



Old Testament History II

Lesson 1. Introduction to First Samuel

I. Titles

- A. Samuel
- B. The First Book of Kings (Greek Septuagint)
- C. Topical Title: The Book of Transition (Seasons of Change)

II. Author

- A. Samuel (10:25)
- B. Compiled by Nathan and Gad (1 Chr. 29:29)

III. Date

- A. Covers 115 years, from the birth of Samuel to the death of Saul.
- B. Written between 1060 and 900 B.C.

IV. Key Words

- A. "Saul" (296)
- B. "David" (291)
- C. "Samuel" (131)
- D. "King(s)" (88)
- E. "Priest(s)" (33)
- F. "Prophet(s)" (24)
- G. "Anoint(ed)" (19)
- H. "Pray(ed)(ing)" (9)

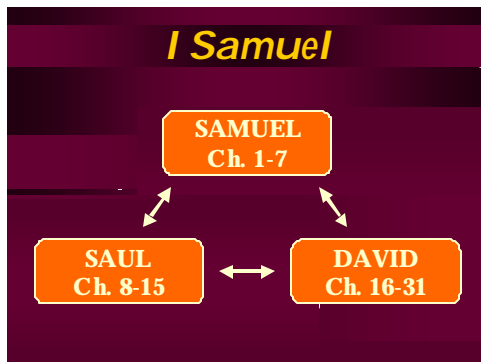
V. Key Verse

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and

the right way (1 Samuel 12:23).

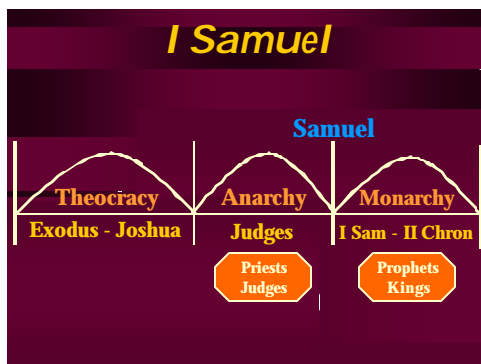
VI. Outline

1. Samuel: From Theocracy To Monarchy (1-7)
2. Saul: From Election To Rejection (8-15)
3. David: From Anointing To Humiliation (16-31)



VII. Theme

- A. From the time of Moses, Israel's leadership had represented a "theocracy." This continued through Joshua.
- B. There was "anarchy" in Judges.
- C. Samuel was raised as a priest. He was also the last of the judges and the first of the prophets.
- D. Samuel anointed the first two kings, transitioning the leadership to a "monarchy."
- E. There is no sin charged against Samuel recorded in Scripture. He had great credibility.



Exposition of First Samuel

First Samuel: The Book of Transition

Section One: From Theocracy to Monarchy (1-7)

I. The Rise of Samuel and the Fall of Eli (1-3)

A. Hannah's Situation (1:1-8)

- Elkanah was from the tribe of Ephraim. His two wives were Pininnah, who had children, and Hannah, who had none.
- Shiloh was where the Tabernacle of Moses was located and where the priests ministered.
- The Lord had kept Hannah from bearing children and Pininnah made fun of her. However, Elkanah loved her and tried to encourage her.

B. Hannah's Supplication (1:9-18)

- Hannah prayed at the Tabernacle, saying that a son given to her would be a Nazirite.
- Eli wrongly concluded that Hannah was drunk. *I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD* (v. 15).
- Hannah went away encouraged.

C. Hannah's Sacrifice (1:19-28)

- Hannah bore a son and named him "Samuel" (Asked of God). She recognized that Samuel had been given to her as a result of her prayer.
- When Samuel was weaned Hannah presented him to Eli at the Tabernacle. *For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD* (vv. 27-28).
- God often uses barrenness as a prelude to fruitfulness. Desperation causes our hearts to be open wide to the Lord so his will can be perfectly done in our lives.