

God Speaks to Samuel **Voice of God in time of Change**

I. Samuel Dedicated to God

1. God speaks directly to leaders
After Joshua God raises up Judges to lead
While God may speak to them they are not prophets
2. Samuel is last of the Judges & a true prophet
God raises him up for a critical time of transition
Israel is being attacked by the Philistines
The Priesthood is facing difficult times
Israel is demanding a king to rule them
3. Samuel is the answer to his mother's prayer
She is being harassed by her rival – 1 Sam. 1:6-7
Hannah is barren, her rival has sons & daughters – 1:4
Hannah cries out to God & makes a solemn vow
If God would give her a son
He would be committed to serve God, Nazirite vow
God grants her request giving her Samuel
After weaning him she presents him to High Priest
As a young boy he begins serving the priest
4. God calls Samuel during the night (3 times)
He is instructed by Priest to submit to God
God tells Samuel He has rejected Eli & sons as priests
With this He begins his prophetic ministry
Tells the Priest what God said even though difficult
5. In battle with Philistines his words come true - 4
Philistines defeat Israel & capture the Ark – 4:1-10
Two sons of Eli are killed - 10
Hearing the news Eli falls over & dies – 12-18
Ark is returned after God afflicts Philistines – 6:1-21
But not returned to Jerusalem until David is king
6. Samuel served Israel as a Judge – 7
Samuel leads Israel to return to God – 7:3-6
God responds giving victory over Philistines – 7:7-17
Peace with Philistines during Samuel's time

II. Israel Demands a King

1. Samuel's sons judged for money – 8:1-3
They took bribes and perverted justice
2. Leaders demand a king like other nations
God was to be king & they would follow Him – 8:4-9
3. Samuel delivered God's message – 8:10-18
Told them what a king would do
Take your sons, army, raise crops, make weapons
Take your daughters as perfumers, cooks, bakers
Take best fields, vineyards, olive orchards
Take a tenth of your produce
Take your servants and your animals
4. People refused to listen, demanded a king - 8:19-22
5. Saul comes in contact with Samuel – 9:1-4

- Saul & his servant seek father's donkeys
Unsuccessful, servant speaks of Samuel – 9:5-10
He is a "seer" a prophet – he might help
God tells Samuel they are coming – 9:15-16
God tells Samuel to anoint Saul to be king – 16
6. Samuel anoints Saul to be king – 10:1-2
He also tells him about the donkeys
 7. Samuel promises him God's Spirit – 10:6-7
This promise is fulfilled in Saul – 10:9-10
 8. Crises rises in Israel & Saul is made king – 11:1-15

III. Samuel's Message to Israel – 1 Sam. 12

1. He reminds them of what God did – 1-12
When He was king over His people
He led & provided for them under Moses – 6-8
He delivered them from enemies under Judges – 9-11
Now you have cried for a king – 12
2. Change has come but God has not changed – 13-15
If you will fear & obey God, He will bless & provide – 14
But if you disobey & rebel God will be against you – 15
3. Samuel calls for a storm to remind them of God's Power
He promises to pray for them that they might be faithful

IV. King Saul begins to Change

1. Philistines rise up against Israel – 13:1-7
2 years after becoming king he acts foolishly – 8-10
He feels pressure from Philistines & acts as a priest
He does not wait for Samuel to offer a sacrifice
2. Samuel has a message from God - 13-14
God will remove Saul from being king
God will choose one "after His own heart" (David)
3. However God gives Israel victory
Saul's son Jonathan leads them to victory – 1 Sam. 14
4. Saul's obedience falls short – 1 Sam. 15
Samuel gives Saul a message from God – 15
People of Amalek attacked Israel – Ex. 17:8-16
God tells Saul to destroy people of Amalek
Saul leads battle against Amalek – 15:4-7
But he spares the king and animals – 8-9
5. God sends Samuel to Saul – 15:10
God must judge Saul & remove him as king
Samuel tells Saul about his disobedience – 22-23
Saul will continue for years but change will come
6. Samuel is sent to anoint David as king - 16
This is done quietly to limit Saul's reaction
Rest of 1 Sam. records story of Saul & David
7. Samuel's death recorded in 1 Sam. 25:1

