

SAMUELS IN-BETWEEN

⁶ *Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.*

Psalm 99:6,7

¹ *So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD. They brought it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD. ² The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time--twenty years in all. Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD. ³ So Samuel said to all the Israelites, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁴ So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only. ⁵ Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you." ⁶ When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the LORD." Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah. ⁷ When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. ⁸ They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." ⁹ Then Samuel took a suckling*

lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him. ¹⁰ While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. ¹¹ The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar. ¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." ¹³ So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines. ¹⁴ The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. ¹⁵ Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life. ¹⁶ From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. ¹⁷ But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

I Samuel 7:1-17

- I. Samuels have unusual births. / Everything in your life has been ordered by God for this season.
- II. Samuels are raised in unusual times.
 - A. They emerge in the midst of national catastrophes.
 - B. The priesthood is corrupt. (I Samuel 2:12-17,22-26)

- C. The ark is absent from the tabernacle. (I Samuel 4:3-7:2)
- D. Idols are worshiped. (I Samuel 7:3-4)
- E. Judges are dishonest. (I Samuel 8:3-3)

III. Samuels have unique training.

- A. Samuels are usually raised around unfaithful priests and leaders.
- B. Samuels are usually called to shepherd people who have gotten what they wanted, but now have leanness in their souls. (Psalm 106:15)

¹⁵ So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease among them.

- C. Samuels have a unique circuit of ministry that occupies their time and wisdom, while they wait for their great revival or reformation.
- D. Samuels are surrounded, even in their own families, by those who do not choose to walk with the Lord as they do. This is normal.
- E. Samuels choose to maintain their character, and they finish well.

IV. Samuels have unusual combinations of hats and offices.

- A. Samuel was a Nazarite, uniquely set apart for God's work.
- B. Samuel was the last of the Judges. He would be a unique scribe of the kingdom who could bring old and new together.
- C. Samuel was a Levite. He would have priestly sympathies: a priestly eye, ear, mouth, heart, and touch. He was an expert

in sacrificial law and was absolutely necessary in Israel's history.

- D. Samuel was a prophet (forth teller). His anointing and value is placed equal to that of Moses.
- E. Samuel was a seer. (A foreteller, a legend in Israel for his accuracy.)
- F. Samuel was an intercessor of immense power. (This was his greatest gift; he was a friend of God.)
- G. Samuel was a leader of leaders. (He spoke truth to Eli, and he was a father running a school of the prophets.)
- H. Samuel was the linchpin holding together the hinge of two unique epochs in redemptive history. (His presence was uniquely necessary for God's will to be done during his epoch.) His presence brought supernatural transactions.
- I. Samuel was a leader of leaders of leaders. (He was a king maker, and a king breaker.)
- J. Samuel had a unique intercessory partner that prayed for him day and night.
- K. Samuel was obedient to use any means God demanded while ministering. (Pak, flask, man made vs. Keren horn, living thing by death and sacrifice)

INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

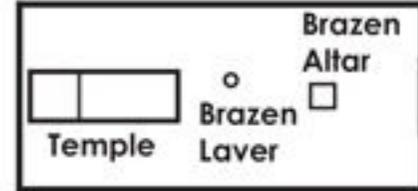
Pillar of Smoke

The Temple

Pillar

American Football Field

Size comparison (approximate):



Court of the Tabernacle

Brazen Laver

Court of the Tabernacle

Brazen Altar

Slaughter Tables

Curtain enclosure

Entrance Curtain

The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

The Judges

	JUDGE	TRIBE	YEARS JUDGE	JUDGES	OPPRESSOR & YEARS OF OPPRESSION
1.	OTHINEL	Judah	40	3:9-11	Mesopotamians } 8 years
2.	EHUD	Benjamin	80	3:15-30	Moabites, Ammonites, Amalekites } 18 years
3.	SHAMGAR	Judah	10	3:31	Philistines } ?
4.	DEBORAH BARAK	Ephraim Naphtali	40	4:4-5:31	Canaanites } 20 years
5.	GIDEON	Manasseh	40	6:7-8:35	Midianites, Amalekites
6.	ABIMELECH	Manasseh	3	9:1-57	Midianites, Amalekites
7.	TOLA	Issachar	23	10:1-2	Midianites, Amalekites
8.	JAIR	Manasseh	22	10:3-5	Midianites, Amalekites
9.	JEPHTHAH	Manasseh	6	11:1-12:7	Ammonites
10.	IBZAN	Judah	7	12:8-10	Ammonites
11.	ELON	Zebulun	10	12:11-12	Ammonites
12.	ABDON	Ephraim	8	12:13-15	Ammonites
13.	SAMSON	Dan	20	13:2-16:31	Philistines } 40 years
14.	ELI		<i>"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25</i>		
15.	SAMUEL	Ephraim			
16.	JOEL				
17.	ABIJAH				

} 7 years

} 18 years