

Part 2: judges of Israel

Lesson 8: The End of the Judges – 1 Samuel 1-10

1 SAMUEL 1	Samuel	One = one son = Samuel
1 SAMUEL 2	corruption	Two = two wicked priests
1 SAMUEL 3	call	Three = Three calls to Samuel
1 SAMUEL 4	Philistines	Four = Four deaths (Priests and wife)
1 SAMUEL 5	Ark	Five = five lords of the philistines
1 SAMUEL 6	Return	<u>Six</u> = <u>sick</u> philistines <u>send</u> ark to Beth <u>Shemesh</u>
1 SAMUEL 7	Victory	<u>Seven</u> = Samuel saves Israel (7 syllables!)
1 SAMUEL 8	Request	<u>Eight</u> = a king would be great
1 SAMUEL 9	Saul	<u>Nine</u> = <u>fine</u> -looking man named saul
1 SAMUEL 10	Anointed	<u>Ten</u> = anoint <u>in</u> ' SAUL

1. According to the genealogy in 1 Chron 6:16–30, Elkanah, the father of Samuel, was from which tribe?

First Samuel 1:1 claims that Elkanah was an Ephraimite (or at least the son of an Ephraimite. Explain why no contradiction exists between these accounts. (HINT: If you get stuck, consider Judg 17:7.)

What Old Testament story (or stories) may the birth of Samuel echo?

OPTIONAL: Define each of the following names: Elkanah, Hannah, Samuel, Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas. Which of these names may be significant? Why?

2. The prayer (or song) of Hannah ends with the first mention of a king (or anointed one) in First Samuel. How do you think Hannah knew that God would establish a monarchy? (2 Pet 1:20-21)

In what way(s) does Eli as a priest and as a father exemplify the "spirit" of the period of the Judges? (Judg 17:6; 21:25)

Why did God desire to kill the sons of Eli? (1 Sam 2:25; cf. vv. 12-17; Judg 2:10)

3. God promised to raise up a priest after his own heart (1 Sam 2:35). Whom may God have in mind? Explain.

With the failure of Eli as a judge and a priest, the Philistines arose again (4:1-2). Why did they initially fear the ark of God? (vv. 5-9)

NOTE: The progressive blindness of Eli seems to represent his failed spiritual sight (3:2-4; 4:13-15.)

Who won the war, and how does the name of the grandson of Eli exemplify the result?

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