

3. What are three major themes so far? _____

(bonus, if you have time) What do you think is the main point or theme in this section of the story; or, is there a conflict or high point in the passage? _____

4. What happened just prior to the opening of this story (the book of Judges)? _____

5. What surprises are there? _____

6. Do you think these questions are too difficult? _____

Saturday (April 7)—prayerfully review I Sam. 1-4.

1. Are there any “editorial” comments from the author about the events in the narrative (I Samuel 1-4)? _____

(bonus, if you have time) How do these comments illuminate what is happening? _____

2. How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? _____

(bonus, if you have time) Does it prophesy or anticipate Jesus Christ in some way? _____

3. How could you sum up the meaning in the passage in your own words? _____

4. How does this passage challenge your understanding about who God is and what He is like? _____

5. Is there some attitude or behavior you need to change? _____

6. Do you see anything else to apply to your life? _____

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Quit yourselves like men (4:9)?!

I Samuel 1-4

Monday (April 2)—prayerfully read/enjoy I Samuel 1.

*1. How many chapters are in I Samuel; and, what is the beginning of the story of I Samuel, and where does the story of I Samuel end? _____

2. Of what tribe was Elkanah, and what were the names of his wives, and where did they go to worship annually (1:1-3)? _____

3. How many questions did Elkanah ask in seeking to console his dearly-beloved Hannah, and what was the wording of his final question (what a great question! 1:4-8)? _____

(bonus) Do you think that Hannah responded well to Elkanah’s questions (v. 9)? _____

4. What was Hannah doing (primarily) in verses 10-17, and what can we learn from her example? _____

5. Why did Hannah name her son Samuel (1:20), and how old do you suppose Samuel was when Hannah “lent him to the Lord” (see 1:21-28)? _____

6. Why do you suppose Hannah told Eli that she had been the woman he had rebuked year(s?) earlier, and can you see any personal application? _____

Tuesday (April 3)—prayerfully read I Samuel 2.

1. Pray from your heart Hannah’s prophetic prayer (2:1-10)—did you? _____

2. Who were identified as sons of Belial, and what was their practice which caused men to abhor the offering of the LORD (2:12-17)? _____

(bonus) Where was the place of worship at this time (where the tabernacle of the congregation was located, v. 22)? _____

3. What did Samuel's mother regularly bring him, and how often did she do this (2:18-19)? _____
 4. What second evil thing did the sons of Eli practice, and why did they not hearken to the voice of their father (according to the text) (2:22-25)? _____

 5. When was Eli's family originally called to serve as priests, and what did Eli honor above the LORD (2:27-29)? _____

- What other sin apparently did Eli commit (v. 29c)? _____

6. Whom will the LORD honor (2:30) _____, and what would there not be in Eli's house (vs. 31-33) _____, and who would both die in the same day (v. 34) _____, and what would the faithful priest do (v. 35)? _____

Wednesday (April 4)—prayerfully read I Samuel 3.

1. What was precious (rare) in those days (3:1)? _____

2. How many times did the LORD call Samuel (3:4-10)? _____
3. What did Eli finally tell Samuel to answer if the voice called him again, and what did Samuel answer when that voice did call (3:9-10)? _____

- *4. What did Eli not do regarding his sons (3:18-19)? _____

5. What is noted regarding Samuel's faithfulness (3:19, cf. v 21)? _____

6. How bad would the thing be which the LORD would do in Israel (3:11) _____, and what did Samuel fear in 3:15 _____, and did Samuel tell Eli the whole vision (3:18)? _____

Thursday (April 5)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 4.

1. Who was smitten before whom, and what "good luck charm" did the ones who were smitten take with them on their second attempt (4:1-5)? _____
2. What struck fear into the hearts of the Philistines, and what was the battle cry which they spoke to themselves, to strengthen their souls for the coming battle (4:6-9)? _____

3. What caused the city of Shiloh to cry out (4:10-13)? _____

4. What seemed to bring the greatest grief to Eli, how did he die, how old was he when he died, and for how many years had he judged Israel (4:14-18)? _____

5. Why did Eli's daughter-in-law (Phinehas' wife) name her son Ichabod (66:11-13)? _____
6. What can you apply to your life from this section (and take it with you for the day)? _____

Friday (April 6)—**prayerfully** review and skim through I Samuel 1-4 as you briefly answer the following questions taken from *One-to-One Bible Reading* (authored by David Helm).

1. What has happened so far in the narrative (I Samuel 1-4)? _____

- (bonus, if you have time) Is time or place significant in the events that happen in this passage? _____
2. Who are the major characters so far? _____

- (bonus, if you have time) Describe three of these main characters (how does the author describe them, how do they describe themselves). _____
