** (12x**17**) verses, Part X with its **854** words (61x**14** – see page 2), Part XI with its **34** (2x**17**) verses, Part XV with its **26** verses, Part XVI with its **14** verses and **252** words (18x**14** – see page 2), and Part XVII with its **388** words (**156** (6x**26**) + **17** + **52** (2x**26**) + **85** (5x**17**) + **78** (3x**26**).

¹ I am deeply indebted to Klaas Eikelenboom for having independently done the counting and computing in Samuel, and for his useful suggestions. His research enabled me to verify my counting; it also brought to light information I myself had missed. I also owe thanks to Dr. Pieter van der Lugt for his constructive remarks.

Contrary to what we found in the Torah, Joshua and Judges, where **17** and **26** are frequently used to finalize and seal the *main parts* of the books, in 1 Samuel they are primarily used as highlighting devices to draw special attention to certain subsections and smaller passages containing crucial events or utterances.

Let me give some salient, randomly chosen examples:

1. The prelude to the birth of Samuel (1,1-8): **119 (7x17)** words. 2 Sam. 1,1-8 has also **119** words!
2. The temple scene of Hannah praying to YHWH and making a vow (1,10-18): **130 (5x26)** words.
3. Hannah tells Eli that the boy must be given to God (1,27-28): **26** words.
4. YHWH's acts as the Controller of human affairs (2,7-10): **52 (2x26)** words; **208 (8x26)** letters.
5. YHWH reveals to Samuel his intentions with the house of Eli (3,11-16): **85 (5x17)** words.
6. Samuel is generally recognized as YHWH's prophet (3,19-21): **34 (2x17)** words.
7. The first disastrous encounter with the Philistines (4,1-17): **17** verses and **286 (11x26)** words.
8. The sad news of the disaster (Ichabod!) causes Eli's death (4,19-21): **51 (3x17)** words.
9. Twenty years later, all Israel adheres to YHWH (7,2): **17** words (for 'adhere', see HALOT, 675).
10. Samuel erects a stone 'Eben-ha'ezer' – the Philistines are subdued (7,12-13): **34 (2x17)** words.
11. YHWH speaks **51 (3x17)** words to Samuel (8,7f.).
12. Samuel's admonitory speech about the future king (8,11-18): **85 (5x17)** words.
13. Samuel anoints Saul and installs him as king (10,1): **17** words.
14. At a meeting in Mizpah Saul is picked (10,17-22a): **85 (5x17)** words.
15. Saul is acclaimed as king; Samuel makes a written record of kingship (10,23-25): **51 (3x17)** words.
16. The threat of the Ammonite king Nahash (11,1-10): **170 (10x17)** words.
17. Samuel's famous address to the Israelites (12,1-25): **425 (25x17)** words.
18. Saul picks soldiers and behaves foolishly (13,1-12): **136 (8x17) + 52 (2x26)** words.
19. Jonathan criticizes his father's oath (14,28-30): **34 (2x17) + 17** words.
20. YHWH orders Saul to attack Amalek (15,1-3): **34 (2x17) + 26** words.
21. Samuel speaks altogether **187 (11x17)** words to Saul in Chapter 15,1-3.14.16.17-19.22f.26.28f.32.
22. David is anointed and receives the Spirit of YHWH (16,12b-16): **68 (4x17)** words.
23. Goliath is introduced as the champion of the Philistines (17,1-4): **51 (3x17)** words.
24. David volunteers to fight Goliath, assured that YHWH will help him (17,32.34-37): **52 (2x26)** words.
25. David kills Goliath and brings his head to Jerusalem (17,50-54): **78 (3x26)** words.
26. Jonathan covertly advises David to go into hiding (20,35-39): **26+17+26** words.
27. Abiathar's escape from Nob and David's liberation of Keilah (22,20-23,5): **136 (8x17)** words.
28. The Ziphites help Saul to find David (23,19-23): **78 (3x26)** words.
29. YHWH speaks 6x to David, using altogether **34** words: **17** (in 23,2b.4b.11b.12b) and **17** (in 24,5 and 30,8).
30. David assures Saul that he will do him no harm (24,10-12): **68 (4x17)** words.
31. Abigail saves the house of Nabal by meeting David with a generous gift (25,9-23): **85+85+78** words.
32. Saul consults a medium at Endor (28,3-25): **156(6x26)+17+52(2x26)+85(5x17)+78(3x26)** words.
33. The death of the sons of Saul (31,2): **17** words.
34. The death of Saul and his armour-bearer (31,4-7): **78 (3x26)** words.

Part I (1,1-3, 21), Part XI (17,55-18,30), Part XV (25,44-26,25) and Part XVII (28,3-25), stand out by their evident numerical features regarding the divine name numbers. Part III (7,2-17), dealing with Samuel's career as judge, is conspicuous because of its **265** words, which is 5x**53**, the numerical value of **שמואל** (21+13+6+1+12=53). The same goes for Part X (17,1-54), about David as the Philistine champion, because of its **854** words, which is a multiple of **14** (61x14), the numerical value of **דוד** (4+6+4=14), and also for Part XVI (27,1-28,2), about David as raider in the service of Achish of Gath, with its **14** verses and **252** (18x14) words.

This intriguing device for imbuing the text with the 'signature' of a personality, specifically in *crucial passages*, may also be found in 31,1-3, where the **40** words may represent the 'signature' of **שאול** (21+1+6+12=40).

Most significantly, the numerical value of the name of Samuel figures no less than **9** times:

1. In Part I, 1,1-3, **53** words at the beginning of **§1**, where the main characters are introduced;
2. In Part I, 1,9-11, **53** words at the beginning of **§2**, where Hannah prays to YHWH and makes a vow;
3. In Part I, 2,19-21, **53** words at the end of **§6**, which deals with little Samuel's cloak;
4. In Part I, 3,8-10, **53** words at the end of **§10**, where Samuel says: "Speak, for your servant hears!";
5. Part III, 7,2-17, **265** (5x**53**) words: Samuel as judge and intercessor (see Observation 5 below);
6. In Part V (9,15-20), **106** (2x**53**) words in **§2**: YHWH informs Samuel about his intentions with Saul;
7. In Part VI (12,22-25), **53** words at the end of Samuel's famous speech (see Observation 8 below);
8. In Part XVII (28,12-14), **53** words: the appearance of the ghostly form, identified as Samuel.
9. In 15,1-32 the **187** (11x**17**) words spoken by Samuel to Saul have altogether **689** (**53**x13) letters (I owe thanks to Klaas Eikelenboom for this piece of information).

These instances of Samuel's 'signature' give credence to my supposition about the 'signatures' of David and Saul in 1 Samuel. For telling examples in Genesis, Deuteronomy and Joshua, see Observation 10 in my analysis of [Joshua](#). For the first instance of the use of a 'signature' I came across (in the very first Davidic psalm!) see Observation 3 in [Psalm 3](#).

The Compositional Structure of the Book of 1 Samuel

When it comes to the division of the text into larger and smaller units, the saying *quot capita, tot sensus* aptly describes the lack of consensus among scholars. The following overview gives a revealing picture. The verses marked in **bold face** indicate that the scholars in question do not regard the **P** after 31,13 as an indication of a strong caesura. The concluding verses or chapters marked in **red** are not demarcated by layout markers.

- K. BUDDE (KHCAT, 1902) and : 1-7; 8-15; 16-31.
P. DHORME (Études bibliques, 1910): 1-3; 4; 5-**6**; 7; 8-11; 12; 13-14; 15; 16; 17-18; 19-20; 21-**22**; 23-26; 27-30; 31.
S. SMITH (ICC, 1912): 1-7; 8-12; 13-15; 16-**2 Sam. 1,27**
A. VAN DEN BORN (BOT, 1956): 1-7; 8-15; 16-**2 Sam. 1,27**
H.W. HERTZBERG (ATD, 1960; English: Westminster John Knox Press, 1964): 1-**3**; 4-6; 7-15; 16-**2 Sam. 1,27**.
C.J. GOSLINGA (COT, 1968): 1-7; 8-12; 13-15; 16-26; 27-31.
P.R. ACKROYD (CBC, 1971): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-7; 8-15; 16-27; 28-31.
J. MAUCHLINE (NCB, 1971): 1,1-7,1; 7,2-12,25; 13,2-15,35; 16-**2 Sam. 1,27**.
H.J. STOEBE (KAT, 1973): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-7,1; 7,2-17; 8-15; 16-31.
P. KYLE McCARTER (AB, 1980): 1-7; 8-15,**34**; 15,35-31,13.
F. STOLZ (Zürcher Bibelkommentare, 1981): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-7,1; 7,2-17; 8-15; 16-31.
J.P. FOKKELMAN (NAPS I-IV, 1981-1993): I: 1-4; 5-7; 8-12; II: 13-15; 16-19; 20-23,**13**; 23,14-26,25; 27-31+**2 Sam. 1,27**.
R.W. KLEIN (WBC, 1983): 1,1-7,1; 7,2-16,13; 16,14-**2 Sam. 5,10**.
R. GORDON (Pater Noster Press, 1986): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-7,1; 7,2-12,25; 13,1-15,35; 16,1-31,13.
A.H. VAN ZYL (POT, 1988): 1-8; 9-15; 16-18; 19-20; 21-**22**; 23-26; 27-31.
W. BRUEGGEMANN (ABD, Vol. 5, 1992): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-7,**2**; 7,3-15,35; 16,1-**2 Sam. 5,10**.
D.T. BERGEN (B&H Publishing Group, 1996): 1,1-7,17; 8,1-14,51; 15,1-**2 Sam. 1,27**.
H.J. KOOREVAAR (Acta Theologica, 17/2, 1997, pp. 56-86): **1**: 1,1-28; 2,1-11; **2**: 2,12-4,22; 5-7; **3**: 8,1-13,**1**; 13,2-14,52; **4**: 15,1- **2 Sam. 8,18**.
D.A. DORSEY (The Literary Structure of the Old Testament, Grand Rapids, 1999, pp. 130-132): 1,1-2,11; 2,12-**26**; 2,27-3,**1a**; 3,1b-4,**1a**; 4,1b-22; 5,1-7,1; 7,2-17; 8,1-10,16; 10,17-27; 11,1-13; 11,14-13,**1**; 13,2-**15**; 13,16-14,52; 15,1-35; 16,1-13; 16,14-23; 17,1-**58**; 18,1-**6**; 18,7-30; 19,1-**17**; 19,18-20,42; 21,1-22,**23**; 23,1-18; 23,19-24,23; 25,1-**44**; 26,1-25; 27,1-12; 28,1-31,13.
H. H. KLEMENT (2 Samuel 21-24: Structure, Context and Meaning in the Samuel Conclusion. Europäische Hochschulschriften Reihe XXIII Theologie, Bd. 682. Peter Lang Verlag: Frankfurt am Main, 2000): I: 1,1-2,11; 2,12-3,21 | 4,1-8,22 II: 9,1-10,16; 10,17-15,35 | 16,1-13 | 16,14-19,**17** | 19,18-24 | 20,1-23,**28** | 24,1-23 | 25,1-30,31 | 31,1-13.
W. DIETRICH (BK, 2003-2013): 1,1-4,**1a**; 4,1b-**22**; 5,1-7,1; 7,2-17; 8,1-22; 9,1-10,16; 10,17-27; 11,1-15; 12,1-25; 13,1-23; 14,1-**46**; 14,47-52; 15; 16,1-13; 16,14-23; 17,1-**58**; 18; 19; 20,1-**21,1**; 21,2-**22,1a**; 22,1b-23.....
D.T. TSUMURA (NICOT, 2007): 1,1-7,17; 8,1-22; 9,1-15,35; 16,1-31,13.

Because I am convinced that the layout markers should *never* be ignored or deliberately overruled, I made sure that in my division of the text all of the main Parts and paragraphs are demarcated by the **P** or **S** as far as they are present. The cases without a layout marker, where there is clearly a seam in the text, I have marked with [].

Since the **P** and **S** also have a *highlighting* function within a coherent, indivisible paragraph, as we have seen in the Torah and the books of Joshua and Judges (in the tables marked in **green**), it has been rather difficult in a number of instances to determine their exact function with absolute certainty. At any rate, in no less than nine cases the **P** definitely has only a highlighting function, being positioned within a coherent literary entity (after 8,21; 10,18a; 10,24; 14,12; 14,19a; 20,8; 26,24; 2 Sam. 3,37 and 21,18). A great number of **Setumahs** function exclusively as highlighting devices: I counted 40 cases in 1 Samuel and 30 in 2 Samuel.

