
THE OLD TESTAMENT MONARCHY BOOKS

1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles

THE MONARCHY BOOKS IN GENERAL

- × **Books covering the monarchy**
 - + **1 & 2 Samuel**
 - + **1 & 2 Kings**
 - + **1 & 2 Chronicles**
- × **Originally three books**
 - + **Division of each into two books necessitated by the Septuagint translation in about 250 BC**
 - + **Hebrew book of Samuel continued as one book x**

1 & 2 SAMUEL IN GENERAL

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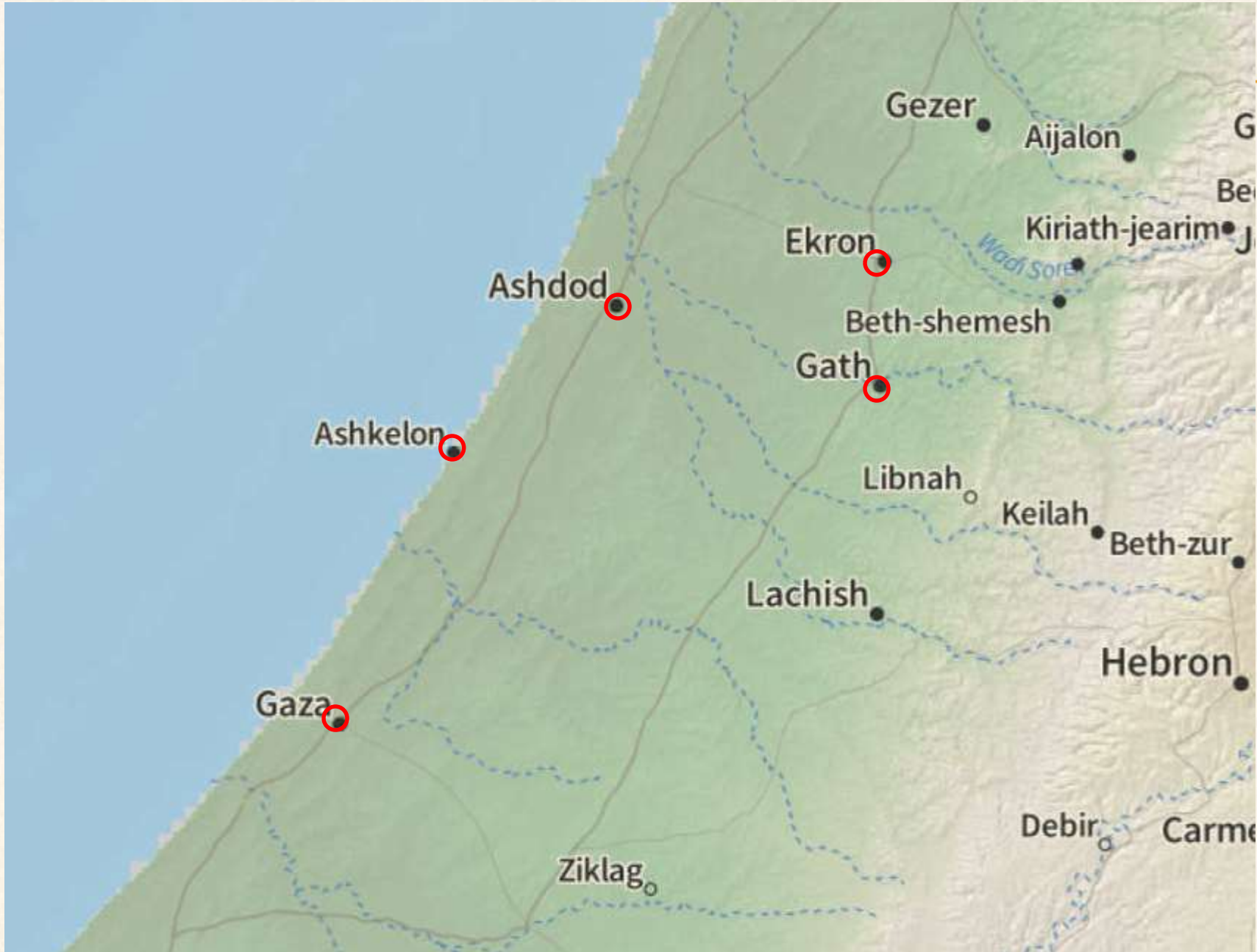
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The Five Philistine City States



