

Lesson 2 – June 12

1 Samuel 2:12 – 3:21

Called



LORD Sees the Heart



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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	<i>June 12</i>	<i>Called</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Boy Samuel Clearly God Called</i>
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark ... oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain ... to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord sees the heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

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Lesson Author's Theme

God delivers His message through His faithful followers

Context 2:12 – 3:21

- 2:12-36** *Eli's sons scoundrels – Samuel blessed – Eli's end*
- 3:1-10** **A Voice** – Samuel hears God speak
- 3:11-16** *Lord gives bad news about Eli – Samuel afraid*
- 3:17-18** **A Message** – Samuel tells Eli message
- 3:19-21** **A Prophet** – Samuel grew, Lord with him, all knew

1 Samuel

a thought

**Lamp of God
Had Not Yet Gone Out**



1 Samuel

Stone Age ... Bronze Age ... Iron Age

Know a second language? ... Ever taken a second language?

Remember the time **BEFORE** Egyptian Hieroglyphics???



1 Samuel Intro

Quick Review – Joshua and Judges to Samuel

- ✓ 3,000 years before Samuel
- ✓ Tabernacle with Ark of Covenant resides at Shiloh from Joshua's conquest
- ✓ **Philistines oppress Israel, monopoly on iron – Samson began relief**
- ✓ **Samuel the kingmaker anoints Saul and David – full relief**
- ✓ Samuel the last best Judge – about 1100 B.C.
- ✓ After Solomon's death, all falls apart ... again



2:12-36 Eli's sons scoundrels – Samuel blessed – Eli's end

Back at Shiloh – Shambala *Party Time*

Vs. 12 *NIV*: Eli's sons were scoundrels, no regard for the Lord!

- ✓ **Exceedingly stressful for Eli – for any father**
- ✓ **Eli was the grandson of Aaron, yes, the older brother of Moses**
- ✓ **Eli was the grandson of AARON—the **first High Priest of Israelites****
- ✓ **Two Generations from Egypt and the Wilderness Wandering**
- ✓ **One Generation from the Conquest of Joshua**
- ✓ **Eli grew up with Joshua's sons and stories of conquest**
- ✓ **Eli's sons Hophni and Phineas , the latter an Egyptian name, they grew up in privilege under Eli of the Great House of Aaron**

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CCR's 1972 "Someday Never Comes" by John Fogerty

First thing I remember was asking papa, "why,"
For there were many things I didn't know.
And daddy always smiled and took me by the hand,
Saying, "Someday you'll understand."

Well, I'm here to tell you now, each and every mother's son,
That you better learn it fast, you better learn it young,
'Cause someday never comes.

For Eli ... I imagine, he hoped they would learn
... Someday ... However, "someday" never came

If you read 2:12-36, Eli's sons **SHAMED** Israel!
especially the House of Aaron and the Tabernacle

**Shambala
Party Time
in Shiloh**



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NO REGARD for the Lord ... *NONE?*

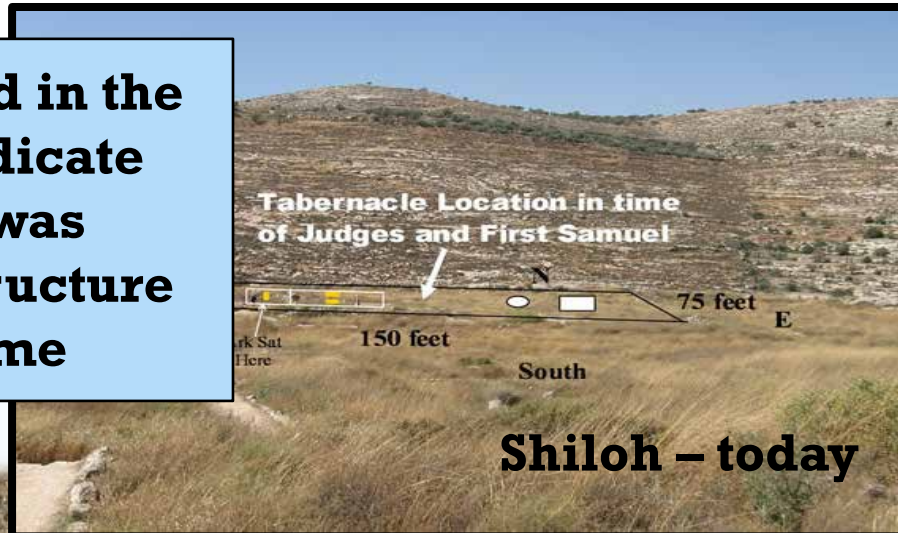
Used God's House for selfish purposes

2:13-17 – their “sin was very great in the Lords' sight”