See also Eveline van Staalduine-Sulman, "Theologische *petuchot* en *setumot* in de boeken Samuël", *Alef-Beet*, 22, 2012, pp. 16-25.

In Joshua I found 5 cases: 1,11; 4.3.13.24, and 24,26; in Judges several: 1,27-32; 3,30; 7,5.6; 10,12; 11,31; 13,1.

Another remarkable feature is the rather exceptional positioning of a considerable number of layout markers within a verse (no less than 12 cases in 1 Samuel and 12 in 2 Samuel): 10,18.22; 14,12.19.36; 16,2.12; 17,37; 20,27; 23,2,4,11; 2 Sam. 16,13; 18,2.28; 20,10.14; 21,1.6; 23,29.37; 24.10,11.23.

My division of the text into 19 coherent main parts is generally based on thematic considerations, but in eight instances (**Parts I, III, V-VIII, X, XI, XV, XVI, and XVII**) conspicuous numerical features have been a great help in determining the correct delimitation. As a result of this, four other main parts are automatically delineated: Parts II, IV, IX, and XIV. This means that no less than twelve main parts are delimited on numerical grounds.

Part I: 1,1-3,21	The birth of Samuel and his childhood: P	85(5x17) vs; 1275(75x17) words.
Part II: 4,1-7,1	The struggle with the Philistines: P	56 vs; 1005 words.
Part III: 7,2-17	Samuel as judge and intercessor for Israel: P	16 vs; 265 (5x53) words.
Part IV: 8,1-22	The Israelites ask Samuel to appoint for them a king: P	22 vs; 271 words.
Part V: 9,1-10,27	Samuel anoints Saul to be king: P	54 vs; 937 words.
Part VI: 11,1-12,25	The proving of Saul and Samuel's address to Israel: P	40 vs; 682 words. 204 vss.
Part VII: 13,1-14,52	The reign of Saul and his warfare with the Philistines: S	75 vs; 1200 words. (12x17)
Part VIII: 15,1-35	The definite rejection of Saul: P	35 vs; 529 words.
Part IX: 16,1-23	David is anointed and employed as Saul's musician: P	23 vs; 373 words.
Part X: 17,1-54	David as the Philistine champion: S	54 vs; 854 (61x14) words.
Part XI: 17,55-18,30	David's rise to fame provokes Saul's jealousy: S	34 (2x17) vs; 492 words.
Part XII: 19,1-20,42	David's flight and his covenant with Jonathan: P	66 vs; 1098 words.
Part XIII: 21,1-24,23	David the marauding fugitive: P	90 vs; 1511 words.
Part XIV: 25,1-43	Abigail meets David and becomes his wife: S	43 vs; 738 words.
Part XV: 25,44-26,25	David spares Saul's life: P	26 vs; 487 words.
Part XVI: 27,1-28,2	David as raider in the service of Achish of Gath: P	14 vs; 252 (18x14) words.
Part XVII: 28,3-25	Saul consults a medium at Endor: P	23 vs; 388 () words.
Part XVIII: 29,1-30,31	Achish dismisses David, who routs the Amalekite raiders: P	42 vs; 705 words.
Part XIX: 31,1-13	The death of Saul and his sons: P (no colophon)	13 vs; 202 words.

Part I: 1,1-3,21 stands out as very special with its 85(5x17) verses and 1275(75x17) words.

Parts V-VIII: 9-15, dealing with the story of Saul from the time he steps into the picture until his definite rejection constitute a distinct literary entity that has been rounded off and sealed by 204 (12x17) verses. This also applies to Parts IV-XIII: 8-24 with their 493 (29x17) verses.

Part XVII: 28,3-25 is in its entirety governed by a series of multiples of 17 and 26 words: 156+17+52+85+78.

Part I: 1,1-3,21 The birth of Samuel and his childhood

Vs	Texts	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
							§1 The prelude to the birth of Samuel
1	1Sam 1,1	19+ 19+	69		19		The main characters introduced, Elkana, Peninnah, and Hannah: 34 (2x17) words.
2	1Sam 1,2	15/34 15+	57		34 (2x17)		
3	1Sam 1,3	19+ 19/53*	84	1-2	53 = Samuel		
4	1Sam 1,4	11+	50		64		* שמואל = 21+13+6+1+12=53: his 'signature'. See page 2 in the Introduction above.
5	1Sam 1,5	12+	40	3	76		The entire paragraph is highlighted by its 119 (34+85)=7x17 words, which symbolize the sevenfold presence of YHWH in the events.
6	1Sam 1,6	11+	41	4	87		
7	1Sam 1,7	13+	49	5	100		
8	1Sam 1,8	19/85 (5x17)	70		119 (7x17)	[]	

9	1Sam 1,9	16	16+	59	6	135		§2 Hannah prays and makes a vow <u>1,9-11</u> *53 once again Samuel's 'signature'! See page 2 in the Introduction above. Except for v. 9, about Eli sitting outside the temple, beside the door, the entire paragraph dealing with the temple scene in which Hannah prays to YHWH and makes a vow, is highlighted by 130 (5x26) words. Hannah's vow (v. 11) is made up of 26 words.
10	1Sam 1,10	8+	8+	30	7	143		
11	1Sam 1,11	29+	29/53*	113	8-9	172		
12	1Sam 1,12	10+		37	10	182		
13	1Sam 1,13	14+		53		196		
14	1Sam 1,14	10+		40		206		
15	1Sam 1,15	18+		65	11	224		
16	1Sam 1,16	14+		46		238		
17	1Sam 1,17	13+		50		251		
18	1Sam 1,18	14/130 (5x26)		55		265/146	[]	§3 The birth of Samuel and his babyhood The entire paragraph is highlighted by its 85 (5x17) words. Until this point the name YHWH occurs 17x , stressing his presence.
19	1Sam 1,19	17+		74	12-13	282		
20	1Sam 1,20	14+	14+	56	14	296		
21	1Sam 1,21	12+	12/26	46	15	308		
22	1Sam 1,22	18+		64	16	326		
23	1Sam 1,23	24/85 (5x17)		83	17	350/85	[]	
24	1Sam 1,24	17		69	18	367		
25	1Sam 1,25	8		28		375		
26	1Sam 1,26	14		52	19	389		
27	1Sam 1,27	12+		45	20	401		§4 Hannah brings the boy to Eli in Shilo: 17. Hannah tells Eli that it was this boy she prayed for: he should be given to God: 26 .
28	1Sam 1,28	14/26		57	21-23	415/65	P	
29	1Sam 2,1	16		63	24-25	431		
30	1Sam 2,2	9		35	26	440		
31	1Sam 2,3	15		55	27	455		
32	1Sam 2,4	6		26		461		
33	1Sam 2,5	12		51		473		
34	1Sam 2,6	6		26	28	479		
35	1Sam 2,7	6+		27	29	485		
36	1Sam 2,8	19+		77	30	504		§5 Hannah offers a prayer The mathematic middle, and meaningful, centre of the poem is constituted by 2,6a: יהוה ממית ומחיה in terms of its 113 words: 55+3+55, and also in terms of its 35 cola: 17+1+17 . The focus on the centre is strongly reinforced by the middle instance of the 9 occurrences of the name יהוה in 2,6a: 4+1+4=9. See Observation 3 below. Special emphasis is laid on YHWH's acts as the Controller of human affairs: 52 words; 208 (8x26) letters.
37	1Sam 2,9	11+		41		515		
38	1Sam 2,10	16/52 (2x26)		63	31-32	531/116	P	
39	1Sam 2,11	14		50	33	545		
40	1Sam 2,12	8		27	34	553		
41	1Sam 2,13	17		63		570		
42	1Sam 2,14	22		78		592		
43	1Sam 2,15	23		77		615		
44	1Sam 2,16	21		77		636		
45	1Sam 2,17	14		53	35-36	650		§6 Eli's sons in contrast to Samuel <u>2,19-21</u> The story about Samuel's cloak his mother made for him every year, and Eli's blessing, has 53 words: once again Samuel's 'signature'!
46	1Sam 2,18	9		32	37	659		
47	1Sam 2,19	16+		61		675		
48	1Sam 2,20	21+		76	38-39	696		
49	1Sam 2,21	16/53*		58	40-41	712/181	S	
50	1Sam 2,22	20		73		732		
51	1Sam 2,23	16		59		748		
52	1Sam 2,24	12		41	42	760		
53	1Sam 2,25	21		79	43-44	781		
54	1Sam 2,26	11		39	45	792/80	S	§7 Eli rebukes his sons: Samuel commends himself to YHWH and the people §8 A man of God announces YHWH's judgement over the priestly house of Eli <u>2,29-33</u> YHWH has always favoured the house of Eli's father: 17 .
55	1Sam 2,27	10+9=19		75	46	811	DS 1	
56	1Sam 2,28	23		87		834	18+161	
57	1Sam 2,29	17		76		851		
58	1Sam 2,30	5+3+16		93	47-48	875		
59	1Sam 2,31	13		49		888		
60	1Sam 2,32	14		51		902		

61	1Sam 2,33	17	67		919		The fate of Eli's sons, who'll die on the same day, will be a proof to him. YHWH will appoint for himself a priest he can rely on: 52 words.
62	1Sam 2,34	15+	53		934		
63	1Sam 2,35	17+	72		951		
64	1Sam 2,36	20/52 (2x26)	76		971/179	S	
65	1Sam 3,1	16	60	49-50	987/16	S	§9 The stage is set for Samuel's call The S draws special attention to what follows. Eli is in his bed; Samuel sleeps in the temple.
66	1Sam 3,2	12	48		999		
67	1Sam 3,3	12	47	51	1011/24	P	
68	1Sam 3,4	6+	25	52	1017		
69	1Sam 3,5	15+	53		1032/21	S	§10 YHWH calls Samuel and he answers The S draws special attention to what follows. 3,4-7 YHWH has called him twice, but he was still unaware of YHWH's word: 52 words. 3,8-10 YHWH calls for the 3 rd time "Samuel Samuel!" Samuel acknowledges the call by saying: "Speak, for your servant hears!": *53 words, his 'signature'.
70	1Sam 3,6	21+	75	53	1053		
71	1Sam 3,7	10/52 (2x26)	37	54-55	1063		
72	1Sam 3,8	20 20+	72	56-57	1083		
73	1Sam 3,9	19 19+	74	58	1102	DS 2	§11 YHWH's resolve to punish Eli Words devoted to DS 2-3 8+60= 68 (4x17). 3,11-16 YHWH reveals his intentions to Samuel, but the boy is afraid to tell the unfavourable nightly vision to Eli: 85 words.
74	1Sam 3,10	6+2+6=14/53*	59	59	1116/84 P	6+2=8	
75	1Sam 3,11	4+11=15+	58	60	1131	DS 3	
76	1Sam 3,12	13+	42		1144	4+56=60	
77	1Sam 3,13	19+	61		1163		§12 Samuel is recognized as YHWH's prophet God is with him: none of his words goes unfulfilled; he reveals himself to Samuel: 34 w.; 130 (5x26) lett. * 53 See page 2 in the Introduction above.
78	1Sam 3,14	13/56+	49		1176		
79	1Sam 3,15	16+	61	61	1192		
80	1Sam 3,16	9/85 (5x17)	37		1201		
81	1Sam 3,17	25	84		1226		
82	1Sam 3,18	15	56	62	1241/125	P	
83	1Sam 3,19	10+	40	63	1251		
84	1Sam 3,20	12+	44	64	1263		
85	1Sam 3,21	12/34 (2x17)	46	65-67	1275/34	P	
85	Part I 1,1-3,21	1275 (75x17)	4816	67x	1275(75x17)		

Observation 1 Part I (1,1-3,21) is in its entirety governed and sealed as a distinct literary unit not only by its **85** (5x17) verses, but also by its **1275** (75x17) words. Additionally, 50 of the individual 85 verses (59%) and 686 of the 1275 words (54%) are highlighted by the numbers **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Observation 2 The story of Samuel's birth and childhood is opened by **34** (2x17) words (§1, 1,1-2) and concluded by **34** (2x17) words (§12, 3,19-21) functioning as an inclusion to symbolize YHWH's presence through his name in all the events. Part I contains 31 speeches consisting of altogether **646** (38x17) words.

Observation 3 For a comprehensive logotechnical analysis of the Song of Hannah, see my article from 2007 (now slightly revised), <http://www.labuschagne.nl/4.1sam2.pdf>.

