

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

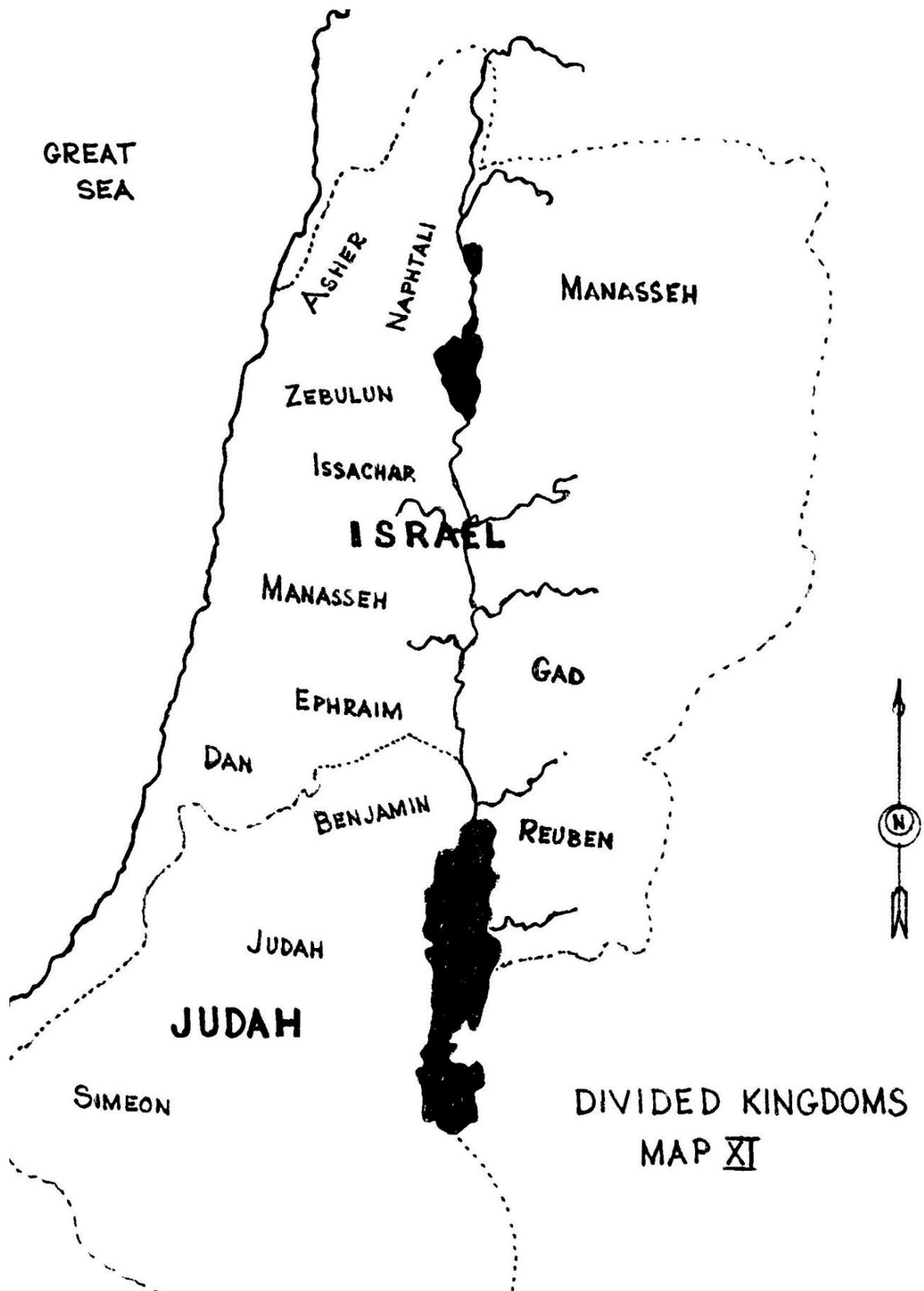
PERIOD FIVE

ONE KINGDOM - SAMUEL

LESSON 19

Time	PERIOD FIVE ONE KINGDOM			
Main thought	THE MAKING OF A KINGDOM			
Great men	SAMUEL	SAUL	DAVID	SOLOMON
Chapters that tell of each part	1 Samuel 1:1 to 25:1	1 Chronicles 10:1-14 1 Samuel 9 to 31:13	1 Chronicles 11:1 to 29:30 1 Samuel 16:1 to 2 Kings 2:10	1 Chronicles 29:22 to 2 Chronicles 9:31 1 Kings 1:28 to 11:43
what this part tells about	Prophet, priest and judge. Made kings and kingdoms.	First king. A great warrior.	Second king. Made Jerusalem the capital of Israel. Won a war in his own country. Made Israel a strong nation. Took more land for Israel. Wrote some of the Psalms.	Was a king and lived like a king. Built the temple. Built a big house for himself. Was very wise. Wrote Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes.

In this Lesson we want to learn about the life and work of Samuel.



A long time ago first and second Samuel were one book. Part of these books were written by Samuel. In some Bibles they are called, "Kings." The book was divided later so that it would be easier to read and study.

1. OUTLINE OF 1 SAMUEL

A. Eli, priest and judge, 1 Samuel 1:1 - 4:22.

- Samuel's birth, 1 Samuel 1:1 - 1:28.
- Samuel's work in the tabernacle, 1 Samuel 2:1-26.
- Eli's two warnings, 1 Samuel 2:27 - 3:21.
- Eli's punishment, 1 Samuel 4:1-22.
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B. Samuel, prophet, priest and judge, 1 Samuel 5:1 - 8:22.

- Ark returned to Israel, 1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:2.
- Israel returned to God, 1 Samuel 7:3-14.
- Samuel worked, 1 Samuel 7:15 - 8:3.
