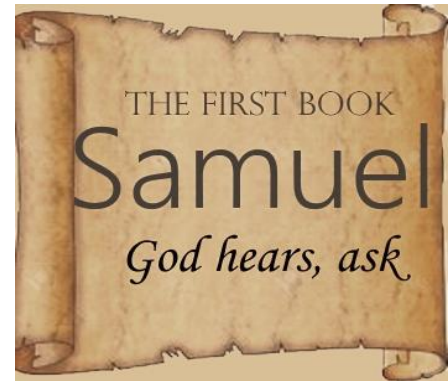


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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit. This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



Samuel, the last judge of Israel,

¹ Now there was a certain man of Ramah-zophim, of hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, of Ephraim:

² And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children / polygamy was allowed if the wife, first married was childless.

³ And this man went from his city annually to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

⁴ And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters:

⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had closed her womb.

⁶ And her rival provoked her sorely, to irritate her, since the LORD had closed her womb.

⁷ And year after year, as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she provoked her; therefore she wept, and would not eat.

⁸ Then Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? and why do you not eat? and why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

⁹ Then Hannah rose up after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by a doorpost of the temple of the LORD.

¹⁰ And she, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD, and wept sorely.

¹¹ And she made a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant, and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give

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Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor will come on his head.

¹² And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli noticed her mouth.

¹³ Now Hannah spoke in her heart; her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard: so Eli thought she was drunk.

¹⁴ And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunk? put away your wine from you.

¹⁵ But Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman oppressed in spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

¹⁶ Do not consider your maidservant for a worthless daughter of Belial: for from the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken here.

¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and may the God of Israel grant you your petition that you asked of Him.

¹⁸ And she said, Let Your maidservant find favor in your sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no longer sad.

¹⁹ And they rose up early in the morning, and worshiped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah was intimate with Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

²⁰ And it happened, in due time when Hannah conceived, she bare a son, and named him Samuel, saying, I asked him of the LORD.

²¹ Then the man Elkanah, and all his household, went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

²² But Hannah did not go up; for she said to her husband, I will not go until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and stay there forever.

²³ And Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems best for you; wait until you have weaned him; only may the LORD confirm His word. So the woman stayed, and nursed her son until she weaned him.

²⁴ Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

²⁵ And they slaughtered the bull, and brought the child to Eli.

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²⁶ And she said, Oh my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD.

²⁷ For this boy I prayed; and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him:

²⁸ so I have dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD. And he worshiped the LORD there.

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