Part II: 4,1-7,1 The struggle with the Philistines

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
86	1Sam 4,1	17	75		1292		§1 The first encounter with the Philistines Israel goes to battle with the Philistines: 17 .
87	1Sam 4,2	16	80		1308		
88	1Sam 4,3	25	107	68-69	1333		
89	1Sam 4,4	22	85	70	1355		
90	1Sam 4,5	14+	57	71	1369		The Ark comes into the camp: the Philistines are alarmed, because they realize that the mighty god who broke the Egyptians is in the camp of the Hebrews: 34 (2x17) + 17+17 .
91	1Sam 4,6	20/34(2x17)	85	72	1389		
92	1Sam 4,7	17	65		1406		
93	1Sam 4,8	17	68		1423		
94	1Sam 4,9	13	65		1436		A messenger brings the sad tidings and Eli learns that the Ark was captured and that
95	1Sam 4,10	16	74		1452		
96	1Sam 4,11	9	37		1461		
97	1Sam 4,12	13+	55		1474		
98	1Sam 4,13	23+	80		1497		

99	1Sam 4,14	15/51(3x17)	56		1512		his two sons perished: 51 (3x17).
100	1Sam 4,15	10	40		1522		*Note that v. 17 is the 102nd verse (6x17)! 4,1-17 contains 8 speeches with 102 words. 4,1-17 has 286 (11x26) words and 17 verses!
101	1Sam 4,16	18	66		1540		
102	1Sam 4,17*	21	89		1561/286	P	
103	1Sam 4,18	25	100		1586		§2 The impact of the news: Eli's death When his daughter-in-law hears what happened and that Eli and her husband are dead, she calls her newborn child Ichabod, "Glory has departed from Israel": 51 (3x17).
104	1Sam 4,19	21+	83		1607		
105	1Sam 4,20	15+	56		1622		
106	1Sam 4,21	15/51(3x17)	60		1637		
107	1Sam 4,22	8	34		1645/84	P	
108	1Sam 5,1	9	43		1654		§3 The Ark set into the temple of Dagon Dagon has fallen face downwards!: 17 . The fall of Dagon explains a custom: 17 .
109	1Sam 5,2	13	55		1667		
110	1Sam 5,3	17	75	73	1684		
111	1Sam 5,4	23	93	74	1707		§4 The Ark causes destruction in Ashdod
112	1Sam 5,5	17	59		1724/79	S	
113	1Sam 5,6	13	54	75	1737		
114	1Sam 5,7	19	72		1756		§5 The Ark is sent to Ekron and Gath The inhabitants want the Ark to go away, fearing that it will be the death of them: 52 . They are plagued with tumours and the cry of the city ascends to heaven: 17 .
115	1Sam 5,8	24	101		1780/56	S	
116	1Sam 5,9	21	80	76	1801		
117	1Sam 5,10	22+	98		1823		
118	1Sam 5,11	30/52(2x26)	114		1853		
119	1Sam 5,12	10+	41		1863		
120	1Sam 6,1	7/17	31	77	1870		
121	1Sam 6,2	13	65	78	1883		
122	1Sam 6,3	25	88		1908		
123	1Sam 6,4	21	86		1929		
124	1Sam 6,5	21	97		1950		
125	1Sam 6,6	16	67		1966		
126	1Sam 6,7	22	91		1988		The Ark must be free to go where it will: 26 . The two cows harnessed to the new wagon loaded with the Ark, the gold rats and the tumours, bring it to Beth-shemesh: 51 .
127	1Sam 6,8	21	81	79	2009		
128	1Sam 6,9	26	89		2035		
129	1Sam 6,10	13+	56		2048		
130	1Sam 6,11	14+	55	80	2062		
131	1Sam 6,12	24/51(3x17)	95		2086		
132	1Sam 6,13	14	60		2100		
133	1Sam 6,14	21	81	81	2121/341	S	§6 The men of the town bring offerings These S's draw attention to what follows: The golden objects represent the five Philistine cities: 26 . The Ark is too dangerous! It must leave Beth-shemesh!: 52 .
134	1Sam 6,15	27	107	82-83	2148		
135	1Sam 6,16	8+	36		2156	S	
136	1Sam 6,17	18/26	75	84	2174	S	
137	1Sam 6,18	29+	115	85	2203		
138	1Sam 6,19	23/52(2x26)	83	86-87	2226		§7 The Ark is brought to Kiriath-jearim
139	1Sam 6,20	16	63	88	2242/121	S	
140	1Sam 6,21	16	67	89	2258		
141	1Sam 7,1	22	86	90-91	2280/38	P	
56	Part II: 4,1-7,1	1005	4076	24x	1005		

Observation 4 In Part II (4,1-7,1), 34 of the 56 verses (61%) and 569 of the 1005 words (57%) are highlighted by the numbers **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part III: 7,2-17 Samuel as judge over and intercessor for Israel

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum wrds	P/S	Compositional Structure
142	1Sam 7,2	17	72	92	2297		§1 All Israel has turned after YHWH Twenty years later, all Israel follows YHWH: 17.
143	1Sam 7,3	30	122	93-94	2327		
144	1Sam 7,4	11	47	95	2338/58	P	
145	1Sam 7,5	11	46	96	2349		§2 Samuel judges over Israel Samuel brings an offering and prays for Israel:17. Samuel erects a stone: Eben-ha`ezer: YHWH has helped us. The Philistines are subdued: 34.
146	1Sam 7,6	20	92	97-98	2369		
147	1Sam 7,7	18	85		2387		
148	1Sam 7,8	15	62	99	2402		
149	1Sam 7,9	17	70	100-102	2419		
150	1Sam 7,10	20	94	103	2439		
151	1Sam 7,11	13	52		2452		
152	1Sam 7,12	19+	70	104	2471		
153	1Sam 7,13	15/34(2x17)	64	105	2486		
154	1Sam 7,14	23	100		2509		
155	1Sam 7,15	7	26		2516		
156	1Sam 7,16	16	61		2532		
157	1Sam 7,17	13	47	106	2545/207	P	
16	Part III: 7,2-17	265 (5x53)	1110	15x	265 (5x53)		53 = Samuel

Observation 5 Only 4 of the 16 verses (25%) and 68 of the 265 words (26%) are highlighted by the divine name number 17. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story. Most significantly, Part III as a whole, dealing specifically with Samuel's rule as judge and intercessor, is finalized and sealed with his 'signature', the numerical value of his name: 265 (5x53). See page 2 in the Introduction and Observation 8.

Part IV: 8,1-22 The Israelites ask Samuel to appoint for them a king

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
158	1Sam 8,1	9	37		2554		§1 Samuel appoints his sons as judges
159	1Sam 8,2	11	42		2565		
160	1Sam 8,3	11	44		2576/31	P	
161	1Sam 8,4	8	35		2584		§2 The elders ask Samuel to appoint a king
162	1Sam 8,5	16	64		2600		
163	1Sam 8,6	14	58	107	2614/38	P	
164	1Sam 8,7	4+16+	70	108	2634	DS 4	§3 YHWH agrees, but Samuel should warn them 4+51=55 Samuel must give them a stern warning and tell them what sort of a king will rule them: 26.
165	1Sam 8,8	20+	79		2654		
166	1Sam 8,9	15+ 15/51	54		2669	S	
167	1Sam 8,10	11/26	40	109	2680/66	S	§4 The sort of king that will bear rule over them The entire paragraph is highlighted by its 136 words (8x17) in order to underline the sternness of YHWH's warning. Samuel's speech (vs 11-18) consists of 85 (5x17) words, which puts extra emphasis on what is said about the future king. YHWH tells Samuel to appoint a king: 9+17=26, additionally underpinned by 104 (4x26) letters. 4+5=9 This P directs attention to v. 22.
168	1Sam 8,11	18+ 1+17+	74		2698		
169	1Sam 8,12	15+ 15+	67		2713		
170	1Sam 8,13	6+ 6+	32		2719		
171	1Sam 8,14	9+ 9+	45		2728		
172	1Sam 8,15	6+ 6+	36		2734		
173	1Sam 8,16	12+ 12+	60		2746		
174	1Sam 8,17	6+ 6+	25		2752		
175	1Sam 8,18	14+ 14/85	58	110	2766		
176	1Sam 8,19	12+	46		2778		
177	1Sam 8,20	12+	56		2790		
178	1Sam 8,21	9+ 9+	36+	111	2799	P	
179	1Sam 8,22	17/136 17/26	68/104	112	2816/136 P	DS 5	
22	Part IV: 8,1-22	271	1126	6x	271		

Observation 6 In Part IV (8,1-22) 14 of the 22 verses (64%) and 162 of the 271 words (60%) are highlighted by the number 26. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial events in the story.

Part V: 9,1-10,27 Samuel anoints Saul to be king

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
180	1Sam 9,1	19+	64		2835		§1 A description of Saul and his first errand <u>9,1-6</u> Saul, a bright young man and a head taller than any of the people, is sent by his father to look for the strayed donkeys. His servant advises him to consult a seer: 119 . Having decided which gift to take with them for the seer, Saul and his servant set out for the city of the seer. They ask a group of young maidens coming out to draw water where the man of God is to be found: 85 (5x17). They tell them, urging them to hasten: 17 . Compare the daughters of Laban in Genesis!
181	1Sam 9,2	18+	66		2853		
182	1Sam 9,3	21+	76		2874		
183	1Sam 9,4	17+	73		2891		
184	1Sam 9,5	18+	65		2909		
185	1Sam 9,6	26/119	92		2935		
186	1Sam 9,7	19+	77		2954		
187	1Sam 9,8	19+	74		2973		
188	1Sam 9,9	18+	73		2991		
189	1Sam 9,10	14+	53		3005		
190	1Sam 9,11	15/85	60		3020		
191	1Sam 9,12	17	62		3037		
192	1Sam 9,13	30	109		3067		
193	1Sam 9,14	12	51		3079/263	S	
194	1Sam 9,15	11	39	113	3090	DS 6	§2 YHWH's intentions with Saul 11+25=36 6+8=14 Saul meets a man at the gate, the seer in person! Saul is invited to eat with him: 34 . 106 = 2x53 See page 2 in the Introduction.
195	1Sam 9,16	25	92		3115		
196	1Sam 9,17	6+8=14	53	114	3129	DS 7	
197	1Sam 9,18	14+	48		3143		
198	1Sam 9,19	20/34(2x17)	80		3163		
199	1Sam 9,20	22	80		3185/106	S	
200	1Sam 9,21	21+	90		3206		
201	1Sam 9,22	16+	68		3222	S	§3 Samuel treats Saul reverently This S directs attention to v. 23. Despite Saul's self-confessed low descent, he gets a seat at the head of the table and a special portion the cook had prepared: 52 . Compare Benjamin's treatment in Genesis!
202	1Sam 9,23	15/52(2x26)	53		3237		
203	1Sam 9,24	27	105		3264		
204	1Sam 9,25	8	30		3272		
205	1Sam 9,26	19	84		3291		
206	1Sam 9,27	20	83		3311/126	P	
207	1Sam 10,1	17	64	115	3328		
208	1Sam 10,2	31	126		3359		§4 The anointing of Saul to be king Samuel anoints Saul and installs him: 17 . Samuel tells Saul that he will prophecy along with the company of prophets: 34 . God makes Saul a different person: 17 .
209	1Sam 10,3	29	108		3388		
210	1Sam 10,4	9	34		3397		
211	1Sam 10,5	25+	106		3422		
212	1Sam 10,6	9/34(2x17)	39	116	3431		
213	1Sam 10,7	14	49		3445		
214	1Sam 10,8	23	92		3468		
215	1Sam 10,9	17	67		3485/174	S	
216	1Sam 10,10	13	59		3498		§5 Is Saul also among the prophets? <u>10,11-15</u> The origin of the proverb is explained, but where are the donkeys and what about the matter of the kingdom?: 68 . <u>8,1-10,16</u> has 1040 (40x26) words.
217	1Sam 10,11	23+	85		3521		
218	1Sam 10,12	13+	48		3534		
219	1Sam 10,13	4+	19		3538		
220	1Sam 10,14	18+	69		3556		
221	1Sam 10,15	10/68(4x17)	34		3566		
222	1Sam 10,16	19	69		3585/100	S	
223	1Sam 10,17	7+	26	117	3592		§6 At a meeting in Mizpah Saul is picked 9+14=23 This P has a highlighting function, the paragraph is an unquestionable literary unit, sealed by its 85 (5x17) words. Saul is picked by lot, but he was not to be found; so the people decide to ask YHWH. 2+5=7
224a	1Sam 10,18a	4+	15	118	3596	P	
224b	1Sam 10,18b	5+14=19+	81		3615	DS 8	
225	1Sam 10,19	24+	107	119	3639		
226	1Sam 10,20	9+	36		3648		
227	1Sam 10,21	15+	65		3663		
228a	1Sam 10,22a	7/85(5x17)	26	120-121	3670/85	S DS 9	