- Israel wanted a king, 1 Samuel 8:4-22.

C. Saul, the king, 1 Samuel 9:1 - 12:25.

- Samuel anointed Saul, 1 Samuel 9:1 - 10:16.
- Israel chose Saul, 1 Samuel 10:17-27.
- Israel defeated the Ammonites, 1 Samuel 11:1-11.
- Saul was made king, 1 Samuel 11:12 - 12:25.

D. Saul disobeyed, 1 Samuel 13:1 - 15:35.

- Saul did not wait for Samuel, 1 Samuel 13:1-15.
- Philistines defeated at Michmash, 1 Samuel 13:14 - 14:46.
- Israel was stronger than other nations, 1 Samuel 14:47-52.
- Saul disobeyed in battle with Amalek, 1 Samuel 15:1-35.

E. David to be king, 1 Samuel 16:1 - 26:25.

- David was honored by Israel, 1 Samuel 16:1 - 17:58.
- Saul tried to trick David, 1 Samuel 18:1 - 19:24.
- David and Jonathan became friends, 1 Samuel 20:1-42.
- David ran away from Saul, 1 Samuel 21:1 - 22:23.
- Saul chased David, 1 Samuel 23:1 - 26:25.

F. Philistines fought Israel, 1 Samuel 27:1 - 31:13.

- David hid with the Philistines, 1 Samuel 27:1 - 28:2.
- Saul saw a witch, 1 Samuel 28:3-25.
- David lived at Ziklag, 1 Samuel 29:1 - 30:31.
- Saul died, 1 Samuel 31:1-13.

2. SAMUEL, THE CHILD, 1 Samuel 1:1 - 4:22

A. Samuel's birth, 1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11.

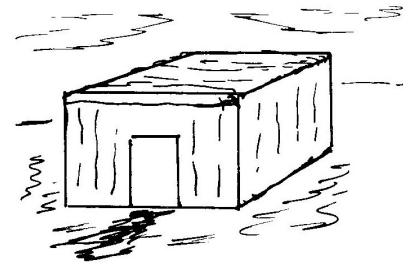
READ 1 SAMUEL 1:1 - 2:11.

Hannah wanted a son very much. To whom did she go (1 Samuel 1:10)?

What did she promise Him (1 Samuel 1:11)?

God gave Hannah the son she asked for. She kept her son until he was weaned. The people of Israel took from two to three years to wean their children. People in some countries do the same today. During this time Hannah taught her boy to love God. She taught him to obey God. Hannah taught him to do his work well.

