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SAMUEL

# Samuel

- Facts: Born 1105-BC.
- Dad: Elkanah – Two wives Hannah + Peninnah.
- Mother: Hannah – Effective in prayer.
- Learned to listen and trust God at a young age.
- Trained as a priest.
- Was the last and most effective of Israel's Judges
- Anointed the first Two Kings of Israel.
- Used by God to Israel change from a people ruled by Judges to having a Monarchy.



# Hannah - Samuel's Mum



- **1 Samuel 1:9-11 UK (NIVUK)**
- <sup>9</sup> Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. <sup>10</sup> In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, 'LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'
- **1 Samuel 1:17-18 (NIVUK)**
- <sup>17</sup> Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.'
- <sup>18</sup> She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

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1 Samuel 1:25-28 (NIVUK)

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# Samuel hears God



1 Samuel 3 (NIVUK)

The LORD calls Samuel

**3** The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

**2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' **5** And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.....

**8** A third time the LORD called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

Then Eli realised that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10** The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

# Samuel's reputation

- 1 Samuel 3:19-21 (NIVUK)
- <sup>19</sup> The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognised that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.



# Samuel's Ministry



1 Samuel 7:3-4 (NIVUK)

<sup>3</sup> So Samuel said to all the Israelites, 'If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.' <sup>4</sup> So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

1 Samuel 7:10 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Just as Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines arrived to attack Israel. But the LORD spoke with a mighty voice of thunder from heaven that day, and the Philistines were thrown into such confusion that the Israelites defeated them.



# Samuel sons

1 Samuel 8:1-5 (NIVUK)

Israel asks for a king



**8** When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders.<sup>2</sup> The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> But his sons did not follow his ways. **They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.**

<sup>4</sup> So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup> **They said to him, 'You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.'**

# Samuel is the Key

1 Samuel 8:6-9 (NIVUK)

Israel asks for a king

<sup>6</sup> But when they said, 'Give us a king to lead us,' this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD told him: 'Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup> As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.'



# Samuel anoints King Saul



1 Samuel 9:1-2 (NLT)

Saul Meets Samuel

**9** There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin. **<sup>2</sup> His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land.**

1 Samuel 9:27 (NLT)

**<sup>27</sup>** When they reached the edge of town, Samuel told Saul to send his servant on ahead. After the servant was gone, Samuel said, **“Stay here, for I have received a special message for you from God.”**

1 Samuel 10:1 (NLT)

**10** Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul’s head. He kissed Saul and said, **“I am doing this because the LORD has appointed you to be the ruler over Israel, his special possession.**

# Samuel anoints David



1 Samuel 16:1 (NLT)

Samuel Anoints David as King

**16** Now the LORD said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

**7** But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:11-13 (NLT)

**11** Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

**12** So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes.

And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

**13** So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on.