228b	1Sam 10,22b	7	26		3677		§7 YHWH exposes Saul and he is acclaimed Saul is fetched out and Samuel presents him to the people as incomparable. Moreover, he makes a written record of kingship: 51 . The function of the P is to stress this act.
229	1Sam 10,23	11+	48		3688		
230	1Sam 10,24	21+	73	122	3709	P	
231	1Sam 10,25	19/51(3x17)	72	123	3728		
232	1Sam 10,26	12	47		3740		
233	1Sam 10,27	13	52		3753/83	P	
54 vs	Part V: 9-10	937	3642	11x	937		

Observation 7 In Part V (9-10), 36 of the 54 verses (67%) and 562 of the 937 words (60%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part VI: 11,1-12,25 The proving of Saul and Samuel's address to Israel

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
234	1Sam 11,1	17+	63		3770		§1 The threat of the Ammonite king The entire paragraph is specifically highlighted by its 170 words. Nahash, the king of the Ammonites, has attacked and besieged Jabesh-gilead, threatening the inhabitants to gouge out the right eye of every one of them. Saul reacts in a rage and musters 330.000 men to go to battle, promising victory to the men of Jabesh-gilead.
235	1Sam 11,2	17+	66		3787		
236	1Sam 11,3	19+	81		3806		
237	1Sam 11,4	14+	61		3820		
238	1Sam 11,5	19+	66		3839		
239	1Sam 11,6	12+	46		3851		
240	1Sam 11,7	29+	115	124	3880		
241	1Sam 11,8	12+	50		3892		§2 Saul proves his competence Having routed the Ammonites, he refuses to have those killed who disputed his talent: 52 . The S draws attention to <u>14-15</u> : Samuel and the people go to Gilgal to invest Saul as king.
242	1Sam 11,9	20+	93		3912		
243	1Sam 11,10	11/170	48		3923/170	S	
244	1Sam 11,11	27+	106		3950		
245	1Sam 11,12	12+	49		3962		
246	1Sam 11,13	13/52(2x26)	49	125	3975	S	
247	1Sam 11,14	10	41		3985		
248	1Sam 11,15	25	96	126-127	4010/87	P	§3 Samuel's self-justification <u>12,4-5</u> The people affirm Samuel's innocence and solemnly ratify his blamelessness: 26 .
249	1Sam 12,1	15	59		4025		
250	1Sam 12,2	18	78		4043		
251	1Sam 12,3	29	102	128	4072		
252	1Sam 12,4	10+	41		4082		
253	1Sam 12,5	16/26	59	129	4098/88	P	
254	1Sam 12,6	17	62	130	4115		§4 Samuel's sermon on Israel's past <u>12,6</u> YHWH is witness as their deliverer: 17 . <u>12,11-17</u> Samuel refers to past deliverers which brought about the people's demand for a king. He calls on the Israelites to fear YHWH and serve the king in obedience to God's laws. He also tells them that they will soon realize how displeasing it was to YHWH that they had demanded a king (alluding to <u>12,18</u>): 119 .
255	1Sam 12,7	15	61	131-132	4130		
256	1Sam 12,8	21	90	133-134	4151		
257	1Sam 12,9	18	72	135	4169		
258	1Sam 12,10	19	83	136-137	4188		
259	1Sam 12,11	17+	67	138	4205		
260	1Sam 12,12	18+	67	139	4223		
261	1Sam 12,13	12+	46	140	4235		§5 Samuel defines the covenant relationship Samuel emphasizes his function as intercessor, asserting that he will always pray for them and show them what is right and good: 53 . <u>12,1-25</u> 425 (25x17)
262	1Sam 12,14	24+	88	141-143	4259		
263	1Sam 12,15	14+	54	144-146	4273		
264	1Sam 12,16	12+	46	147	4285		
265	1Sam 12,17	22/119(7x17)	84	148-149	4307/209	S	
266	1Sam 12,18	18	66	150-152	4325		
267	1Sam 12,19	22	80	153	4347		
268	1Sam 12,20	22	80	154-155	4369		
269	1Sam 12,21	13	45		4382		
270	1Sam 12,22	16+	54	156-157	4398		
271	1Sam 12,23	14+	63	158	4412		
272	1Sam 12,24	15+	51	159	4427		
273	1Sam 12,25	8/53=Samuel	26		4435/128	P	
40 vs	Part VI: 11-12	682	2654	36x	682		

Observation 8 Samuel's impressive (valedictory) address in §§3-5 (12,1-25) is highlighted by the number 17 through its 425 (25x17) words. Additionally, in Part VI (11,1-12,25) 23 of the 40 verses (58%) and 384 of the 682 words (56%) are highlighted by 17 and 26. This results in an average of 95% of the 40 verses and 95% of the 682 words. These numerical features underline the importance of Part VI dealing with the beginning of Saul's rule and Samuel's famous address.

Samuel's assertion that he will always act as Israel's intercessor and guide is sealed at the end with his 'signature', 53 words, the numerical value of his name. This is the 6th instance of Samuel's signature! See page 2 in the Introduction and Part III, Observation 5 above.

Part VII: 13,1-14,52 The reign of Saul and his warfare with the Philistines

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
274	1Sam 13,1	9+	32		4444		§1 Saul picks soldiers and behaves foolishly Special emphasis on Saul's blowing the trumpet saying: "Let the Hebrews hear!" 17. The greater part (81%) of the text, <u>13,1-12</u> , is highlighted by altogether 188 words: 136 (8x17) + 52 (2x26) .
275	1Sam 13,2	25+	100		4469		
276	1Sam 13,3	17+	74		4486		
277	1Sam 13,4	18+	76		4504		
278	1Sam 13,5	24+	95		4528		
279	1Sam 13,6	16+	69		4544		
280	1Sam 13,7	14+	57		4558		
281	1Sam 13,8	13/136 (8x17)	53		4571		
282	1Sam 13,9	8+	35		4579		
283	1Sam 13,10	11+	49		4590		
284	1Sam 13,11	20+	80		4610		
285	1Sam 13,12	13/52 (2x26)	55	160	4623/188	S	
286	1Sam 13,13	23	82	161-162	4646		
287	1Sam 13,14	21	73	163-165	4667/232	P	
288	1Sam 13,15	16	63		4683		§2 The war with the Philistines is resumed
289	1Sam 13,16	12	55		4695		
290	1Sam 13,17	15	59		4710		
291	1Sam 13,18	16	63		4726/59	S	
292	1Sam 13,19	15	53		4741		§3 Philistine superiority and Israel's inferiority <u>12,1-13,23</u> has altogether 780 (30x26) words.
293	1Sam 13,20	14	58		4755		
294	1Sam 13,21	10	56		4765		
295	1Sam 13,22	19	73		4784		
296	1Sam 13,23	6	23		4790/64	S	
297	1Sam 14,1	21+	79		4811		
298	1Sam 14,2	14+	55		4825		§4 Jonathan seeks to reach the Philistine post <u>14,1-4</u> Jonathan's absence remains unnoticed: 78 .
299	1Sam 14,3	20+	70	166	4845		
300	1Sam 14,4	23/78 (3x26)	87		4868		
301	1Sam 14,5	10	38		4878/88	S	
302	1Sam 14,6	24	93	167-168	4902		§5 Jonathan launches an attack on the enemy The S does not have a delimiting function, but draws attention to Jonathan's initiative to attack (8-10). The P does not have a delimiting function, but draws attention to Jonathan's attack (12b-16), which is highlighted by 68 (4x17) words. <u>13,15-14,12a</u> Jonathan's participation in the war with the Philistines: <u>13,15-14,12a</u> 312 (12x26) words; <u>14,12b-16</u> 68 (4x17) words.
303	1Sam 14,7	13	44		4915	S	
304	1Sam 14,8	9	44		4924		
305	1Sam 14,9	13+	54		4937		
306	1Sam 14,10	13/26	49	169	4950		
307	1Sam 14,11	15	64		4965		
308a	1Sam 14,12a	14	59	170	4979/101	P	
308b	1Sam 14,12b	12+	44		4991		
309	1Sam 14,13	16+	68		5007		
310	1Sam 14,14	14+	57		5021		
311	1Sam 14,15	16+	67		5037		
312	1Sam 14,16	10/68 (4x17)	46		5047/68	P	

313	1Sam 14,17	17	64		5064		§6 Saul learns that Jonathan is absent: 17 The P does not have a delimiting function, but draws attention to the confusion in the Philistine camp (19b-23), which is also highlighted by 68 words. <u>14,17-24</u> has 136 (8x17) words.
314	1Sam 14,18	14	61		5078		
315a	1Sam 14,19a	13	50		5091	P	
315b	1Sam 14,19b	6+	21		5097		
316	1Sam 14,20	17+	66		5114		
317	1Sam 14,21	19+	79		5133		
318	1Sam 14,22	15+	65		5148		
319	1Sam 14,23	11/68(4x17)	43	171	5159		
320	1Sam 14,24	24	86		5183/136	S	
321	1Sam 14,25	9+	30		5192		§7 Saul's blunder and its dire consequences Jonathan inadvertently eats honey: 9+17=26. Jonathan criticizes his father's oath: it would have been better if the army had eaten; then there would have been a great slaughter of Philistines: 34 + 17 . The eating of blood is reported to Saul: 17 .
322	1Sam 14,26	17/26	54		5209		
323	1Sam 14,27	23	88		5232		
324	1Sam 14,28	18+	67		5250		
325	1Sam 14,29	16/34 (2x17)	52		5266		
326	1Sam 14,30	17/51 (3x17)	56		5283		
327	1Sam 14,31	9	39		5292		
328	1Sam 14,32	15	54		5307		
329	1Sam 14,33	17	68	172	5324		
330	1Sam 14,34	30	118	173	5354		
331	1Sam 14,35	9	37	174-175	5363/180	P	§8 A problem of sin and guilt The S draws attention to the priest's advice to consult God. The verse as a whole is highlighted: 26 . <u>13,1-14,40</u> has 1020 (60x17) words.
332a	1Sam 14,36a	20+	78		5369	S	
332b	1Sam 14,36b	6/26	25		5389		
333	1Sam 14,37	13	57		5402		
334	1Sam 14,38	14	52		5416		
335	1Sam 14,39	18	61	176	5434		
336	1Sam 14,40	21	80		5455/92	S	
337	1Sam 14,41	13	54	177	5468		§9 The lot indicates Jonathan but he is saved
338	1Sam 14,42	9	40		5477		
339	1Sam 14,43	22	83		5499		
340	1Sam 14,44	11	41		5510		
341	1Sam 14,45	32	120	178	5542/87	S	
342	1Sam 14,46	7	36		5549		§10 The Philistines escape but Saul prevails <u>13,1-14,48</u> has 1144 (44x26) words.
343	1Sam 14,47	20	92		5569		
344	1Sam 14,48	10	34		5579/37	S	
345	1Sam 14,49	16	64+		5595		§11 Saul's family and some official details Appendix to Part VII: 208 (8x26) letters. The S draws attention to the bitter warfare with the Philistines throughout Saul's lifetime (v. 52): 26 .
346	1Sam 14,50	14	49+		5609		
347	1Sam 14,51	8+	28+		5617	S	
348	1Sam 14,52	18/26	67/208		5635/56	S	
75 vs	Part VII	1200	4710	19x	1200		

Observation 9 In Part VII (13,1-14,52) 73 of the 75 verses (97%) and 1170 of the 1200 words (98%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The main body of Part VII is constituted by 13,1-14,48 with its **1144** (44x26) words, while 14,49-52 clearly functions as a conclusion in the form of an Appendix: sealed by its **208** (8x26) letters.