(Mother, Father, be sure to teach your children while they are very young!)



Where did Hannah take Samuel (1 Samuel 1:24)?

Hannah made a promise to the Lord. She kept that promise. She gave Samuel to the Lord when he was a little boy. It was hard to do. But the longer she would have kept him, the harder it would have been to leave him.

B. Samuel's work in the tabernacle, 1 Samuel 2:11-26.

READ 1 SAMUEL 2:11-26.

When did Samuel start to work in the tabernacle (1 Samuel 2:11)?

We would say that he was too young. Eli must have found little jobs for him to do at first.

What could Samuel wear (1 Samuel 2:18,19)?

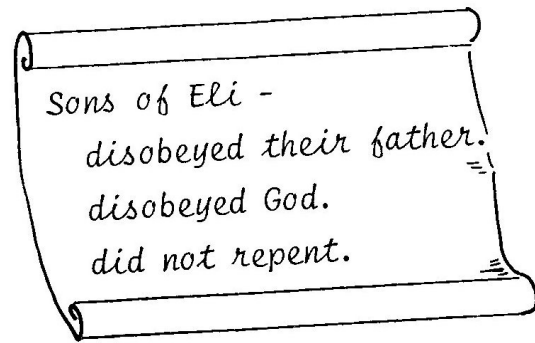
Samuel grew up in the tabernacle. The people liked him. God was happy with Samuel.

C. Eli's sons, 1 Samuel 2:27 - 3:21.

READ 1 SAMUEL 2:27 - 3:31.

Eli was the judge in Israel. He also did the work of a priest. Eli was a good man.

What were his sons like (1 Samuel 2:12)?



It was too bad Eli's sons were like this. Eli's sons had not been taught to respect the things of God when they were young (Proverbs 22:6). What were some of their sins?

1 Samuel 2:14

1 Samuel 2:15,16

1 Samuel 2:17

1 Samuel 2:22

Would Eli's sons listen to their father (1 Samuel 2:25)?

The Lord sent a prophet to Eli. He told Eli what would happen because of the bad things his sons did.

What was going to happen (1 Samuel 2:31)?

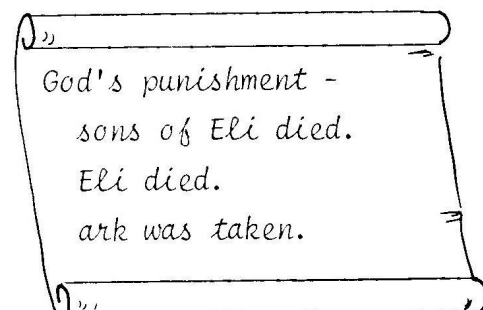
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What did the Lord tell Samuel one night (1 Samuel 3:11-14)?

D. Eli's punishment, 1 Samuel 4:1-22.

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What happened to the ark of the covenant (1 Samuel 4:11)?



What happened to the sons of Eli?

What happened to Eli when he heard the news (1 Samuel 4:18)?

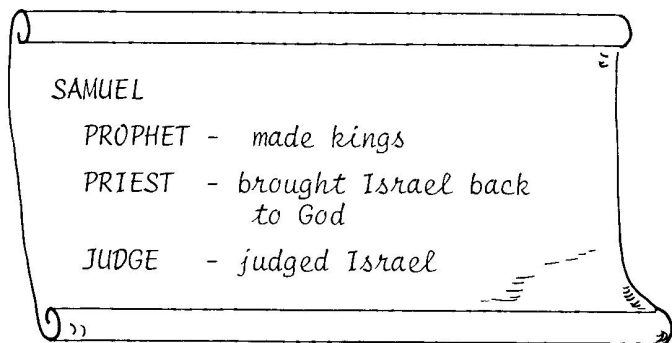
Samuel was taught about God. Even though Samuel saw the bad things Eli's sons did, he did what was right.

3. SAMUEL, PROPHET, PRIEST, AND JUDGE, 1 Samuel 5:1 - 25:1

A. Ark returned to Israel, 1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:2.

READ 1 SAMUEL 5:1 - 7:2.

