

A Change in Leadership
1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

I. Priests are Corrupt - 2:11-36

1. God gave Priesthood to Aaron - Ex. 28:1
All the priests were in the line of Aaron
But there were different branches
2. Eli's sons not fit to serve - 12-17, 22-25
They did not know the Lord - 12
Lacked self-discipline, contentment - 13-16
Dishonored & profane the sacrifices - 17
3. In contrast Samuel served God – 18-21
Hannah gave Samuel to serve the Lord
He served under Eli, the High Priest – 11, 18
His parents visited him yearly – 19
Hannah made him a new robe to wear
Eli blessed them for the gift of their son – 20
God blessed Hannah with other children - 21
3 sons & 2 daughters
4. Eli rebukes his sons for their evil – 22-25
Guilty of sexual immorality – 22-25
Lay with women who came to worship
They led God's people into sin
God will hold you accountable for this
Disregarded their father's rebuke - 25
5. God rejects Eli & his sons as priests - 27-36
Eli's line is linked to Aaron – 27-28
God holds Eli accountable for his sons - 29
Sin will bring an end to this line – 30-34
As a sign Hophni & Phinehas will die in one day
This line ended under Solomon - 1 Kings 2:26-27
God will install a new line of priests – 35-36
A new line was installed in 1 Kings 2:35
Ultimately Jesus fulfills this new line
After a new order of Melchisedec – Hebrews
6:20

II. God Calls Samuel - 3:1-21

1. God's call comes to Samuel - 1-10
Uncommon for God to speak in those days - 1
Samuel had no personal experience at that point
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Quick to respond even thinking it was Eli - 2-6
Responded to God as directed by Eli - 7-10
2. God gave him a difficult message -11-18
Tells him Eli's line of priests will end – 11-14
Samuel fears to tell Eli what God said – 15
Eli charges him to speak full truth – 16-17
Samuel told all that the Lord said - 18
3. Samuel becomes God's prophet - 19-21
Samuel's word was known as being from God
God continued to speak through Samuel