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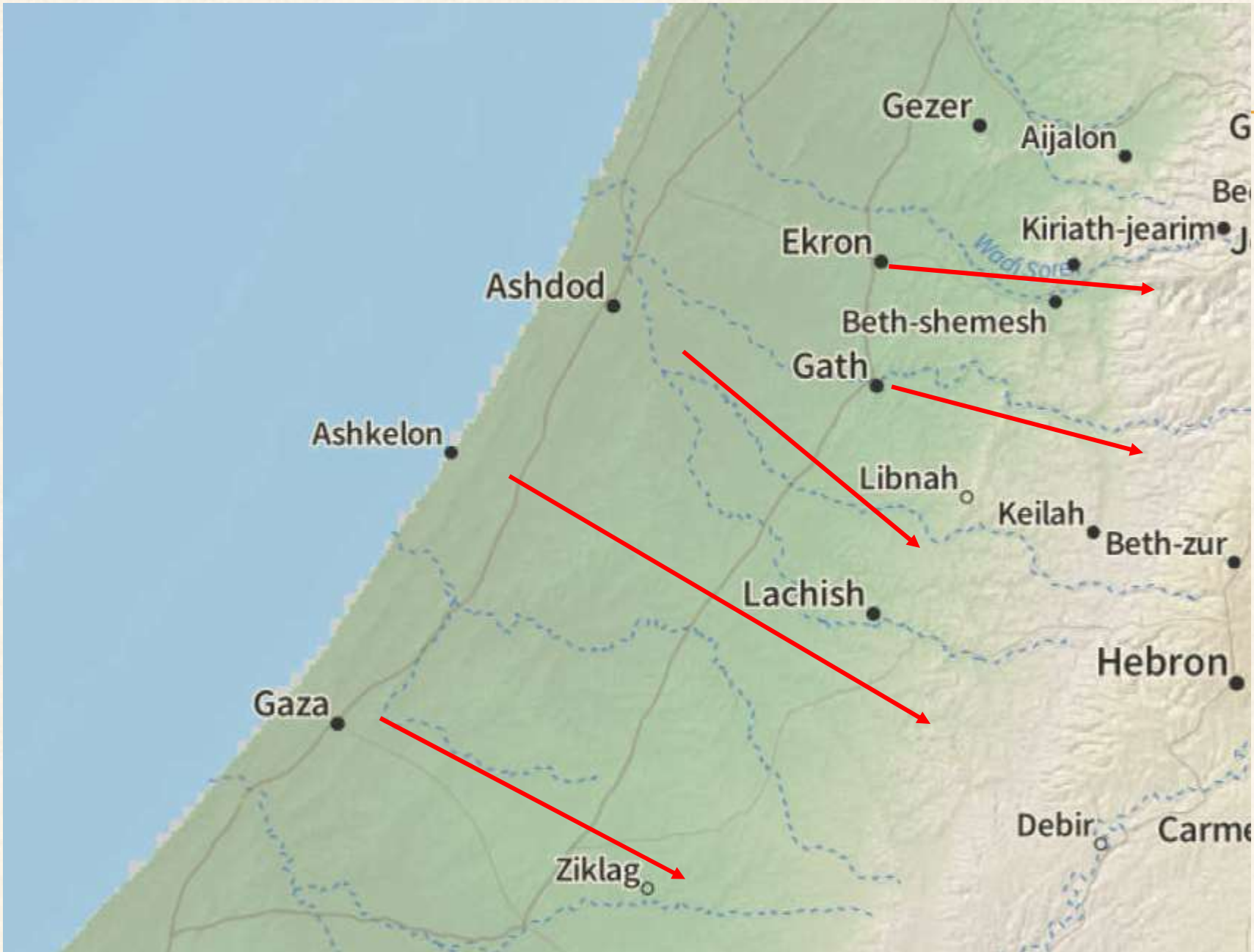
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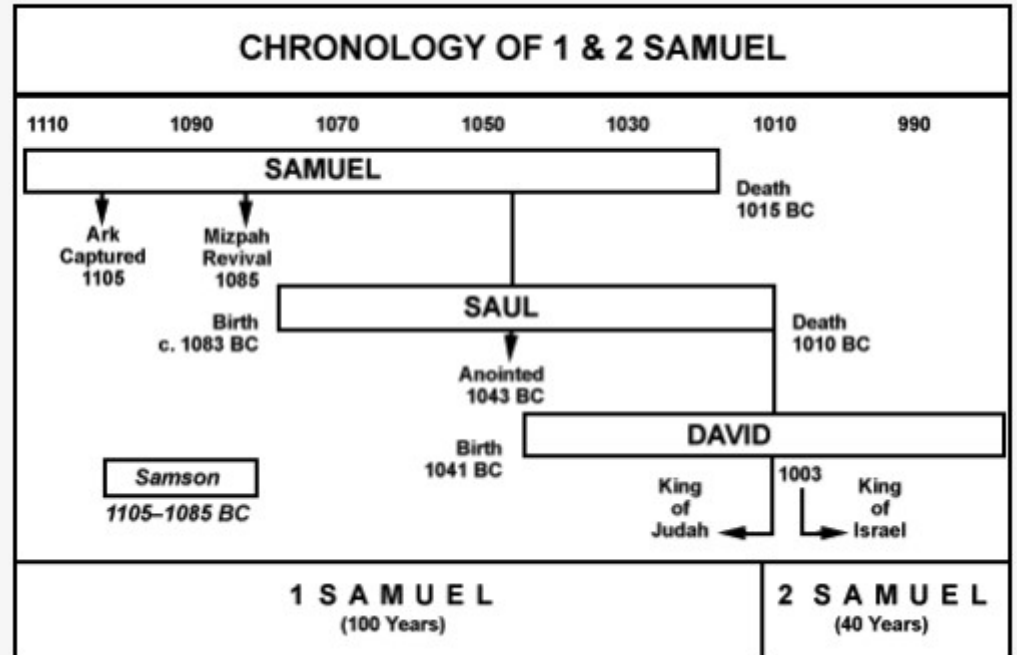
