

C. Brief outline of 1 and 2 Samuel

1. Samuel: a man of prayer - 1 Samuel 1-7
2. Saul: a man who played the fool - 1 Samuel 8-31
3. David: a man after God's own heart - 2 Samuel

XIV. Analysis of 1 and 2 Samuel

A. 1 Samuel

1. The book opens with Elkanah.
 - i. He lives at Rama.
 - ii. He has two wives:
 - a. Hannah - she has no children
 - b. Peninnah - she has children
2. One year they go up to Shiloh to worship the Lord.
3. Hannah prays that the Lord will give her a son.
 - i. She says, "Lord if you give me a son, I'll give him back to you for his whole life. I'll dedicate him to you. He'll be a Nazarite ~~for~~ his whole life."
 - ii. The Lord answers her prayer and gives him Samuel. ^{for}
4. After she finishes nursing Samuel, she brings him up to the tabernacle at Shiloh and Samuel is reared in the house of the Lord.
 - i. He lived right in the court of the tabernacle.
5. At this time, Eli was both the high priest and judge in Israel.
6. Eli had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who were very evil.
 - i. What these two sons would do was to take all the fat of the offerings that were to be offered to the Lord. They would take it for themselves and wouldn't let it be offered to the Lord. They were stealing from the Lord.
 - ii. Not only that, but they actually committed sexual immorality by sleeping with women right in the court of the tabernacle because there were women in the court of the tabernacle.
 - iii. Eli didn't restrain them.
7. As a result, the Lord sent a prophet down (called a man of God in chapter 2) and he makes a prediction concerning the descendants of Eli and says, "You are not going to have any descendants that are going to live to any old age. They are all going to be cut off in the prime of their lives. And just to give you a sign that this is going to happen, your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are both going to die on the same day."