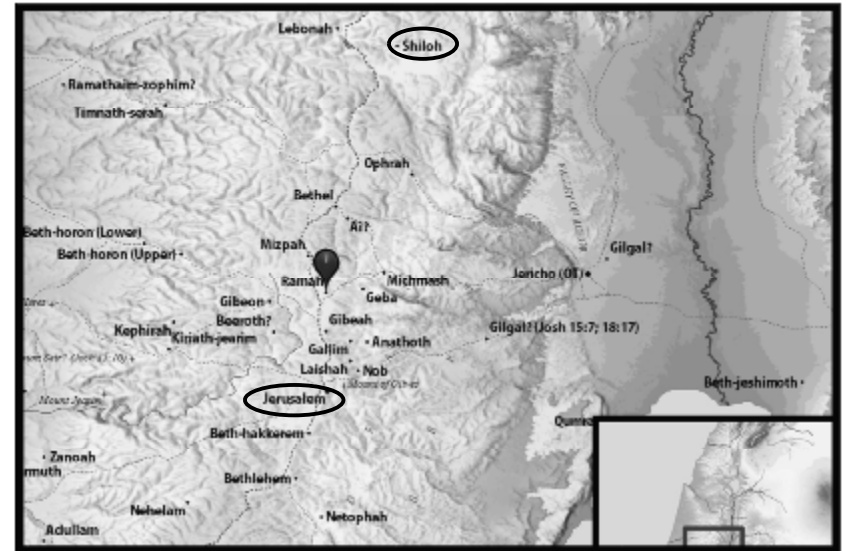


1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

Lesson 2



Modern Shiloh built its synagogue to resemble the ancient tabernacle.



Ruins of Shiloh



Reconstructed Tabernacle



Sins of Hophni & Phinehas

1. They were wicked & corrupt.
Didn't know or love God.
2. They perverted God's offerings & worship.
3. They failed to show God reverence.
4. They involved others in their sin.
5. They were bullies.

Sins of Hophni & Phinehas

6. They were sexually immoral.
7. They were greedy.
8. They led the people astray.
9. They were disrespectful to their father.
10. They blasphemed God.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD



Hannah made him a little robe.



Eli heard about his evil sons.



“Why do you do such things?”



Unnamed prophet’s message:

- v.29: Why do you [plural] kick at My sacrifice . . . and honor [singular] your sons above Me, by making yourselves [plural] fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?
- Eli got fat on the food his sons stole (4:18).

The curse on Eli's family line:

- Disgrace to those who despise God (30)
- No strength to live to old age (31)
- No prosperity (32)
- No priestly service (33)
- Weeping & grieving (33)

The curse on Eli's family line:

- Violent deaths in their prime (33)
- Hophni and Phinehas to die violently on the same day (34)
- Begging for food and work from the faithful priest who will come (35-36)

The End of Eli's Priestly Line

- "So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD, which He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh" (1 Kings 2:27).
- Abiathar had a son (Jonathan), but he must not have become a priest (1 Kings 1:42).

Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli (3:1).



God spoke to Samuel.



- Samuel told Eli the whole message from the Lord (3:18).
- Eli seemed resigned.
- The Lord confirmed Samuel as a prophet (3:20).

Final Thoughts:

- The Lord holds both parents & children responsible for their actions.
- It's possible to serve the Lord without knowing Him.
- Spiritual growth happens only after a personal encounter with God.