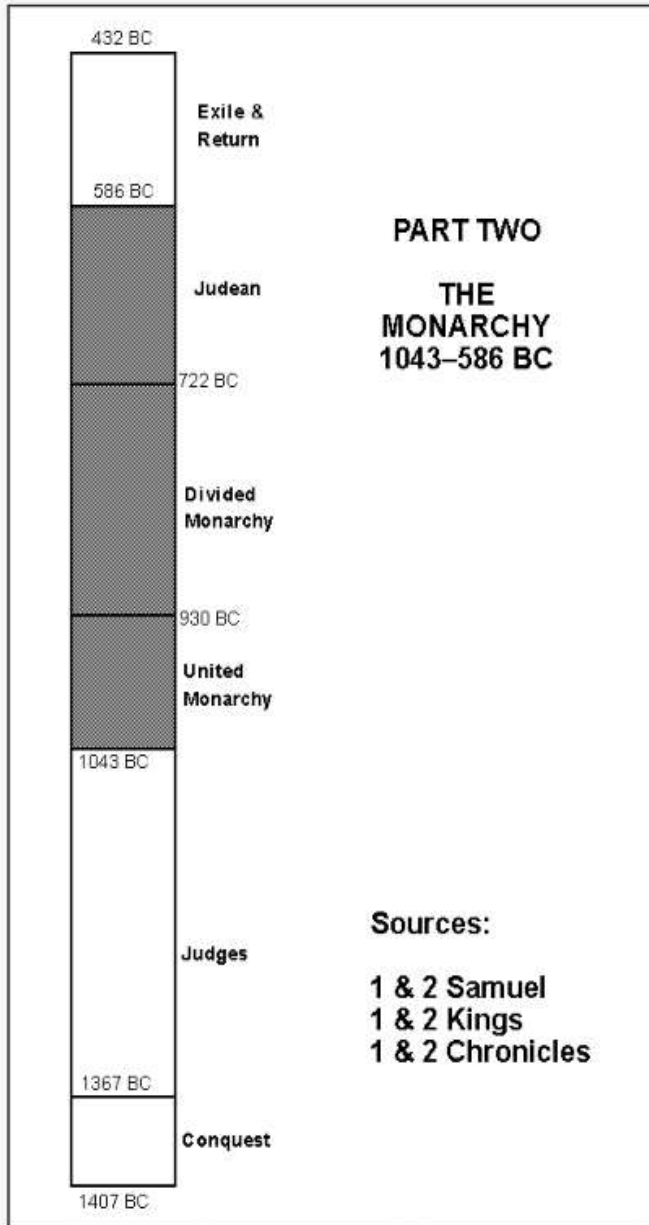
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- × **~ 1126 BC, pushed into the interior and highlands, clashing with the Israelites x**



