

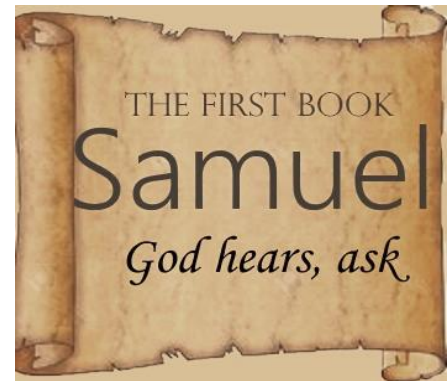
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the 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.



War with the Philistines, who captured the Ark,

¹ And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and camped beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines camped at Aphek.

² And the Philistines arrayed themselves against Israel: and when they engaged in battle, Israel was defeated before the Philistines: and they killed the army on the battlefield, about four thousand men.

³ When the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD defeated us to day in the presence of the Philistines? Let us take the ark of the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us, it may save us from the hand of our enemies.

⁴ So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

⁵ And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded.

⁶ And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What does the noise mean of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD came into the camp.

⁷ And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp.

And they said, Woe to us! For nothing like this happened before.

⁸ Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that smote the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness.

⁹ Take courage and act like men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves of the Hebrews, as they have been slaves to you: so act like men, and fight.

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10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel, 30,000 footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

The death of Eli,

12 Now, a man of Benjamin ran from the battle, and came to Shiloh the same day; with his clothes torn and dust on his head.

13 And when he came, to mark this: Eli was sitting his seat by the road eagerly watching: for his heart was trembling for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What does the noise of this tumult mean? Then the man hurried, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said to Eli, I am he who came from the battle, and today I ran from the battlefield. And he said, How did things go, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel has run away before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas are dead; and the ark of God has been taken.

18 And it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell backward off the seat beside the gate, and his neck was broken, and he died: for he was old and heavy. Thus he had judged Israel forty years.

19 And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was with child, about to deliver: and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came on her.

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said to her, Do not fear; for to you is born a son. But she did not answer, or pay attention.

21 And she called the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

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