



1 The Book of Samuel

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Who Was Samuel?

- Old Testament Prophet
- Last Judge of Israel
- Lived around 1000 B.C.
- Was born to Hannah and Elkanah
- Hannah dedicated his life to God.
- Lived with the priest Eli in the temple.



ELI and his two sons: 1 Samuel 2:

¹² Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD.

¹⁷ This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they^[b] were treating the LORD's offering with contempt.

²⁷ Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him,

³⁰ "Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me!

³² and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, no one in your family line will ever reach old age.

*Even though Eli's sons were given the title of "priest" in the temple, they had no regard for God's laws.....



God Speaks to Samuel



<https://youtu.be/frPfqthi0Us>

The Philistines Capture the Ark

1 Samuel 4:

²The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines.....³When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, “Why did the LORD bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD’s covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.”

¹⁰So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent..... ¹¹The ark of God was captured, and Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

What was the Ark of the Covenant?



QUESTIONS

- Why do you think God punished Eli and his family?
- How can we know when someone who claims to know Jesus is saying or doing things not pleasing to God?
- Why do you think God let the ark of the covenant be captured?