Faith Baptist Church November 10, 2019

# The Jewish Kingdom - Lesson 3 The Birth of Samuel

We look today at the birth of one of the most important Old Testament figures, Samuel.

### Quick Review

- Israel is still in the period of the Judges. The latter events of Judges and even Ruth are taking place at the time of Samuel's birth.
- The Judges period has largely been a failure, spiritually, morally, and nationally.

## 1. The Birth of Samuel - I Samuel 1:1-20

- Elkanah ("God has purchased" is a Levite, a Kohathite to be exact. His family had long settled in Ephraim (Joshua 21:5)
- He practiced bigamy, though against God's plan, and married Hannah ("Gracious") and Peninnah ("Pearl")
- We also meet Eli ("my God"), the high priest, and his sons Hophni ("pugilist") and Phineas ("mouth of brass"). I swear I'm not making that up.
- Much value and status was placed on a wife that could produce many children, especially boys.
- vs. 11 note that Hannah is committing her child to the Nazarite vow, like Samson
- Samuel means "the name of God" or "His name is God"

### 2. Samuel's Consecration - I Samuel 1:21-28

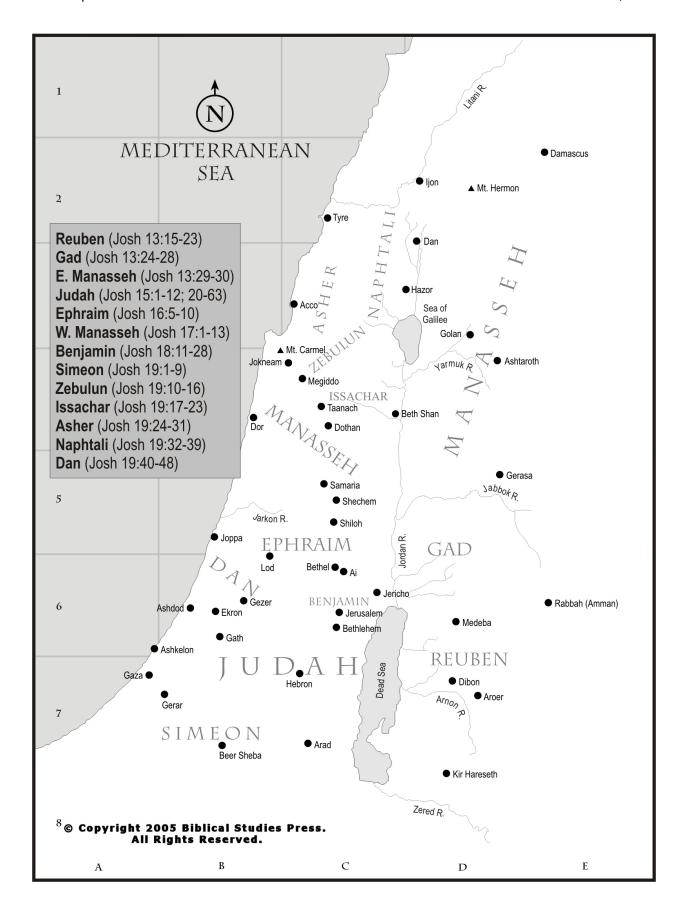
- vs. 21 Elkanah had made a vow to God, probably connected to the birth of Samuel, and these vows were paid at the great feast days.
- The "weaning" age is debated. Could be three (from nursing) up to twelve (entering adulthood)
- ephah = about 5 dry gallons

## 3. Hannah's Song/Prayer- I Samuel 2:1-10

- This beautiful prayer of thanksgiving flows from a full heart, contrasted with the silent prayer she offered before from a broken heart
- vs. 10 this is the first time the word "Messiah" is used (translated as "anointed")

Matthew Gage BaptistBasics.org

Faith Baptist Church November 10, 2019



Matthew Gage BaptistBasics.org

Faith Baptist Church November 10, 2019

Matthew Gage BaptistBasics.org