The people trusted more in the ark than they trusted in the Lord. Today some people trust more in the church than in the Lord. The Lord showed the people of Israel they were wrong in putting their trust in the ark. He showed them they were wrong by letting the Philistines take the ark.



Maybe the Philistines thought the ark was another god. They put it with their god, Dagon. Dagon was the dead god of the Philistines. What happened to Dagon (1 Samuel 5:3,4)?

What happened to the people who were near the ark (1 Samuel 5:6)?

What did the Philistines do at last (1 Samuel 6:10-12)?

What happened to the people at Bethshemesh when they looked into the ark (1 Samuel 6:19)?

What did the people say (1 Samuel 6:20)?

B. Samuel brought Israel back to God, 1 Samuel 7:3-14.

READ 1 SAMUEL 7:3-14.

What did Samuel ask the people to do (1 Samuel 7:3)?

Did the people do it (1 Samuel 7:4)?

At what city did they come together (1 Samuel 7:6)?

What did the Philistines plan to do (1 Samuel 7:7)?

How did the Lord stop them (1 Samuel 7:10)?

Many times the Lord stops the enemies of people who worship and obey Him.

C. Samuel judged Israel, 1 Samuel 7:15 - 8:3.

What three cities did Samuel visit every year (1 Samuel 7:16)?

In which city did Samuel live (1 Samuel 7:17)?

Did the sons of Samuel judge the people of Israel in the right way (1 Samuel 8:3)?

Sometimes even ministers or other Christians forget to teach and train their children. It is easy to let the Lord's work keep a person from his children. Such parents will be sorry later.

Because Samuel's sons were not doing right, the people wanted a king. They wanted a king like the other nations had. Who was the King of Israel (1 Samuel 8:7)?

The Lord told Samuel to let the people have a king. Samuel told the people what the king would want and do. They still wanted a king.

D. Samuel made kings, 1 Samuel 9:1 - 10:16.

- **Saul.**

READ 1 SAMUEL 9:1 - 10:16.

What is another name for prophet (1 Samuel 9:9)?

What did the Lord tell Samuel the day before Saul came to him (1 Samuel 9:16)?

Saul came to the town where Samuel lived. Samuel had Saul eat with him. The next morning Samuel was alone with Saul.

What did he do to Saul (1 Samuel 10:1)?

Samuel called all the tribes of Israel together at Mispah. He told them,

"But you today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No. But set a king over us!'" (1 Samuel 10:19 New American Standard Bible).

The people still wanted a King like the other nations.

Samuel had the tribes of Israel line up. He used lots to find the person who was to be king. The drawing of lots was done in several ways. One way was by drawing sticks from a jar or dish. The one who picked the longest stick was chosen. God used this way to show whom He had chosen.

Which tribe of Israel was chosen (1 Samuel 10:10)?

Which family (verse 21)?

Which man (verse 21)?

This was the man God told Samuel to anoint earlier.

What did Saul do (1 Samuel 10:21,22)?

Saul was chosen king. After this Saul went to his own city because there was no leading city.

In what city did the people make Saul king (1 Samuel 11:15)?

Later Saul did not obey the Lord. The Lord told Saul that he could not rule the people of Israel any longer (1 Samuel 15:23,26).

- **David**, 1 Samuel 16:13.

Samuel anointed _____ to be king in Saul's place (1 Samuel 16:13). Saul was king for several years after this.

E. Samuel died, 1 Samuel 25:1.

Samuel was the greatest judge Israel ever had. He did more than anyone else to bring the people of Israel back to the Lord. Samuel helped the people to do right (1 Samuel 12:19-25). He was not afraid to speak against sin (1 Samuel 15:16-19). Samuel felt sorry for the sinner (Saul) (1 Samuel 16:1).

All the people of Israel were very sad when Samuel died (1 Samuel 25:1).

WORDS TO LEARN

1. anoint - to pour oil on a person to show that he was chosen for a special work.
2. reject - not to take something when it is given to you.
3. wean - to help a child get used to eating another way than from his mother's breast.