

# THE AGE OF SAMUEL

## PART I

*<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.*

Psalm 99:6,7

*<sup>13</sup> 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.*

I Samuel 7:13

- I. Samuels have unusual births. / Everything in your life has been ordered by God for this season.
- II. Samuels are raised in unusual times. (I Samuel 7:1-17)
  - 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)  
*<sup>15</sup> 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.
- F. Samuel was obedient to use any means God demanded, while ministering. (Pak, flask, man-made vs. Keren horn, living thing by death and sacrifice)