V. Samuel's Final Prophecy – 1 Sam. 28:4-20

1. Another crises comes with Philistines – 28:1-4
God does not answer Saul when he cries - 5-6
2. Saul turns to a witch for some answer – 7-8
3. God allows Samuel to rise from dead – 11-15
Samuel speaks of Saul's death – 16-19

God Speaks to Moses The Law of God Exodus - Deuteronomy

I. God's Spokesman Prepared – Ex. 1-4

1. God spares Moses' life – Ex. 1-2
Rescued from a watery grave by Pharaoh's daughter
2. Moses was trained in wisdom of Egypt - Acts 7:22
3. Chose to help his own people – Ex. 2:11-22
After killing Egyptian he fled to Midian
Married and began a family
4. While tending sheep God spoke in burning bush – EX. 3
Called him to go back to Pharaoh to deliver Israel
Moses 80 & not a good speaker, he argued against God's call
5. God gave him power to do miracles – Ex. 4
Aaron joins him as his speaker and they went back

II. His Message is Resisted – Ex. 5-11

1. Resisted by Pharaoh – 5:1-14
Moses states his mission, Pharaoh responds with more work
2. Resisted by Elders of Israel – 5:20-23
Complained about increased work – 20-21
Moses complains to God – 22-23
3. God promises Israel deliverance – 6:1-9
He will fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
4. God reassures Moses of success – 6:10-12
You do your part God will do His
5. The conflict with Pharaoh continues – 7-11
The 10 plagues display God's power

III. God Brings Deliverance – Gen 12-18

1. Death of firstborn brings Israel's Passover – 12
10th plague brings release for Israel
Israel is spared with lamb's blood
Feast of Passover is established for remembrance
2. Firstborn are now set apart to God – 13
3. Israel sees God's power at the Red Sea – 14-15
Egyptian army is destroyed in the Red Sea
4. Israel is sustained by God's provision – 16-17
Bread from heaven & water from a rock
5. Israel camps at Mt. Sinai - 18

IV. God Meets with Moses

1. To fellowship with God Israel must be holy
As a nation they must be set apart to God

- God will meet Moses on Mt. Sinai – Ex. 19:2-9
Israel will see effects of God's presence – 19:16-20
2. God communicated His Holy Law to Moses
God's law was given in Ten commandments – 20:1-17
These laws are given application in Ex. 20-24

3. God gave instructions for building Tabernacle – 24-27
God will dwell among His people in this Holy Place
4. God told Moses to establish a Priesthood – 28-29
The Family of Aaron would serve as priests – 28
Rest of Tribe of Levi would serve in Tabernacle
5. God told Moses about sacrifices – Lev. 1-5
Burnt, grain, peace, sin, guilt offerings
6. Leviticus gives further instructions for priests
Maintaining purity, holiness before their Holy God
7. Numbers gives order in Israel's camp
Directions also for when they move from place to place
Many other directions for maintaining order
8. Israel's refusal to enter the land – Num. 13-14
Their rebellion against God & Moses' leadership
9. Rest of Numbers record 40 yrs. journey
That generation will not enter land but Joshua, Caleb
10. Moses rehearses the law to new generation – Deut.

V. Moses' Great Prophecy – Deut. 18:15-19

1. God told Moses about a future Prophet - 15
God will raise Him up from among you (Israel)
From your brother (one who is a human)
He will be like me (like Moses)
Who told Israel how they could be reconciled to God
All of the other O.T. prophets proclaimed God's law
2. To be like Moses He must speak of reconciliation
In this prophecy Moses recognized God had more to say on reconciliation
This Prophet must speak of God's work of redemption
Animal sacrifice was accepted in Moses revelation
But a human offering is necessary for human sin
Sinful humans may serve a priest under Moses
But Hebrews 7 requires a priesthood that is perfect
God's plan was always to send His Son for us
3. John the Baptist dealt with this issue – Jn. 1:15-34
He was asked if he was that other prophet – 21, 25
He answered no but pointed to Jesus – 29, 34
4. You must listen to this Prophet – 15
Peter pointed this out to Jewish leaders – Acts 3:22-23
Note God pointed it out to Peter – Luke 9:27-35
God said "This is my beloved Son, hear Him"
Note Moses & Elijah, talking about what Jesus was to do at Jerusalem
He is ready to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sin

5. God will hold all accountable who do not listen –

Deut. 18:19

Jesus declared Himself as the only approach to God –

Jn. 14:6

God calls on us to listen Him and rest our faith in Him alone