Part VIII: 15,1-35 The definite rejection of Saul

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum wrds	P/S	Compositional Structure
349	1Sam 15,1	18+	66	179-180	5653	S	§1 YHWH orders Saul to attack Amalek The S draws attention to YHWH's words. The whole paragraph is highlighted: 34+26.
350	1Sam 15,2	4+12/34	59	181	5669	DS 10	
351	1Sam 15,3	26+	89		5695/60	S 22+38	
352	1Sam 15,4	14+	58		5709		§2 Saul spares Amalek and the animals §§1-2 have 153 (9x17) words (60+93).
353	1Sam 15,5	7+	25		5716		
354	1Sam 15,6	25+	95		5741		
355	1Sam 15,7	11+	39		5752		
356	1Sam 15,8	12+	38		5764		
357	1Sam 15,9	24/153 (9x17)	97		5788/93	P	
358	1Sam 15,10	6+	22	182	5794	DS 11	§3 Samuel confronts Saul with his sin YHWH and Samuel are angry with Saul: 26. Samuel comes to Saul at Gilgal and learns that Saul has not performed God's order: 26. He confronts Saul with YHWH's words, but leaves him in suspense (cliffhanger!): 34. The S draws attention to v. 16.
359	1Sam 15,11	13+7=20/26	73	183	5814	6+13=19	
360	1Sam 15,12	19	79		5833		
361	1Sam 15,13	14+	53	184-185	5847		
362	1Sam 15,14	12/26	46		5859		
363	1Sam 15,15	18+	76	186	5877	S	
364	1Sam 15,16	16/34(2x17)	58	187	5893/105	S	
365	1Sam 15,17	16	64	188	5909		§4 Samuel challenges him to explain 4+11=15
366	1Sam 15,18	4+11=15	60	189	5924	DS 12	
367	1Sam 15,19	12	44	190-191	5936/43	S	
368	1Sam 15,20	21	82	192-193	5957		§5 Saul's excuses are unacceptable
369	1Sam 15,21	11	47	194	5968		
370	1Sam 15,22	16	70	195-196	5984		
371	1Sam 15,23	14	52	197	5998/62	S	
372	1Sam 15,24	18	66	198	6016		§6 He confesses and asks forgiveness 15,10-26 has 17 vss and 255 (15x17) words. 15,1-26 has 26 vss and 408 (24x17) words.
373	1Sam 15,25	9	34	199	6025		
374	1Sam 15,26	18	66	200-201	6043/45	S	
375	1Sam 15,27	7	32		6050		§7 The symbolism of the torn cloak God has torn the kingdom from Saul's hand and will give it to a better man: 26.
376	1Sam 15,28	14+	59	202	6064		
377	1Sam 15,29	12/26	39		6076		
378	1Sam 15,30	15	65	203	6091		
379	1Sam 15,31	7	32	204	6098/55	S	
380	1Sam 15,32	18	65		6116	S	§8 Agag is executed by Samuel Samuel hews him in pieces before YHWH. Saul goes to Gibeah; Samuel to Ramah: 26. Samuel grieves for Saul: a cliffhanger. These Ss draw attention to what follows.
381	1Sam 15,33	17+	68	205	6133	S	
382	1Sam 15,34	9/26	36		6142		
383	1Sam 15,35	22	77	206	6164/66	P	
35	Part VIII: 15,1-35	529	2031	28x	529		
204	Parts V-VIII: 9-15	3348	13037	94x	3348		

Observation 10 In Part VIII (15,1-35) 30 of the 35 verses (86%) and 460 of the 529 words (87%) are highlighted by 17 and 26. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Parts V-VIII (9-15), the story from Saul's anointment to his definite rejection, is sealed by 204 (12x17) verses.

Part IX: 16,1-23 David is anointed and employed as Saul's musician

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
384	1Sam 16,1	4+25	104	207	6193	DS 13	§1 YHWH orders Samuel to go to Jesse Samuel objects, but YHWH instructs him: 17 . The S draws attention to v. 16b. 16,5-7 Samuel invites Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice: YHWH rejects Eliab, the eldest son, for he sees no appearances but the heart: 52 . 4+21=25
385a	1Sam 16,2a	7+ 7+	30	208-209	6200	S	
385b	1Sam 16,2b	2+8+ 10/17	41		6210	DS 14	
386	1Sam 16,3	14/22	52		6224		
387	1Sam 16,4	16	63	210	6240		
388	1Sam 16,5	17+	69	211	6257		
389	1Sam 16,6	10+	39	212	6267		
390	1Sam 16,7	4+21/52	92	213-214	6292	DS 15	
391	1Sam 16,8	13	51	215	6305		
392	1Sam 16,9	9	30	216	6314		
393	1Sam 16,10	14	53	217	6328		The youngest, who is looking after the sheep, is fetched: he is handsome and smart: 34 . §2 David is anointed and gets the Spirit 2+5=7 DS 15 + DS 16 6+26=32. The entire paragraph is highlighted by its 68 (4x17) words.
394	1Sam 16,11	25+	89		6353		
395a	1Sam 16,12a	9/34(2x17)	39	218	6362/198	P	
395b	1Sam 16,12b	2+5+	24		6369	DS 16	
396	1Sam 16,13	21+	83	219	6390		
397	1Sam 16,14	10+	37	220-221	6400		
398	1Sam 16,15	10+	39		6410		
399	1Sam 16,16	20/68(4x17)	79		6430/68	P	
400	1Sam 16,17	12+	46		6442		
401	1Sam 16,18	22/34(2x17)	87	222	6464		
402	1Sam 16,19	13	47		6477		§3 Saul employs David to play for him David is warmly recommended: 34 , because of his 7 characteristics: Bethlehemite ¹ , skilful musician ² , brave ³ , good fighter ⁴ , prudent in speech ⁵ , handsome ⁶ , YHWH is with him ⁷ . Note good fighter at the centre of the heptad! 1411=83x17 letters.
403	1Sam 16,20	15	52		6492		
404	1Sam 16,21	12	46		6504		
405	1Sam 16,22	13	43		6517		
406	1Sam 16,23	20	76		6537/107	P	
23 vs	Part IX: 16,1-23	373	1411	16x	373		

Observation 11 In Part IX (16,1-23) 14 of the 23 verses (61%) and 205 of the 373 words (55%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part X: 17,1-54 David as the Philistine champion

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
407	1Sam 17,1	16+	72		6553		§1 Goliath challenges the Israelites The Israelites draw up in line of battle against the Philistines; Goliath their giant champion comes from the camp: 51 (3x17) words. Goliath shouts at the Israelites to choose their man to fight with him and kill him. If he wins, the Philistines will be their servants: 68 (4x17) .
408	1Sam 17,2	11+	54		6564		
409	1Sam 17,3	12+	50		6576		
410	1Sam 17,4	12/51(3x17)	48		6588		
411	1Sam 17,5	14	63		6602		
412	1Sam 17,6	8	34		6610		
413	1Sam 17,7	14+	59		6624		
414	1Sam 17,8	22+	90		6646		
415	1Sam 17,9	18+	78		6664		
416	1Sam 17,10	14/68(4x17)	56		6678		
417	1Sam 17,11	11	46		6689/152	P	§2 Goliath takes his stand for 40 days The S draws attention to vs. 15f. Meanwhile David, Jesse's youngest son, is minding his father's sheep at Bethlehem: 26 .
418	1Sam 17,12	19	71		6708		
419	1Sam 17,13	21	94		6729		
420	1Sam 17,14	8+	34		6737	S	
421	1Sam 17,15	11+	37		6748		
422	1Sam 17,16	7/26	34		6755/66	P	

423	1Sam 17,17	16+	61		6771		§3 David proffers his services to Saul David is sent to bring provisions for his brothers and on his way he came to the location where the Israelites and the Philistines have drawn up for battle: 68 (4x17). 17,23-30 David's brother Eliab rebukes him for having left the sheep in the wilderness and for having come to the battleground: 153 (9x17).
424	1Sam 17,18	15+	57		6786		
425	1Sam 17,19	10+	42		6796		
426	1Sam 17,20	21+	84		6817		
427	1Sam 17,21	6/68(4x17)	32		6823		
428	1Sam 17,22	15	61		6838		
429	1Sam 17,23	18+	78		6856		
430	1Sam 17,24	10+	42		6866		
431	1Sam 17,25	30+	113		6896		
432	1Sam 17,26	29+	110		6925		
433	1Sam 17,27	11+	38		6936		
434	1Sam 17,28	34+	129		6970		
435	1Sam 17,29	8+	28		6978		
436	1Sam 17,30	13/153(9x17)	51		6991		
437	1Sam 17,31	9	40		7000		
438	1Sam 17,32	15+	51		7015		
439	1Sam 17,33	19/34(2x17)	69		7034/279	S	
440	1Sam 17,34	16	58		7050		§4 David will kill him with YHWH's help 17,12-36 the build-up to the fight between David and Goliath, is made up of 390 (15x26) w.
441	1Sam 17,35	11	59		7061		
442	1Sam 17,36	18	64		7079/45	S	
443a	1Sam 17,37a	14	55	223-224	7093	S	§5 David is ready to fight Goliath The S draws attention to v. 37b. 17,37b-44 Saul gives David his blessing and the Philistine challenges David: the entire section is highlighted by its 120 words (68+52). 17,37-54 the whole story until Saul recognizes David as the champion, is highlighted and sealed by 312 (12x26) words.
443b	1Sam 17,37b	8+	28		7101		
444	1Sam 17,38	13+	49		7114		
445	1Sam 17,39	25+	87		7139		
446	1Sam 17,40	22/68(4x17)	87		7161		
447	1Sam 17,41	10+	39		7171		
448	1Sam 17,42	13+	49		7184		
449	1Sam 17,43	16+	62		7200		
450	1Sam 17,44	13/52(2x26)	52		7213/134	S	
451	1Sam 17,45	21+	86	225	7234		
452	1Sam 17,46	27+	112	226	7261		
453	1Sam 17,47	16+	64	227-228	7277		
454	1Sam 17,48	14/78(3x26)	60		7291		
455	1Sam 17,49	22	79		7313		
456	1Sam 17,50	14+	56		7327		
457	1Sam 17,51	21+	87		7348		
458	1Sam 17,52	23+	98		7371		
459	1Sam 17,53	9+	40		7380		
460	1Sam 17,54	11/78(3x26)	44		7391/178	S	
54 vs	Part X: 17,1-54	854(61x14)	3421	6x	854		854 (61x14): 14=4+6+4=717

Observation 12 In Part X (17,1-54) 43 of the 54 verses (80%) and 677 of the 854 words (79%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Note that Part X is made up of **854** words, which is a multiple of **14**, David's 'signature'. See Observation 18.

Part XI: 17,55-18,30 David's rise to fame provokes Saul's jealousy

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
461	1Sam 17,55	24	84		7415		§1 Saul wants to know who the lad is
462	1Sam 17,56	8	25		7423/32	S	
463	1Sam 17,57	14	60		7437		§2 David is presented to Saul by Abner David identifies himself and Saul will not allow him to return to his father's house, for he sees that Jonathan has grown to love David. The two young men make a solemn covenant based on their love for each other: 78 (3x26).
464	1Sam 17,58	14+	49		7451		
465	1Sam 18,1	13+	58		7464		
466	1Sam 18,2	9+	36		7473		
467	1Sam 18,3	7+	33		7480		
468	1Sam 18,4	15+	62		7495		
469	1Sam 18,5	20/78(3x26)	81		7515/92	P	
470	1Sam 18,6	20	92		7535		§3 A little song displeases Saul Saul is furious and the words rankle in his mind. From that day he keeps a jealous eye on David: 26 .
471	1Sam 18,7	9	48		7544		
472	1Sam 18,8	18+	74+		7562		§4 Saul tries to kill David but he escapes Saul hurls his spear at David, who dodges aside. Saul is afraid of David because YHWH is with him. So he sacks him and sends him to the army: 34 .
473	1Sam 18,9	8/26	30/104		7570/55	S	
474	1Sam 18,10	19	78		7589		
475	1Sam 18,11	12+	49		7601		
476	1Sam 18,12	11+	38	229	7612		
477	1Sam 18,13	11/34(2x17)	42		7623/53	P	§5 David's success evokes Saul's jealousy The whole paragraph is highlighted by 26 words.
478	1Sam 18,14	7+	27	230	7630		
479	1Sam 18,15	8+	31		7638		
480	1Sam 18,16	11/26	40		7649/26	P	§6 Saul uses his daughters to get rid of David The S draws attention to vs. 18f. <u>18,18-24</u> David is willing to marry Merab, but she is given to another man. Saul's daughter, Michal, falls in love with David, but he hesitates to become the son-in-law of the king. This is reported to Saul by his servants: 104 (4x26).
481	1Sam 18,17	30	101	231	7679	S	
482	1Sam 18,18	15+	53		7694		
483	1Sam 18,19	13+	49		7707		
484	1Sam 18,20	11+	44		7718		
485	1Sam 18,21	19+	71		7737		
486	1Sam 18,22	19+	68		7756		
487	1Sam 18,23	18+	78		7774		§7 Saul requires a strange bride-price
488	1Sam 18,24	9/104 (4x26)	35		7783/134	P	
489	1Sam 18,25	23	92		7806		
490	1Sam 18,26	15	64		7821		§8 Saul realizes that YHWH is with David
491	1Sam 18,27	24	98		7845/62	S	
492	1Sam 18,28	11	40	232	7856		§9 David wins a great name for himself: 14
493	1Sam 18,29	13	45		7869/24	S	
494	1Sam 18,30	14=דוד	53		7883/14	S	§§6-9 18,17-30 are made up of 234 (9x26) words.
34 vs	Part XI: 17,55-18	492	1928	4x	492		

