



1 Samuel

Introduction to 1 Samuel

- ❖ Transitional History
 - Anarchy (Judges 21:25) to Monarchy, Judges to Kings
 - From using Priests to Prophets
- ❖ Begins with a birth & Ends with a death
- ❖ Samuel last judge, Saul 1st king of Israel
- ❖ Not written by Samuel (25:1) - what we know 1 Chron. 29:29 - maybe written or put together after the kingdoms split

INTRODUCTION TO 1 SAMUEL

- ❖ Time of the judges roughly 400 years, 1 & 2 Samuel around 100 years
- ❖ Time frame around 1100-1000 bc
- ❖ Starts at one of the lowest points in Israel's history
 - Country is corrupt - barely a confederation of tribes
 - Idolatry is prevalent - priesthood is corrupt
 - Philistine controlled esp. use of iron

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- ❖ Samuel, Saul, David = central characters
- ❖ We see the final rejection of God's desire for theocracy for monarchy, but ultimately will foreshadow to the final rule of Christ/Messiah
- ❖ David is introduced & anointed King = we know also looks forward to Christ prophetically
- ❖ See personal & national effects of Sin
- ❖ See empowering work of the Holy Spirit

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- ❖ Obedience
- ❖ Faithfulness
- ❖ Godly Leadership
- ❖ Calling / Ministry
- ❖ Anointing
- ❖ Presence of God
- ❖ Heart Issues
- ❖ Family Dynamics
- ❖ Battles God's Way
- ❖ Drifting
- ❖ Consecration / Sanctification
- ❖ Providence / Sovereignty of God
- ❖ Effects of sin
- ❖ Righteousness / Responsibility

Chapter 1 & 2 - Tail of Two families

Family Number One

- Elkanah, Hannah (Grace), Peninnah(Pearl)
- Levite in Ephriam - see 1 Chron. 6:27-28
- Faithful & Devout every year
- Lord of Hosts(1st time) = Jehovah Sabaoth - Lord of the heavenly & earthly armies
- Polygamy not endorsed here nor encouraged = just a historical account

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“[6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 | ESV

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- Note: She's not making a deal with the Lord...remember a vow can be revoked by the husband

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. [28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:26-28 | ESV

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- Reminds us of Pentecost(Acts2)...what was the impression?
- Eph. 5:18-19 - Don't get drunk...filled with Spirit...addressing each with Psalms!
- Eli seems pretty clueless (see 4:15)
- What was going on in this house?
- Eli blesses Hannah & she receives it by faith

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- "knew" = sexually
- Samuel = "God has heard"
- Probably weaned him around 3 years
- 3 bulls not just 3yr old bull - years missed
- "Lent" not the best word
- What faith Hannah & Elkanah displayed!
- Hannah not sad or depressed to give Samuel over, but breaks out in worship

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- Ministering = "Serving" - note that it started as a boy

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Family Number Two

- Eli, Hophni(Fighter) & Phinehas(Mouthy)
- Eli seems pretty clueless
- The boys - worthless, scoundrels
- Did not know the Lord!
- Priestly portion was specific & always after the fat was offered - not to take extra from the peace offerings

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- Note: Samuel is ministering & growing in **stature & favor** in the presence of the Lord and before the people!
- Seems like the boys were bringing in temple prostitution...
- Eli knew what the boys were doing, doesn't do anything & they didn't listen
- Man of God?
- Eli as guilty as the boys (see 4:18)

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- This is not a prophecy anyone wants prophesied over them
- God is looking for faithful people who will have his heart and mind!

TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

Elkanah

- ❖ Faithful
- ❖ Loving Attending Husband
- ❖ Worshipping, Sacrificing, Praying
- ❖ Parents Who Honored the Lord Above Selves
- ❖ Child Growing in & Serving the Lord

Eli

- ❖ Didn't know God
- ❖ Checked Out Tolerant Father
- ❖ Sitting At the Door of the Temple
- ❖ Dad Who Honored Kids Over the Lord
- ❖ Children Growing Wild & Serving Selves

PICTURES OF CHRIST

- * 2:10, 2:35 = Anointed=Messiah - Not directly, but indirectly foreshadowing Christ
- * Hannah Song = Similar to Mary's in Luke 1:46-55, both women who knew the Word, Godly mothers are so important!
- * 2:26 = Luke 2:41-52 - Samuel like Jesus grew up in a corrupt generation, yet remained faithful