

STUDY GUIDE

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PODCAST #3 (PROPHETS, 1 Samuel 2)



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INTRODUCTION

In today's church, we usually think of the "prophets" as the section of our Bible beginning with Isaiah and ending with Malachi. However, Hebrew Bible (or Tanak) divides the books a little differently. The Hebrew Bible (or Tanak) is divided into three main sections: The Torah (or "Law" of Moses, thus the "T" in Tanak), the Nebi'im (or "prophets," thus the "N" in Tanak), and the Kethubim (or "writings," thus the "K" in Tanak). Moreover, the "prophets" section is divided into two groups: the "former" prophets and the "latter" prophets. The former prophets include the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings. The latter prophets include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. While there are certainly Messianic passages in the books of the prophets, one of the most powerful prayers and Messianic passages in all of the Scriptures is Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2.

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

Hannah's Prayer and Psalm 2

Read 1 Samuel 2, Exodus 17:6, Deuteronomy 32, and Psalm 2.

What are the literary connections between these passages?

The "annointed one" in Hebrew is "Messiah." In Greek, the "annointed one" is "Christ."

In 1 Samuel 2:1-10, who is Hannah looking forward to?

Now read Mary's prayer in Luke 1:46-55. These are two women of great faith whose prayers are some of the most powerful in all of the Bible.