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- × **Circumstances of the writings**
 - + **Author is unknown**
 - + **Objectives**
 - × **1 Samuel > birth of monarchy**
 - × **2 Samuel > monarchy expands to become a world power**
 - + **Ultimate purpose**
 - × **Reveal the founding of the house of David as the family through which the Messiah would come** x

MONARCHY PERIOD



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THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL							
1 SAMUEL				2 SAMUEL			
The Birth of the Kingdom				The Expansion of the Kingdom			
Judgeship of Samuel	Kingship of Saul			Kingship of David			
Transition to Monarchy	The Appointment (8-12) & The Dis-appointment (13-14)	S I N	Saul's Kingship Rejected & David's Kingship Anticipated	David under the Blessing (5:12)	S I N	David under the Curse (12:11ff.)	APPENDIX David Retrospect & Prospect
Locus: Shiloh 1-7	Locus: Gilbeah 8-14	15	Locus: Wilderness 16-31	Locus: Hebron/ Jerusalem 1-10	11	Locus: Jerusalem 12-20	21-24
Predictions with messianic implications							
Hannah's Hymn (2:10)				Nathan's Oracle (7:12-16)		David's Last Words (23:5)	

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I SAMUEL - HIGHLIGHTS

- × **Eli**
 - + **Both a Judge and high priest in Shilo**
 - + **Reigned for 40 years before Samuel (1145 - 1105 BC)**
- × **1st seven chapters of 1 Sam contain two major events**
 - + **Capture of the ark of God in battle**
 - + **A major victory in battle over the Philistines 20 years later** ×

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7

- × **Hannah's problem (1 Sam 1.1-8)**
 - + **One of two wives of Elkanah, a Levite living in Ephraim**
 - + **Her added problem - Peninnah, the other wife, tormented her**
- × **Hannah makes a request of the Lord (1.9-19a)**
 - + **She prays silently by the Shiloh tabernacle door**
 - + **The high priest Eli sees her lips moving, assumes she is drunk !**
 - + **Eli responds concerning her petition to the Lord (vs 17) x**

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Samuel is born (1.19b-28)**
 - + **Hannah becomes pregnant and gives birth to the promised son**
 - + **The annual festival and sacrifice time arrived again**
 - + **Hannah travels to Shiloh for the annual festival with Samuel**
 - + **She completes her vow x**

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Hannah's prayer (2.1-10)**
 - + **God is central**
 - + **Hannah praised ...**
 - × **God's character & strength**
 - × **The ultimate day of God's judgement through His anointed king**
 - + **She first gave four sources of joy**
 - × **God has rescued her from her personal affliction (vs 1)**
 - × **She rejoiced in God's character (vss 2-3)**
 - × **God's government (vss 4-8)**
 - × **She rejoiced in her hope (vss 9-10) x**

