

# ***1 Samuel***

***“God Has Heard”***

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# ***Time and Scope of Events***

- Occurs in the days of the judges, Samuel himself being the last judge (deliverer) and the first prophet, covering about 100 years from the birth of Samuel to the death of Saul (1146-1056 BC)
- A record of Samuel (chs. 1-7), Saul (chs. 8-31) and David (chs. 16-31)

# *Message*

- God's purpose is advanced regardless of human success or failure
- God's victories are accomplished through the obedient and disobedient alike
- People's attitudes determine human success or failure but does not override God's purposes
- God's will always prevails

# *Key Words*

- King (~90 times)
  - 2:10; 8:1, 5-6, 9-11, 18-20, 22
- Pray (and its forms; 10 times)
  - 1:10-12, 26-27; 2:1; 7:5; 8:6; 12:19, 23; 23:11
- Kingdom (9 times)
  - 10:16; 11:14; 13:13-14; 15:28; 18:8; 20:31; 24:20; 28:17

# *Verses to Remember*

- 1:20—Samuel, asked from the Lord
- 2:26; 3:1, 9-10; 7:3, 12; 12:14-15, 23-25
- 15:22-23—Obedience vs. Rebellion
- 16:7—The Lord looks at the heart
- 17:45-47; 18:7; 20:3; 26:21
- 18:1 & 20:17

# ***Chapters to Remember***

- Chapter 8—Demand for a king
- Chapter 15—Transition of kingship  
from Saul to David

# *Notable Events*

- The Judges—The warrior-judges have passed, then Eli is a priest-judge, followed by Samuel, a priest-prophet-judge
- Birth, call and remarkable boyhood of Samuel (chs. 1-3)
- David & Goliath (ch. 17)

# ***Influence of Parents***

- Impact for good through the godliness of a righteous mother (Hannah)
- Failure to discipline by a father who served God (Eli—2:12; 3:13)
- Samuel's good example not followed by his sons (8:1-5)



# *Trivia*

- What does “Ichabod” mean?
- Answer: Found in 1 Sam. 4:19-22
- Literally “inglorious”

# ***Memory Verse Review for Judges & Ruth***

- Judges 17:6; 21:25
- Ruth 2:12

# ***Memory Verse for 1 Samuel***

16:7b

“The Lord does not see as man sees;  
for man looks at the outward  
appearance, but the Lord looks at the  
heart”