Observation 13 In Part XI (17,55-18,30) 21 of the **34** verses (62%) and 268 of the 492 words (54%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part XII: 19,1-20,42 David's flight and his covenant with Jonathan

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
495	1Sam 19,1	17	62		7900		§1 Jonathan urges David to hide himself Saul incites all his household to kill David: 17 .
496	1Sam 19,2	15	64		7915		
497	1Sam 19,3	18	62		7933/50	S	
498	1Sam 19,4	23	82		7956		§2 Jonathan speaks up for David
499	1Sam 19,5	23	87	233	7979		
500	1Sam 19,6	10	40	234	7989		
501	1Sam 19,7	20	82		8009/76	S	
502	1Sam 19,8	13	59		8022		
503	1Sam 19,9	14	54	235	8036		§3 Saul tries to kill David with his spear
504	1Sam 19,10	18	74		8054/45	P	
505	1Sam 19,11	23	90		8077		
506	1Sam 19,12	9	35		8086		§4 David's wife Michal saves his life The S draws attention to v. 14.
507	1Sam 19,13	14	56		8100	S	
508	1Sam 19,14	9	35		8109/55	P	
509	1Sam 19,15	13	51		8122		
510	1Sam 19,16	9	45		8131		§5 Michal saves his life a second time <u>19,18-20</u> David has fled to Samuel in Ramah; Saul sends men to seize him, but they fall into prophetic frenzy: 51 (3x17).
511	1Sam 19,17	21	81		8152		
512	1Sam 19,18	20+	73		8172		
513	1Sam 19,19	7+	28		8179		
514	1Sam 19,20	24/51(3x17)	98		8203		
515	1Sam 19,21	16	74		8219		
516	1Sam 19,22	19	75		8238		
517	1Sam 19,23	18	65		8256		
518	1Sam 19,24	22	82		8278/169	P	
519	1Sam 20,1	20	77		8298		§6 David complains about Saul's plans
520	1Sam 20,2	27	89		8325		
521	1Sam 20,3	28	102	236	8353		
522	1Sam 20,4	9	33		8362/84	P	
523	1Sam 20,5	19	77		8381		§7 David's plan to test Saul's intentions
524	1Sam 20,6	19	70		8400		
525	1Sam 20,7	15	48		8415		
526	1Sam 20,8	22	75	237	8437/75	P	
527	1Sam 20,9	19	64		8456	S	§8 Jonathan pledges himself to David These Ss draw attention to what follows.
528	1Sam 20,10	12	39		8468	S	
529	1Sam 20,11	10	41		8478/41	S	
530	1Sam 20,12	25+	89	238	8503		§9 Jonathan promises to inform David Jonathan promises to keep him informed: 51 .
531	1Sam 20,13	26/51(3x17)	97	239-240	8529		
532	1Sam 20,14	11	37	241	8540		
533	1Sam 20,15	18	61	242	8558		
534	1Sam 20,16	10	37	243	8568		
535	1Sam 20,17	11	45		8579/101	S	
536	1Sam 20,18	9	36		8588		§10 Jonathan's tricks to inform David
537	1Sam 20,19	15	57		8603		
538	1Sam 20,20	8	31		8611		
539	1Sam 20,21	25	82	244	8636		
540	1Sam 20,22	12	40	245	8648		
541	1Sam 20,23	11	42	246	8659/80	S	

542	1Sam 20,24	10+	39		8669		§11 Saul notices David's absence David is hiding in the fields; after a time Saul is aware of his absence at meal: 51 (3x17). The S draws attention to v. 27a.
543	1Sam 20,25	18+	70		8687		
544	1Sam 20,26	16+	54		8703	S	
545a	1Sam 20,27a	7/51(3x17)	29		8710/51	S	
545b	1Sam 20,27b	16	51		8726		§12 Jonathan explains David's absence These Ss draw attention to what follows. <u>20,31-34</u> Saul orders Jonathan to find David to let him be killed; Jonathan leaves the table in rage for he is indignant on David's behalf: 68 .
546	1Sam 20,28	11	40		8737		
547	1Sam 20,29	29	95		8766	S	
548	1Sam 20,30	20	76		8786		
549	1Sam 20,31	22+	68		8808	S	
550	1Sam 20,32	11+	41		8819		
551	1Sam 20,33	16+	59		8835	S	
552	1Sam 20,34	19/68 (4x17)	67		8854/144	S	
553	1Sam 20,35	10+	40		8864		§13 Jonathan says farewell to David <u>20,35-39</u> Jonathan informs David covertly that he must go into exile for his father is bent on his death: 26+17+26 words. §§8-13, <u>20,9-42</u> , the entire passage is sealed by 34 (2x17) verses, 544 (32x17) words, and 1976 (76x26) letters!
554	1Sam 20,36	16/26	58		8880		
555	1Sam 20,37	17	70		8897		
556	1Sam 20,38	16+	64		8913		
557	1Sam 20,39	10/26	37		8923		
558	1Sam 20,40	13	44		8936		
559	1Sam 20,41	23	85		8959		
560	1Sam 20,42	22	91	247-248	8981/127	P	
66 vs	Part XII: 19-20	1098	4101	16x	1098		

Observation 14 In Part XII (19,1-20,42) 45 of the 66 verses (68%) and 707 of the 1098 words (64%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story. Note the extra highlighting of the dramatic episodes in 20,12-13, 20,24-27a, 20,31-34 and 20,35-39.

Part XIII: 21,1-24,23 David the marauding fugitive

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
561	1Sam 21,1	5	21		8986		§1 David and the priest of Nob
562	1Sam 21,2	18	69		9004		
563	1Sam 21,3	27	108		9031		
564	1Sam 21,4	11	35		9042		
565	1Sam 21,5	21	65		9063/82	P	
566	1Sam 21,6	26	91		9089		§2 How David obtained holy bread David and his men are consecrated for war: 26 .
567	1Sam 21,7	21	71	249	9110		
568	1Sam 21,8	16	64	250	9126		
569	1Sam 21,9	24	79		9150/87	S	
570	1Sam 21,10	31	111		9181		§3 David flees from Saul and goes to Gath David escapes by acting like a madman: 51 .
571	1Sam 21,11	12	43		9193		
572	1Sam 21,12	19	77		9212		
573	1Sam 21,13	12+	44		9224		
574	1Sam 21,14	14+	58		9238		
575	1Sam 21,15	12+	45		9250		
576	1Sam 21,16	13/51(3x17)	45		9263/113	S	
577	1Sam 22,1	15	57		9278		§4 David at Adullam and in Moab
578	1Sam 22,2	22	77		9300		
579	1Sam 22,3	21+	69		9321		
580	1Sam 22,4	12+	43		9333	S	David is in the stronghold of the king of Moab, but he is warned by a prophet to leave: 51 . The S draws attention to 22,5.
581	1Sam 22,5	18/51(3x17)	61		9351/88	S	
582	1Sam 22,6	20+	82		9371		§5 Saul learns that David is at Nob The S draws attention to v. 9-11.
583	1Sam 22,7	22+	89		9393		
584	1Sam 22,8	29+	93		9422	S	

585	1Sam 22,9	19+	66		9441		22,6-12 The passage dealing with the priests of Nob being summoned by Saul, is highlighted by 130 (5x26) words. The S draws attention to v. 12.
586	1Sam 22,10	12+	43	251	9453		
587	1Sam 22,11	19+	71		9472	S	
588	1Sam 22,12	9/130(5x26)	35		9481		
589	1Sam 22,13	21	76		9502/151	S	
590	1Sam 22,14	17+	69		9519		§6 Saul accuses the priests of conspiracy Ahimelech speaks in defence of David and asserts that he himself is innocent; 51 .
591	1Sam 22,15	25+	84		9544		
592	1Sam 22,16	9/51(3x17)	35		9553		
593	1Sam 22,17	33	116	252-253	9586/84	S	
594	1Sam 22,18	22	90		9608		
595	1Sam 22,19	18	63		9626		§7 The slaughter of the priests of Nob 22,20-23,5, dealing with the escape of Abiathar from the massacre at Nob (22,20-23) and with the liberation of Keilah by David (23,1-5), is in its entirety highlighted by 136 (8x17) words. The S draws attention to v. 2b. 4+6=10 The S draws attention to v. 4a. The S draws attention to v. 4b. 8+9=17
596	1Sam 22,20	11+	45		9637		
597	1Sam 22,21	9+	32	254	9646		
598	1Sam 22,22	20+	75		9666		
599	1Sam 22,23	16+	51		9682		
600	1Sam 23,1	11+	50		9693		
601a	1Sam 23,2a	8+	38	255-256	9701	S	
601b	1Sam 23,2b	4+6=10+	41		9711	DS 17	
602	1Sam 23,3	16+	64		9727	S	
603a	1Sam 23,4a	5+	20	257-258	9732	S	
603b	1Sam 23,4b	3+9+	45		9744	DS 18	
604	1Sam 23,5	18/136 (8x17)	74		9762/176	S	
605	1Sam 23,6	11	42		9773		§8 David consults YHWH: he is in danger
606	1Sam 23,7	18	69		9791		
607	1Sam 23,8	13+	48		9804		When David realizes that Saul has besieged Keilah, he calls on Abiathar to bring the ephod in order to consult YHWH: 26 + 17 . These Ss draw attention to what follows. 2+1=3 2+1=3
608	1Sam 23,9	13/26	52		9817	S	
609	1Sam 23,10	17	66	259	9834		
610a	1Sam 23,11a	15	62	260-261	9849	S	
610b	1Sam 23,11b	2+1=3	12		9852	DS 19	
611	1Sam 23,12	10+2+1=13	55	262	9865/103	S DS 20	
612	1Sam 23,13	19	83		9884		§9 David leaves Keilah for Horesh
613	1Sam 23,14	16	67		9900		
614	1Sam 23,15	12	43		9912/47	S	
615	1Sam 23,16	12	45		9924		§10 Jonathan visits and comforts him He gives him surety that his kingship is certain and that he himself will rank after him: 34 .
616	1Sam 23,17	23+	79		9947		
617	1Sam 23,18	11/34(2x17)	50	263	9958/46	S	§11 Saul is bent on finding David 23,19-23 The Ziphites are willing to help Saul in his search for David. So Saul sends them off to find out where David is hiding: 78 . Saul is on the point of finding David, but he has to call off the pursuit of David in order to face the Philistine invaders: 51 .
618	1Sam 23,19	17+	78		9975		
619	1Sam 23,20	11+	41		9986		
620	1Sam 23,21	8+	33	264	9994		
621	1Sam 23,22	20+	66		10014		
622	1Sam 23,23	22/78(3x26)	87		10036		
623	1Sam 23,24	13	60		10049		
624	1Sam 23,25	18	77		10067		
625	1Sam 23,26	24+	93		10091		
626	1Sam 23,27	12+	43		10103		
627	1Sam 23,28	15/51(3x17)	61		10118		
628	1Sam 24,1	7	26		10125		
629	1Sam 24,2	14	53		10139/181	S	
630	1Sam 24,3	17	66		10156		
631	1Sam 24,4	18	73		10174		
632	1Sam 24,5	10+11+9=30	112	265	10204	DS 21	§12 David refuses to kill Saul Saul enters a cave where David and his men are sitting in the innermost parts: 17 . 10+11=21
633	1Sam 24,6	14	42		10218/79	S	

634	1Sam 24,7	20	74	266-268	10238		§13 David reassures Saul of his loyalty These Ss draw attention to what follows. David confronts Saul with the piece of his skirt he has cut off and assures him that he will do him no harm: 68 . David pleads his cause: why does Saul pursue him? May YHWH judge between them!: 26 .
635	1Sam 24,8	15	59		10253	S	
636	1Sam 24,9	21	83		10274	S	
637	1Sam 24,10	13+	47		10287		
638	1Sam 24,11	25+	92	269-270	10312		
639	1Sam 24,12	30/68(4x17)	102		10342		
640	1Sam 24,13	11	42	271-272	10353		
641	1Sam 24,14	11+	41		10364		
642	1Sam 24,15	15/26	49		10379		
643	1Sam 24,16	12	50	273	10391/173	P	§14 Saul is sorry; he accepts David's reign Saul's confession of David's future kingship: 17 8,1-24,23 has 493 (29x17) verses. 1,1-24,23 Until this point: 650 (25x26) verses.
644	1Sam 24,17	19	70		10410		
645	1Sam 24,18	13	51		10423		
646	1Sam 24,19	15	55	274	10438		
647	1Sam 24,20	17	63	275	10455		
648	1Sam 24,21	10	40		10465		
649	1Sam 24,22	15	53	276	10480		
650	1Sam 24,23	12	48		10492/101	P	
90 vs	Part XIII:21-24	1511	5683	28x	1511		

Observation 15 In Part XIII (21,1-24,23) 48 of the 90 verses (53%) and 728 of the 1511 words (48%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story. Saul's confession of the coming kingship of David and the oath sworn to Saul by David that he would not exterminate his descendants, at the end of Part XIII, marks a crucial turning point in the story of the relationship between the two men: the end (for the time being) of Saul's efforts to bar the throne from David. This decisive moment is numerically underscored by the fact that the story about kingship in Israel has been rounded off and finalized at this point by its **650** (25x26) verses.