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Hannah's prayer (2.1-10) *(cont'd)***
 - + **She then makes predictions about what God will be doing (10b)**
 - × **He will judge the whole world**
 - × **He will give strength to His king**
 - × **He will exalt the power of His anointed**
- × **(vs 11) Elkanah and his family return home x**

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

× Sins of the priests

- + Remember the statement repeated throughout Judges
“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
- + Eli's sons: 2.12 - 22
 - + (2.12) - what a statement, particularly for priests !
 - + (2.17) - they " ...despised the offering of the Lord“
 - + (2.22) - they engaged in fornication in the Tabernacle area
 - + Eli rebuked them for these evil deeds (2.23-25)
 - + Paul warned about these people (Phil 3.17-19)
 - + Eli did not follow the Lord's instructions for dealing with such children (Deut 21.18-21) x

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Sins of the priests (*cont'd*)**
 - + **Contrasting Eli's sons with Samuel**
 - × **(2.18-21) Samuel grew as a boy serving the Tabernacle**
 - × **(2.26) Samuel continued to mature**
 - + **God's denunciation of Eli (2.27-29)**
 - + **God's pronouncement of judgement (2.30-34)**
 - + **But God will not do away with the priesthood altogether (2.35-36) ×**

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Samuel's calling**
 - + **The Lord calls Samuel (3.1-9)**
 - × **The "lamp of God had not yet gone out" (vs 3)**
(Ex 25.31, 27.20-21, 30.6-8)
 - × **God calls Samuel in the darkness**
 - + **God instructs Samuel on His coming actions (3.10-14)**
 - × **God will end Eli's priesthood and his family's line as priests**
 - ★ **1st: The sons of the family will all die before reaching old age**
 - ★ **2nd: (vs 2.32) Eli will live to see the "distress" of the Tabernacle**
 - ★ **3rd: (vs 2.33) The family would lose its altar rights**
 - ★ **4th: (vs 2.34) The sign these elements of prophecy will occur**
 - × **(3.14) No sacrifice can atone for their sins !**
 - ★ **Num 15.30-31** x

1 SAMUEL: CHAPTERS 1-7 (CONT'D)

- × **Samuel's calling** *(cont'd)*
 - + **Samuel's response to Eli (3.15-18)**
 - + **Samuel grows**
 - × **(vs 19) God made sure that all of Samuel's prophecies came true**
 - × **(vs 20) All of Israel knew that God spoke through him because everyone soon saw his prophecies come true**
 - + **(vs 21-4.1a) Note the contrast that Samuel shows compared with Eli's weakness and his sons' evil ways** ×

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- × **God's punishment enacted**
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 - × **A disastrous scheme is concocted (4.5-11)**
 - × **The battle & the ark are lost, Hophni & Phineas killed x**

The Philistines Take the Ark of the Covenant

- The Philistines' route from Gath and Ekron to Aphek
- The Philistines' route from Gaza, Ashkelon, and Ashdod to Aphek
- The Israelites bring the Ark of the Covenant from Shiloh to Ebenezer
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Aphek to Ashdod
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Ashdod to Gath
- The Philistines take the Ark of the Covenant from Gath to Ekron
- The Philistines send the Ark of the Covenant from Ekron to Beth-shemesh



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 - + **Death of Eli (4.12-22)**
 - × **A roughed up survivor of the battle ran back to Shiloh**
 - × **Eli was shocked by the news & he fell & died**
 - + **The news caused Phineas' pregnant wife to go into labor**
 - × **Variations on "Ichabod" translations (none good news)**
 - ★ **"glory has gone into captivity", "no glory", "where is the glory ?"**
 - + **What did the Philistines do after defeating the Israelites ? (Ps 78.60-64) , (Jer 7.12-14, 26.6-9) **xx****