The God of David

The Word of the LORD Returns to Israel
1 Samuel 1-3
Lesson 1

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Chart of Kings and Prophets
part 1

Explanations:
1. The reigns of the kings are identified as evil (shaded) or good (unshaded).
2. The prophets appear in the small boxes. Authors of biblical books are indicated thus: [Obadiah]

Studies in 1&2 Samuel

1. The Word of the Lord Returns to Israel
   1 Samuel 1-3
2. The Glory Departs from Israel
   1 Samuel 4-6
3. Israel Rejects God as Their King
   1 Samuel 7-10
4. Saul – the Foolish King of Israel
   1 Samuel 11-14
5. The Heart of the Matter
   1 Samuel 15-16
6. Goliath Defies the Living God
   1 Samuel 17
7. Saul Determines to Kill David
   1 Samuel 18-20
8. The Fugitive King
   1 Samuel 21-23
9. David Spares the Lord’s Anointed
   1 Samuel 24-27
Studies in 1&2 Samuel

10. Death of Saul
   1 Samuel 28-31

11. David Becomes King of Judah
   2 Samuel 1-2

12. David Becomes King of All Israel
   2 Samuel 3-5

13. God Covenants with David
   2 Samuel 6-7

14. David Rules with Justice and Kindness
   2 Samuel 8-10

15. Sins Against the Lord
   2 Samuel 11-12

16. Rebellion in the House of David
   2 Samuel 13-15

17. Rebellion in the Nation
   2 Samuel 16-19

18. The Final Days of King David
   2 Samuel 20-24
Studies in 1&2 Samuel

- Transition from chaos/anarchy to monarchy
- New revelation – Davidic Covenant
- John 5:39 – Scripture speaks of Christ
- Ways of God with His people
The Word of the LORD returns to Israel
1 Samuel 1-3

- Hanna (1:1-2:11)
- Eli (2:12-36)
- Samuel (3:1-21)
Hannah’s Hope (1:1-28)

- Blessed but barren
- “Hannah, why do you weep?” (1:8)
- The Lord had closed her womb (1:5, 6)
- Why had the LORD done this?
  - Not punishment
  - The goodness of God – Psalm 84:11
  - The discipline of the LORD – Proverbs 3:11-12
  - Over-ruling providence – Romans 8:28
- Was this a of lack of faith?
Do not despise the Promise of the LORD

- Psalm 62:5 – My expectation is in God
- Psalm 39:7 – Waiting for the LORD
- Deuteronomy 28:4 – fruit of your womb
- Proverbs 10:22 – no sorrow with God’s blessing
- Matt. 6:9-10; 33; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; 1 Peter 1:13
Hannah’s Hope

- LORD of hosts
- Your servant (x3)
- She prayed for a son but was willing to give him up
- She pledged her son to be a Nazarite
- Dwell before the LORD
- Believers want to see the blessing of the LORD in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13)
The LORD remembered Hannah

- Phenomenological
- Genesis 8:1 – Noah and the animals
- Genesis 30:22 – Rachel
- Exodus 2:24 – Covenant with the Patriarchs
Hannah’s Hope

- May the LORD establish His Word
- Hannah fulfilled her vow
- He worshiped the LORD there
Hannah’s Prayer (2:1-10)

» Salvation of God (2:1)
» Character of God (2:2-3)
» Sovereignty of God (2:4-7)
» The plan of God (2:8-10)
  - Pillars of the earth are the LORD’S
  - He will guard the faithful
  - He will judge the wicked
  - He will rule by His King, His Anointed
Eli’s Folly (2:12-36)

- Sons of Eli were worthless men
  - Did not know the LORD
  - Treated the offering of the LORD with contempt
    - Eat neither fat nor blood. All fat is the LORD’S (Lev. 3:16)
    - Peace offering; burn the fat and priests may eat the meat (Lev. 7:28-36)
  - Fornicated with the women serving at the tabernacle

- Samuel raised in this setting (2:18-21)
- Eli’s failure (2:22-25)
- Samuel untouched by this evil (2:26)
Eli’s Condemnation (2:27-36)

- Sin – scorned the sacrifices
- Judgment
  - No old men in your house
  - All will die by the sword
  - Hophni and Phinehas will die in one day
  - No atonement (3:14)
- Blessing – a faithful priest (2:35-36)
  - Probably Zadok (1 Chron 24:3)
Samuel (3:1-21)

- Called when Word was rare (Amos 8:11)
- Eli’s insight and counsel
- Call of Samuel
- Tepid response of Eli to the second word of wrath
- Growth of Samuel
- LORD appeared in His Word to Samuel at Shiloh – priest becomes a prophet
The Promise of God

› For Hanna – a deep desire for God’s blessing now
› For Eli and his sons – irrelevant
› For Samuel – bearing God’s Word and anointing King David
› For us – 1 Peter 1:13 – “Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”