

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

I & II SAMUEL OVERVIEW

Lesson 19

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BACKGROUND

- One of six kingdom history books
- Samuel - a late name
- LXX – “First and Second Books of Kingdoms”
- Vulgate shortened “Kingdoms” to “Kings”
- English changes “Kings” to “Samuel”

CONTENTS

- End of Judges through King David's reign.
- Movement from theocracy to monarchy.

THEOLOGICAL TERM DU JOUR

“Theocracy” : A form of government where God is the ruler or king.

A “theocracy” is in contrast to a “democracy” where the people rule or a “monarchy” where a monarch (king) rules.

SAMUEL

- Born around 1105 B.C.
- Hannah is mother.
- Birth is a longtime coming.
- Born of a vow; born to destiny
- Hears the voice of the LORD

HANNAH GIVES HER SON



Jan Victors, Amsterdam 1645

MEDICAL HISTORY

- I Sam.5:6, 9,11-12
- Bubonic Plague

Center For Disease Control

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Diagnosis

Swollen lymph glands termed "buboes" caused by plague bacteria (bubonic plague).

Diagnosis: The typical sign of the most common form of human plague is a swollen and very tender lymph gland, accompanied by pain. The swollen gland is called a "bubo." Bubonic plague should be suspected when a person develops a swollen gland, fever, chills, headache, and extreme exhaustion, and has a history of possible exposure to infected rodents, rabbits, or fleas. A person usually becomes ill with bubonic plague 2 to 6 days after being infected.

BUBONIC PLAGUE – “Buboes” or “tumors”



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He brought devastation upon them and afflicted them with tumors. And rats appeared in their land and death and destruction were throughout the city...Death had filled the city with panic.

“TUMORS”

- In Hebrew, *ahpaliyim* meaning “boils” or “swellings”

TRANSITION

- Samuel's wishes
- Gods wishes
- The people's wishes
- The road chosen
- The result

POINTS FOR HOME

- The church is a theocracy
- God hears prayer
- Much comes from devotion
- God is always at work