

16. Samuel: Preferred Before the House of Eli

Quote: "And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever."

1 Samuel 2:35

Verse By Verse Bible Marking:

Read Story of the Bible Vol 2 p 284- 285 before you do this marking.

1 SAMUEL 2:12 - "sons of Belial" - Literally = "worthlessness" Translated "naughty" (Prov 6:12) and "ungodly" (Prov 16:27; 19:28).

"they knew not Yahweh" - cp Mal 2:7.

1 SAMUEL 2:13-16 - Hophni and Phinehas placed themselves above Yahweh and overrode the commandments of Yahweh - see v29.

1 SAMUEL 2:14 - "all that the fleshhook brought up" - the law allowed only a certain part of the peace offering to be taken by the priest (Lev 7:30-34).

1 SAMUEL 2:15 - "before they burnt the fat" - the fat represented the inward goodness that was reserved for Yahweh, and was not to be eaten (Lev 3:16).

1 SAMUEL 2:35 - "I will raise me up a faithful priest" - fulfilled in Zadok in the days of Solomon (1 Kg 2:26-27) and in the age to come (Ezekiel 44:15).

"I will build him a sure house" - ie a family. This refers to the sons of Zadok - the immortal priests in the Kingdom age.

"anointed" - Hebrew for "Messiah".

1 SAMUEL 2:36 - "every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him" - Those left of the house of Eli are typical of the mortal priests in the Kingdom of God (Ezek 44:10-11 - Ezekiel says they "went astray" from the worship of God) who will act as

servants to the immortal priests (who are called "Sons of Zadok" by Ezekiel).

"for a piece of silver" = the price of redemption under the Law (Exod 30:13; Lev 5:15).

They will need to seek the redemption in Christ (1 Pet 1:18) through the immortal House of Zadok.

"bread" - that which can sustain us - Christ is the bread from heaven (John 6:32-35). The principles of Christ will need to be incorporated into the lives of those who seek redemption in the age to come.

Chapter Breakdown for the Early Part of Samuel:

1 Samuel - From Anarchy to Monarchy

Key Verse: To Obey is Better than Sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22-23).

Eli and Samuel (1 Sam 1:1-3:21)

A. Hannah's Prayer Answered (ch 1:1-2:10)

1. Hannah's deliverance - ch 1
2. Hannah's song - ch 2:1-10

B. The contrast between Samuel and Eli's sons (ch 2:11-36)

1. Eli's sons' wickedness - ch 2:11-17
2. Hannah's godly influence on Samuel and its effect - ch 2:18-21
3. Eli's lack of influence on his sons and its effect - ch 2:22-26
4. The oracle against Eli's house - ch 2:27-36

C. God's first revelation to Samuel (ch 3:1-21)

1. Samuel's call - ch 3:1-18
2. Samuel's ministry - ch 3:19-21

The history of the Ark of the Covenant (1 Sam 4:1-7:1)

A. The capture of the ark (ch 4:1-22)

1. The battle of Aphek - ch 4:1-11
2. The response of Eli - ch 4:12-18
3. The response of Phinehas' wife - ch 4:19-22

B. The ark among the Philistines (ch 5)

1. Philistine gods judged - ch 5:1-5
2. Philistine people judged - ch 5:6-12

C. The ark returned to Israel by God (ch 6:1-7:1)

1. The plan to terminate God's judgment - ch 6:1-9
2. The return of the ark to Bethshemesh - ch 6:10-18
3. The removal of the ark to Kiriath-jearim - ch 6:19-7:1