

Walking Through the Word

Kings and Prophets (Week 10)

Story: **The Last Judge** (E: Hannah Gives Samuel to the LORD and God Speaks to Samuel, p 176-179)

Location: **1 Samuel 1 - 3**

Bios & definitions

Elkanah: husband of Hannah; father of Samuel

Hannah: wife of Elkanah; a barren woman; prayed year after year for a child before she became Samuel's mother; promised to give her child back to the LORD if He would give her one

Samuel: means "asked of God"; dedicated by his mother to serve the LORD; was the last and most effective of Israel's judges; the man who anointed Saul as Israel's first king; first priest and prophet to serve during the time of a king

Eli: high priest and judge of Israel for 40 years; father of Hophni and Phinehas; reared and trained Samuel

Hophni, Phinehas: the sons of Eli, the high priest; wicked men whom Eli allowed to serve as priests; died in a battle against the Philistines because they took the Ark of God from the tabernacle into battle

Ark of God or Ark of the Covenant: box made of acacia wood which was kept in the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle; the place where the glory of the LORD would come and rest; contained a jar of manna, Aaron's rod and the Ten Commandments

Story: **Call for a King** (E: The Israelites Want a King, Samuel Anoints Saul, Saul is Proclaimed King p 185-189)

Location: **1 Samuel 7:15 – 10:27**

Bios & definitions

Saul: son of Kish, a Benjamite; anointed by Samuel as the first God-appointed king of Israel

Note: by asking for a king the people of Israel were rejecting God as their king. They were denying their covenant relationship with the Lord

"man of God": designation for a prophet or seer

anointing: the religious act of making the king God's representative to the people; always done by a priest or prophet

Note: the special oil was a mixture of olive oil, myrrh, and other expensive spices. It was poured over the king's head to symbolize the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God in his life

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Story: **The Rise and Fall of Saul – Part I** (E: Saul Rescues His People, Samuel Resigns as Judge of Israel, King Saul Offers a Sacrifice, Jonathan Attacks the Philistines, Saul Disobeys God, and Samuel Anoints David, p 199-201)

Location: **1 Samuel 11:1 – 16:13**

Bios & definitions

Jonathan: King Saul's son; attacked Philistines with his servant

King Saul: first king of Israel; disobeyed God by offering a sacrifice before the battle with the Philistines and by not destroying everything in Amalek; as a result of his disobedience lost his kingship

Jesse: from Bethlehem; the father of 8 sons, one of which would be the next appointed king

David: the youngest of Jesse's sons; a shepherd; anointed by Samuel to be Israel's next king