Part XIV: 25,1-43 How David came to marry Abigail

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהודה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
651	1Sam 25,1	16 + 16+	67		10508	S	§1 Abigail saves the life of her husband The S draws attention to what follows. The main characters are introduced: Nabal, a surly and mean man, Abigail, a beautiful and intelligent woman, and David, who runs a protection racket: 34 + 17 words. 25,1-8 has 130 (5x26) words. 25,9-13 Nabal rebuffs and offends David by refusing his gifts. David takes measures to attack Nabal and bring doom on him: 85 . 25,14-18 Nabal's servants tell Abigail what happened and that she ought to do something to avoid ruin for her husband and his house. Abigail proposes to offer a generous gift to David without her husband knowing: 85 . 25,19-23 Abigail sends her servants ahead and follows them on her donkey. She meets David and his men, who has sworn an oath to destroy the house of Nabal. Abigail dismounts and prostrates herself before David: 78 . 25,9-23 85 + 85 + 78 words.
652	1Sam 25,2	18+ 18/34	74		10526		
653	1Sam 25,3	17+	66		10543		
654	1Sam 25,4	8+	27		10551		
655	1Sam 25,5	16+	66		10567		
656	1Sam 25,6	11+	40		10578		
657	1Sam 25,7	21+	77		10599		
658	1Sam 25,8	23/130(5x26)	83		10622/130		
659	1Sam 25,9	12+	48		10634		
660	1Sam 25,10	18+	66		10652		
661	1Sam 25,11	18+	69		10670		
662	1Sam 25,12	11+	48		10681		
663	1Sam 25,13	26/85(5x17)	99		10707		
664	1Sam 25,14	18+	75		10725		
665	1Sam 25,15	15+	65		10740		
666	1Sam 25,16	13+	46		10753		
667	1Sam 25,17	18+	63		10771		
668	1Sam 25,18	21/85(5x17)	90		10792		
669	1Sam 25,19	11+	48		10803		
670	1Sam 25,20	15+	62		10818		
671	1Sam 25,21	21+	69		10839		
672	1Sam 25,22	16+	56		10855		
673	1Sam 25,23	15/78(3x26)	58		10870		
674	1Sam 25,24	16	60		10886		
675	1Sam 25,25	29	93		10915		

676	1Sam 25,26	22+	85	277-278	10937		25,26-31 Abigail takes the blame and pronounces doom on her husband, whereupon she presents the gift. She also pronounces a blessing on David and his coming kingship. By her intervention she saves him from blood guilt. So he has to remember her: 78 .
677	1Sam 25,27	12/34(2x17)	58		10949		
678	1Sam 25,28	21+	74	279-280	10970		
679	1Sam 25,29	22+	88	281	10992		
680	1Sam 25,30	15+	55	282	11007		
681	1Sam 25,31	20/78(3x26)	79	283	11027/535	S	§2 David's reply to Abigail's words David grants Abigail's request: 17 . She tells Nabal everything: he gets a stroke: 17 . Abigail becomes David's wife: 17 . 25,1-43 738 words
682	1Sam 25,32	12	51	284	11039		
683	1Sam 25,33	13	50		11052		
684	1Sam 25,34	23	87	285	11075		
685	1Sam 25,35	17	63		11092		
686	1Sam 25,36	27	94		11119		
687	1Sam 25,37	17	65		11136		
688	1Sam 25,38	8	31	286	11144		
689	1Sam 25,39	32	116	287-288	11176		
690	1Sam 25,40	15	63		11191		
691	1Sam 25,41	12	51		11203		Abigail becomes David's wife: 17 . 25,1-43 738 words
692	1Sam 25,42	17	74		11220		
693	1Sam 25,43	10	42		11230/203	S	
43 vs	Part XIV: 25,1-43	738	2841	12x	738		

Observation 16 In Part XIV (25,1-43) 32 of the 43 verses (74%) and 541 of the 738 words (73%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part XV: 25,44-26,25 David spares Saul's life

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
694	1Sam 25,44	12+	41		11242		§1 David and Abishai enter Saul's camp Saul learns about David's whereabouts and goes to search for David: 26 + 17 .
695	1Sam 26,1	14/26	60		11256		
696	1Sam 26,2	17	64		11273		
697	1Sam 26,3	19	74		11292		
698	1Sam 26,4	9	32		11301		
699	1Sam 26,5	28	98		11329		
700	1Sam 26,6	25	90		11354		
701	1Sam 26,7	19	82		11373/143	S	
702	1Sam 26,8	20	73		11393		§2 David forbids Abishai to kill Saul
703	1Sam 26,9	13	47	289	11406/33	P	
704	1Sam 26,10	16	56	290-291	11422		§3 David expects that Saul will get his due
705	1Sam 26,11	19	71	292-293	11441		
706	1Sam 26,12	25	96	294	11466		
707	1Sam 26,13	11	42		11477		
708	1Sam 26,14	20	68		11497/91	P	
709	1Sam 26,15	24	85		11521		§4 He rebukes Abner for not protecting Saul 26,19-20 David confronts Saul with the fact that he is persecuting an innocent person: 52 . 26,21-23 Saul admits that he has been sadly in the wrong and David pronounces a blessing upon himself on account of his mercy towards Saul: 51 . The P draws attention to what follows.
710	1Sam 26,16	30	101	295-296	11551		
711	1Sam 26,17	15	54		11566		
712	1Sam 26,18	13	44		11579		
713	1Sam 26,19	32+	120	297-299	11611		
714	1Sam 26,20	20/52(2x26)	70	300	11631		
715	1Sam 26,21	23+	83		11654		
716	1Sam 26,22	10+	44		11664		
717	1Sam 26,23	18/51(3x17)	70	301-303	11682		
718	1Sam 26,24	15	59	304	11697	P	
719	1Sam 26,25	20	71		11717/220	P	
26	Part XV: 25,44-26	487	1795	16x	487		

Observation 17 Part XV (25,44-26,25) is finalized by its **26** verses. Additionally 146 of the 487 words (30%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. They all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Part XVI: 27,1-28,2 David as raider in the service of Achish of Gath

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
720	1Sam 27,1	29	107		11746		§1 David decides to escape to Gath
721	1Sam 27,2	15	48		11761		
722	1Sam 27,3	18	79		11779		
723	1Sam 27,4	10	34		11789/72	S	
724	1Sam 27,5	23+	83		11812		§2 David as leader of a marauding gang The P draws attention to what follows. §§2-3 (27,5-28,2) are in their entirety highlighted by 102 (6x17) and 78 (2x26) words.
725	1Sam 27,6	15+	54		11827/38	P	
726	1Sam 27,7	11+	47		11838		
727	1Sam 27,8	19+	81		11857		
728	1Sam 27,9	18+	70		11875		
729	1Sam 27,10	16/102(6x17)	63		11891		
730	1Sam 27,11	23+	82		11914		
731	1Sam 27,12	12+	50		11926/99	P	
732	1Sam 28,1	22+	89		11948		§3 David becomes Achish's bodyguard 28,1-2 is a cliffhanger preluding on David's role in the war with the Philistines.
733	1Sam 28,2	21/78(3x26)	73		11969/43	P	
14 vs	Part XVI: 27,1-28,2	252 (18x14)	960	0	252 (18x14)		

Observation 18 Part XVI (27,1-28,2) stands out in several ways. First, 10 of the 14 verses (71%) and 180 of the 252 words (71%) are highlighted by a divine name number; the highlighted passage deals with an important element in the story: David's cruel practices. Second, the name of YHWH is completely absent in the story and God plays no role whatsoever in the events. Third, the 14 verses as well as the 252 (18x14) words shows that the story bears David's 'signature' (see Observation 12!), symbolically indicating that what he does here is to be regarded as a private enterprise in pursuit of his own selfish interests. The presentation of the story is strongly reminiscent of the story of Abimelech in [Judges 9](#) (see there page 2).

Part XVII: 28,3-25 Saul consults a medium at Endor

Vs	Texts	Words	Let.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
734	1Sam 28,3	15+	69		11984		§1 Fearing the Philistines Saul reacts in panic The entire paragraph is highlighted by multiples of the numbers 26 and 17: 156 (6x26) + 17 + 52 (2x26). 28,12-14 dealing with the appearance of Samuel, is most strikingly made up of 53 words (16+17+20), which signify his 'signature' and confirm his identity. The S draws attention to v. 15. 28,3-15 225 words (156+17+52).
735	1Sam 28,4	12+	55		11996		
736	1Sam 28,5	9+	35		12005		
737	1Sam 28,6	12+	49	305-306	12017		
738	1Sam 28,7	21+	83		12038		
739	1Sam 28,8	25+	96		12063		
740	1Sam 28,9	23+	89		12086		
741	1Sam 28,10	12+	42	307-308	12098		
742	1Sam 28,11	11+	37		12109		
743	1Sam 28,12	16/156(6x26)	64		12125		
744	1Sam 28,13	17	61		12142		§2 Bad news for Saul: his imminent death The entire paragraph is highlighted by multiples of The numbers 17 and 26: 85 (5x17) + 78 (3x26). 28,22-23 the two middle verses of 1-2 Samuel: 1506 = 752+2+752 28,16-25 163 words (85+78).
745	1Sam 28,14	20+	74		12162	S	
746	1Sam 28,15	32/52(2x26)	129		12194/225	S	
747	1Sam 28,16	9+	39	309	12203		
748	1Sam 28,17	14+	55	310-311	12217		
749	1Sam 28,18	19+	64	312-313	12236		
750	1Sam 28,19	20+	73	314-315	12256		
751	1Sam 28,20	23/85(5x17)	77		12279		
752	1Sam 28,21	23+	89		12302		
753	1Sam 28,22	18+	60		12320		
754	1Sam 28,23	16+	63		12336		
755	1Sam 28,24	11+	48		12347		
756	1Sam 28,25	10/78(3x26)	47		12357/163	P	
23	Part XVII: 28,3-25	388	1498	11x	388		

Observation 19 In Part XVII (28,3-25) 23 of the 23 verses (100%) and 388 of the 388 words (100%) are highlighted by 17 and 26, which signifies YHWH's presence in the events despite the fact that he does not answer Saul through the normal media: a dream, the Urim and a prophet in function.

