

SAMUEL, ISRAEL'S LAST JUDGE
(1 Samuel 1:1-2:11)

I. Some General Observation Concerning This Book

A. See Book Chart & Chart of Israel's Downward Cycle -- Judges 21:25

1. 1 Samuel covers a period of about ___ years beginning with Samuel, Israel's last _____ & first great _____ and ending with the death of _____, Israel's first king.
2. The Outline of 1 Samuel is divided into 3 sections:
 - a. _____, Israel's Last _____ (Chp 1-8)
 - b. _____, Israel's _____ King (Chp 9-15)
 - c. _____ Israel's _____ King (Chp 16-31)
3. 1 Samuel focuses on Israel _____ God as their King & asking for an _____ king like the nations around them.

Key thought--1 Samuel 2:30

4. 2 Samuel focuses on the principle of _____ & _____ in life...(Galatians 6:7-8)
5. The books of Samuel bridge the period of Israel's history from the _____ to the _____, from loose _____ affiliations to that of a strong central _____!

II. The Birth of Samuel (1:1-2:11)

A. Some Key Characters in the Early Chapters Include...

1. _____—a man who went to Shiloh yearly according the WOG to worship & sacrifice to the _____!
 2. _____—his 1st wife, who was _____.
 3. _____ his second wife, who bore Elkanah _____.
 4. Also Eli the & his two sons Hophni & Phinehas who were _____ are mentioned here, who will play into the story shortly.
- * Which woman did Elkanah love the most? (1:5 & 8)

B. Hannah's Plight (1:6-8)

1. Included her: being _____, being provoked & _____ by her rival. This made her _____, _____, and unable to even _____.
2. The Lord had _____ her _____ (mentioned 2x vs 5-6)
3. But her desperate situation, sadness & depression caused her to _____ & _____.
4. God was _____ working through this godly woman for her _____ & the good of the _____.

C. Hannah's Prayer (1:9-18)

1. Hannah so desired to be rid of the stigma of barrenness that she _____ to _____ any son God gave to her, back to the Lord for _____ to Him. (1:11)

- What should this teach you? That God is looking for _____ saints...

a. who willingly seek God in their _____ (1:10)

b. who willingly turn to Him in _____ & pray about _____ (1:11)

2. Eli was watching this woman & not hearing what she said, assumes the worst about her—that she is _____! * Now why would he assume this?

3. Although there was a lack of the “fear of the Lord” in the nation, here is a godly _____ in whom the _____ has been working, whose heart is now _____ to the lord in serious _____.

c. who willingly _____ in their prayer life as they cast their cares on Him _____ (1:18)

D. God's Answer (1:19-23)

1. After faith-resting on her prayer to God, they returned home...”and the Lord _____ her”!

2. Hannah _____ & bore a _____ & called him Samuel.

3. Hannah stayed at home with Samuel until he was weaned. During these formidable years they poured into Samuel unconditional _____, personal _____, & a sense of _____.

* How can this be true of you?

E. Hannah's Vow Fulfilled (1:24-28)

1. Hannah reminded Eli that she was the woman who prayed for this child & had made a _____ to _____ him to the Lord for life.

2. Hannah _____ lent her only son to the Lord for His purposes. And for her sacrifice, God gave her ___ more sons & ___ daughters (2:21) to replace him.

- What does this again teach us about prayer? That God is looking for praying saints ...

d. who willingly desire to give God the _____ for answered prayer (1:27-28)

- How did Hannah glorify God here?

F. Hannah's Praise To God (2:1-10)

* What does all this mean to you?