

CONQUEST & KINGS: 1&2 SAMUEL

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I. Judges & Ruth Review

II. I & 2 Samuel: Context & Overview

Historical Context

- Abraham: ca. 2000 B.C.
- Exodus: ca. 1446 B.C.
- Conquest of Canaan: ca. 1400
- Judges: 1350-1050 BC
- Crowning of King Saul: 1050 BC
- Crowning of King David: 1010 BC

Study Outline

- 1) **1 Samuel 1-7:** Samuel, a faithful priest who hears from God
- 2) **1 Samuel 8-14:** Saul, a king like Adam
- 3) **1 Samuel 15 - 2 Samuel 8:** David, a king after God's own heart
- 4) **2 Samuel 9 - 20:** David, a king under God's discipline
- 5) **2 Samuel 21-24:** Israel, is a kingdom in God's hands

Hannah's Song (2:1-10)

My heart exults in the LORD;
 my horn is exalted in the LORD.
 My mouth derides my enemies,
 because I rejoice in your salvation.

² "There is none holy like the LORD:
 for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;
 for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
 and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the feeble bind on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves
 out for bread,
 but those who were hungry have ceased
 to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,
 but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
 he brings low and he exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap
 to make them sit with princes
 and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
 and on them he has set the world.

⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
 for not by might shall a man prevail.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be
 broken to pieces;
 against them he will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
 he will give strength to his king
 and exalt the horn of his anointed."

David's Song (2 Samuel 22:2-51)

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my
 deliverer,

³ my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
 my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
 my stronghold and my refuge,
 my savior; you save me from violence.

⁴ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be
 praised,

and I am saved from my enemies...²⁸You
 save a humble people,

but your eyes are on the haughty to bring
 them down.

²⁹ For you are my lamp, O LORD,
 and my God lightens my darkness.

³⁰ For by you I can run against a troop,
 and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³¹ This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
 he is a shield for all those who take refuge
 in him...

⁴⁰ For you equipped me with strength for the
 battle;

you made those who rise against me sink
 under me...⁴⁷ "The LORD lives, and blessed
 be my rock,

and exalted be my God, the rock of my
 salvation,

⁴⁸ the God who gave me vengeance
 and brought down peoples under me,

⁴⁹ who brought me out from my enemies;
 you exalted me above those who rose
 against me;

you delivered me from men of violence.

⁵⁰ "For this I will praise you, O LORD, among
 the nations,

and sing praises to your name.

⁵¹ Great salvation he brings to his king,
 and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
 to David and his offspring forever."

Summary: *The time of the Judges is over, and the time for God's King to rule in the fear of the Lord has come, in order that, he and his family would bring peace and rest to God's people forever.*

III. Samuel: The Faithful Prophet & Priest Who Hears

1) The Rejection of House of Eli

1 Samuel 2:22-25: "Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel...No, my sons; it is no good report that I hear the people of the LORD spreading abroad. ²⁵If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the LORD to put them to death."

1 Samuel 2:29: "²⁹Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?"

1 Samuel 2:35: "I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever."

2) The Call of Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1- Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel...

1 Samuel 3:11-13: "Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them..."

3) God Establishes Samuel

1 Samuel 3:19-21: "And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD."

4) Israel Demands a King

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 ¹⁴"When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'

¹⁷And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. ¹⁸"And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Samuel & The Lord Rejected

1 Samuel 8:1-7 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them."

1 Samuel 8:19-22: "But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²² And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

IV. Saul: A King like Adam

1) Saul Chosen & Samuel's Farwell Address

1 Samuel 10:9-10 ⁹When he (Saul) turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day. ¹⁰When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them."

1 Samuel 12:14-15: "If you will fear the Lord and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well. ¹⁵ But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you and your king"

2) The Lord Rejects Saul

1 Samuel 13:12-14: ¹²I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." ¹³And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

1 Samuel 15:9-11: ⁹But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction. ¹⁰The word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹"I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments."

1 Samuel 15:22-23: "And Samuel said,

"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to listen than the fat of rams.

²³For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has also rejected you from being king."

3) Saul Turns to the Dark Side

a. Saul's Jealousy

b. Saul's Visit with a Medium

V. David: A King After God's Own Heart

1) David Anointed

I Samuel 16:7, 13-14: "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him."

2) The King vs. The Serpent

I Samuel 17: 45-47: ⁴⁵Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

Revelation 19:11, 17-18, 21 ¹¹"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war....¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men...²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh"

3) God's Covenant with David

2 Samuel 7:1,8-16: Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies...

⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

4) David's Sin

a. Adultery & Murder (2 Samuel 11)

b. Pride & Self-Preservation (2 Samuel 24:1-17)

VI. The Better King to Come

Matthew 1:1: “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Acts 13:20-23, 36-39: “And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.... ³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed...

1 Peter 2:22-24: ²² “He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VII. Application

- 1) The deceitfulness and devastation of sin & the gift of repentance
- 2) God oppose the proud but gives grace to the humble
- 3) Find rest in the Yahweh’s King

VIII. Questions for Further Study

- **Read I Samuel 1:1-2:21.** How does the story of Hannah connect and continue themes in Israel's history and God's relationship with them?
- **Read 2 Samuel 6:1-15.** What surprises do you see in this passage related to the character of God and the actions of David? What is the significance of the ark being brought into Jerusalem?