Part XVIII: 29,1-30,31 Achish dismisses David, who routs the Amalekite raiders

Vs	Texts	Words	Letters	יָדוּהָ	Sum wrds	P/S	Compositional Structure
757	1Sam 29,1	11	50		12368		§1 The Philistines learn that David is present
758	1Sam 29,2	11	55		12379		
759	1Sam 29,3	35	126		12414/57	P	
760	1Sam 29,4	35	139		12449		§2 The commanders want David to be sent away
761	1Sam 29,5	13	51		12462/48	S	
762	1Sam 29,6	33	115	316	12495		§3 Achish asks David to leave and go home
763	1Sam 29,7	10	39		12505/43	S	
764	1Sam 29,8	24	89		12529		§4 David protests, but leaves in the end
765	1Sam 29,9	20	77		12549		
766	1Sam 29,10	13+	53		12562		Achish convinces David and he and his men make an early start the next morning: 26.
767	1Sam 29,11	13/26	56		12575/70	S	
768	1Sam 30,1	19	74		12594		§5 David is shocked by what the Amalekites did They have taken captive all the women, young and old: the wives and children of David and his men: 26.
769	1Sam 30,2	14+	54		12608		
770	1Sam 30,3	12/26	54		12620		
771	1Sam 30,4	14	46		12634		
772	1Sam 30,5	10	47		12644		
773	1Sam 30,6	21	73	317	12665/90	S	
774	1Sam 30,7	17	60		12682		§6 David consults YHWH and sets out for battle Through the ephod David learns that he will overtake the raiders and rescue everyone: 17+17 words.
775	1Sam 30,8	9+2+6=17	66	318	12699	DS 22	
776	1Sam 30,9	14	53		12713	2+6=8	
777	1Sam 30,10	15	58		12728		
778	1Sam 30,11	14	54		12742		
779	1Sam 30,12	21	77		12763/98	S	
780	1Sam 30,13	21	79		12784		
781	1Sam 30,14	14	54		12798		
782	1Sam 30,15	21	87		12819		David attacks the Amalekite raiders, rescues all who have been taken captive and recovers all the spoil: 52.
783	1Sam 30,16	19	81		12838		
784	1Sam 30,17	21+	76		12859		
785	1Sam 30,18	12+	39		12871		
786	1Sam 30,19	19/52(2x26)	66		12890		
787	1Sam 30,20	14	51		12904		
788	1Sam 30,21	27	106		12931/168	S	
789	1Sam 30,22	31	109		12962	S	§8 David insists that all must share alike These Ss draw attention to what follows. David: the fighters and the guards must share alike: 34. 29,1-30,25 has 650 (25x26) words.
790	1Sam 30,23	19+	67	319	12981		
791	1Sam 30,24	15/34(2x17)	58		12996	S	
792	1Sam 30,25	11	47		13007/76	P	
793	1Sam 30,26	16	64	320	13023		§9 David sends spoil to the elders of Judah This S draws attention to what follows. End of the list of all the places over which David and his men have ranged: 17.
794	1Sam 30,27	8	32		13031		
795	1Sam 30,28	6	32		13037	S	
796	1Sam 30,29	8	40		13045		
797	1Sam 30,30	7+	31		13052		
798	1Sam 30,31	10/17	43		13062/55	P	
42	Part XVIII: 29-30	705	2728	5x	705		
104	26,1-30,31	1820(70x26)	6940	32x	1820		

Observation 20 In Part XVIII (29,1-30,31) 36 of the 42 verses (85%) and 667 of the 705 words (94%) are highlighted by 26 and 17. Note the 650 (25x26) words in 29,1-30,25, and the 17 words in 30,30-31. The fact that Chapters 26-30 appear to be finalized and sealed by 104 (4x26) verses and 1820 (70x26) words, suggests that there is a strong caesura after Chapter 30.

Part XIX: 31,1-13 The death of Saul and his sons

Vs	Texts	Words	Lett.	יהוה	Sum words	P/S	Compositional Structure
799	1Sam 31,1	12 12+	61		13074		§1 The death of Saul and his sons The sons of Saul are killed in battle: 17 . The number 40 may have been consciously designed to signify Saul's 'signature' [שָׂאִיל = 21+1+6+12=40]. See the Introduction above. 31,4-7 Saul is severely wounded and asks his armour-bearer to kill him. They both fall into their swords: 78 .
800	1Sam 31,2	17 17+	69		13091		
801	1Sam 31,3	11 11/40	53		13102		
802	1Sam 31,4	28+	107		13130		
803	1Sam 31,5	13+	41		13143		
804	1Sam 31,6	12+	46		13155		
805	1Sam 31,7	25/78(3x26)	104		13180/118	S	
806	1Sam 31,8	16	68		13196		§2 The fate of the royal victims of the battle 31,9-13 The Philistines cut off Saul's head and strip him of his armour, which they deposit in the temple of Ashtoret. His body is nailed on the wall of Beth-shan. The men of Jabesh-gilead recover the bodies of Saul and his sons to burn them and to bury the bones: 68 .
807	1Sam 31,9	15+	64		13211		
808	1Sam 31,10	11/26+	42		13222		
809	1Sam 31,11	10+	41		13232		
810	1Sam 31,12	22+	82		13254		
811	1Sam 31,13	10/68(4x17)	45		13264/84	P	
13 vs	Part XIX: 31,1-13	202	823	0	202		
811	1 Samuel	13264	51354	320x	13264		

Observation 21 In Part XIX (31,1-13) 10 of the 13 verses (77%) and 163 of the 202 words (81%) are highlighted by **17** and **26**. The highlighted passages all deal with crucial episodes in the story.

Observation 22 As in the case of Part XVI (27,1-28,2), the story of David's stay among the Philistines as the leader of a marauding gang in the service of king Achish, the name of YHWH does not occur in the story, neither does he play any active role in the events. This seems to suggest that the author/redactor held Saul himself responsible for his tragic death and that of his sons, which is underlined by my supposition that the story of Saul's death bears his 'signature' (**40** words in 31,1-3). However, contrary to the Chronicler, who regarded Saul's unfaithfulness as the cause of his death and the transmission of the kingdom to David (1 Chron. 10,13), our author did not openly pass judgement on Saul, neither did he blame or condemn him. Quite the contrary, he only related that David and his men mourned and wept, when they heard the sad news (2 Sam. 1,11f.) and that David raised a lament over Saul and Jonathan (2 Sam. 1,17ff.).

The 22 Divine Speeches in 1 Samuel

DSS	Texts	Introductions	Speakers >> Addressees	Words	Totals
1	1 Sam 2,27ff.	18	Man of God > Eli: כה אמר יהוה	161	179
2	1 Sam 3,10	6	YHWH > Samuel: ויקרא כפעם כפעם	2	8+
3	1 Sam 3,11ff.	4	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	56	60/68 (4x17)
4	1 Sam 8,7ff.	4	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	51+	55
5	1 Sam 8,22	4	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	5+ 5+	9
6	1 Sam 9,15f.	11	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	25+ 25+	36
7	1 Sam 9,17	6	YHWH > Samuel: ויהוה ענהו	8+ 8+	14
8	1 Sam 10,17ff.	9	YHWH > People: ויאמר יהוה	14+ 14/52	23
9	1 Sam 10,22a	2	YHWH > People: ויאמר יהוה	5+	7
10	1 Sam 15,2f.	22	Samuel > Saul: כה אמר יהוה	38+	60
11	1 Sam 15,10f.	6	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	13+	19
12	1 Sam 15,18	4	YHWH > Saul: יהוה.... ויאמר	11/170(10x17)	15
13	1 Sam 16,1	4	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	25+	29+
14	1 Sam 16,2b	2	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	22+	24+
15	1 Sam 16,7	4	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	21/68 (4x17)	25/78 (3x26)
16	1 Sam 16,12b	2	YHWH > Samuel: ויאמר יהוה	5	7
17	1 Sam 23,2b	4	YHWH > David: ויאמר יהוה	6+	10
18	1 Sam 23,4b	8	YHWH > David: ויענהו יהוה ויאמר	9+	17
19	1 Sam 23,11b	2	YHWH > David: ויאמר יהוה	1+	3
20	1 Sam 23,12b	2	YHWH > David: ויאמר יהוה	1/17	3
21	1 Sam 24,5	10	YHWH > David: אשר אמר יהוה	11+	21
22	1 Sam 30,8	2	YHWH > David: ויאמר [יהוה] לו	6/17	8
22 DSS	1 Samuel 1-31	136 (8x17)		496	632

The 22 speeches include the oracle in 23,4b and the words attributed to YHWH by means of the formula כה אמר יהוה, 'Thus says YHWH', in the speeches by the Man of God (in 2,27-36, addressed to Eli) and by Samuel (in 15,2-3, addressed to Saul). By contrast, Samuel, the people, and David are addressed directly. This also applies to DS 21 in 24,5, where David's men quote the words that YHWH spoke earlier to David.

The following features of the 22 divine speeches stand out as significant on numerical grounds:

- The introductions to the 22 speeches have altogether **136 (8x17)** words.
- In Speeches 2-3, **68 (4x17)** words are devoted to the first two speeches addressed to Samuel.
- In Speech 4, YHWH speaks **51 (3x17)** words to Samuel.
- In Speeches 4-12 (Chapters 8-15), YHWH speaks altogether **170 (10x17)** words.
- In Speeches 5-8, YHWH speaks altogether **52 (2x26)** words.
- In Speeches 13-15, **68 (4x17)** words are used in the speeches, including the introductions **78 (3x26)**.
- Speech 18, including its introduction, has **17** words.
- The 6 speeches directed to David have **17** words in Chapter 23, and **17** in Chapters 24 and 30.

Significant features of the human speeches in 1 Samuel

- Hannah's solemn vow to YHWH (1,11) is made up of **26** words.
- Hannah speaks **51 (3x17)** words about Samuel after his birth: **3** (in 1,20); **12** (in 1,22); **36** (in 1,26-28).
- Eli speaks altogether **17** words to Hannah: **7** (in 1,14) and **10** (in 1,17).
- Eli speaks altogether **51 (3x17)** words: **12** to Elkana (in 2,20) and **39** to his sons (in 2,23-25).
- Eli speaks altogether **52 (2x26)** words to Samuel as a child (3,5; 3,6; 3,9; 3,16; 3,17; 3,18).
- Samuel speaks altogether **204 (12x17)** words in Chapters 7-9 (7,3.5.12; 8,11.22; 9,19.23.24.26.27a.27b).

- Samuel speaks **85** (5x17) words in his description of the future king (8,11-18).
- Samuel speaks altogether **17** words shortly before he anoints Saul (9,27).
- Samuel speaks altogether **68** (4x17) words to Saul in 9,19f. 24.26.27a.27b.
- Samuel speaks **289** (17x17) words in his farewell address: **205** in 12,6-17; and **84** in 12,20-25.
- Samuel speaks altogether **187** (11x17) words to Saul in Chapter 15,1-3.14.16.17-19.22f.26.28f.32.
- Samuel speaks 4x after addressing Saul and before he speaks to Jesse: **26** words (15,33; 16,2.5.6).
- Saul speaks **187** (11x17) words in Chapters 17-20: i.e. **51** (3x17) to Jonathan and **136** (8x17) to others.
- Jonathan speaks **66** words to his armour-bearer (14,1.6.8-10.12): יִנְיָהוּ = 10+6+14+22+14 = **66**.
- Jonathan speaks *for the first time* to David (19,2-3) **29** words, and about him to Saul (19,4-5) **37** (= **66**).
- When David speaks *for the first time* to Saul, he volunteers to fight Goliath (17,32) using **11** words; and when he assures Saul that YHWH will help him (17,34-36), he uses **41** words, altogether **52** (2x26).
- David speaks **34** (2x17) words to Ahimelech asking for bread (21,2f. [21,3f.]).
- Saul speaks **51** (3x17) words to Ahimelech, his guards and Doeg in connection with the conspiracy by the priests at Nob: **29** words to Ahimelech (22,12.13.16), **18** to the guards (22,17), and **4** to Doeg (22,18).
- David's message to Nabal (25,5ff.) contains **64** words, and his order to his men to buckle on their swords (25,13) **4** words: altogether **68** (4x17) words.
- Saul speaks **7x** at Endor communicating with the woman (6x) and with Samuel (1x): **26** words before the appearance of Samuel in ghostly form (28,8.10.11.13) and **26** words in his presence (28,14.15b.23).
- Samuel in ghostly form speaks altogether **68** (4x17) words to Saul: **8** (in 28,15a) and **60** (in 28,16-19).
- David speaks altogether **52** (2x26) words consulting YHWH about the Ziklag raid (30,8) **5** words, and speaking to the Egyptian (30,13.15) **9** words, to the scoundrels (30,23) **32** words, and in his message sent with the spoils to the elders of Judah (30,26) **6** words.