curious in drama Chapter 2 ... back and forth on Eli and Samuel



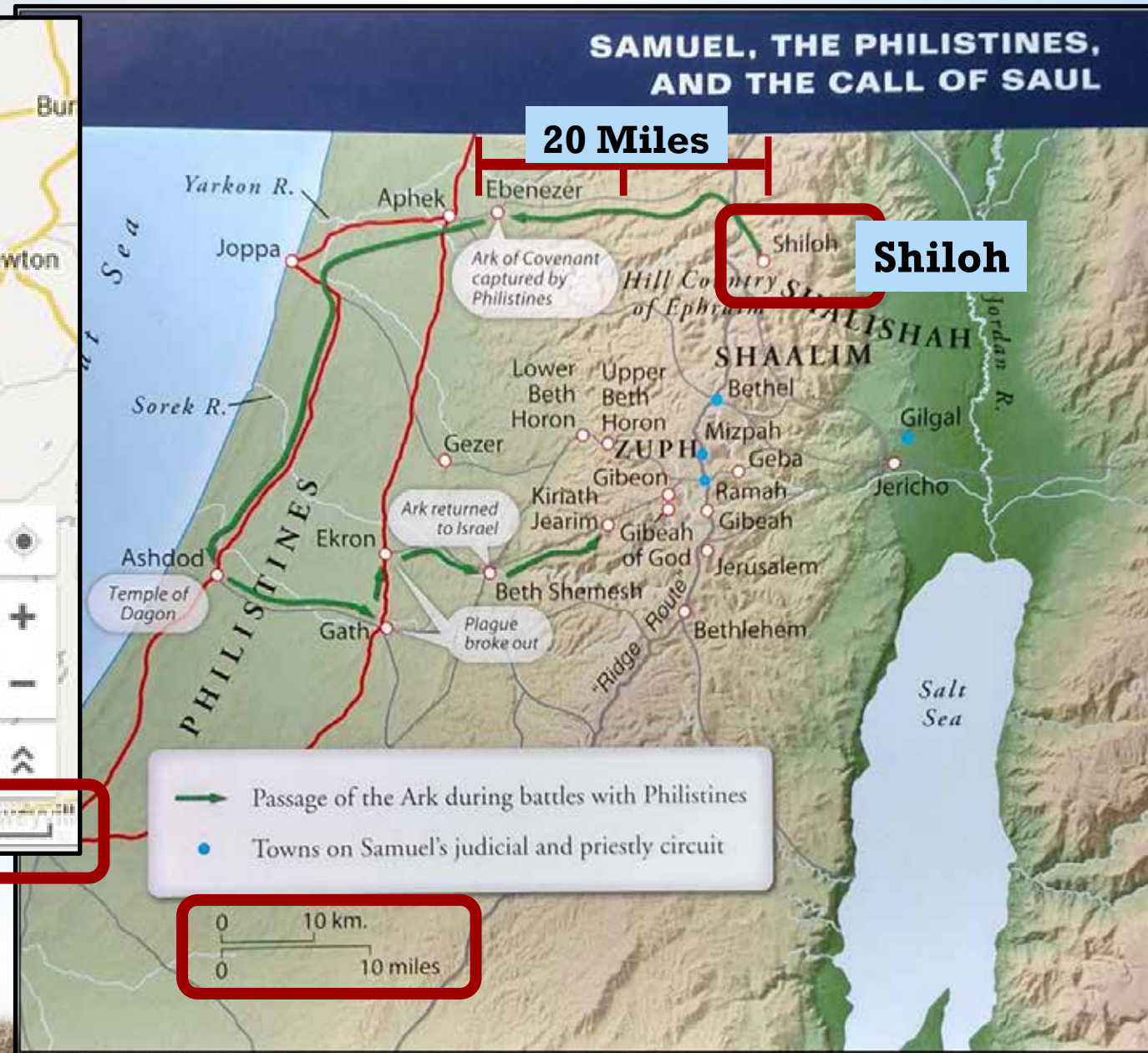
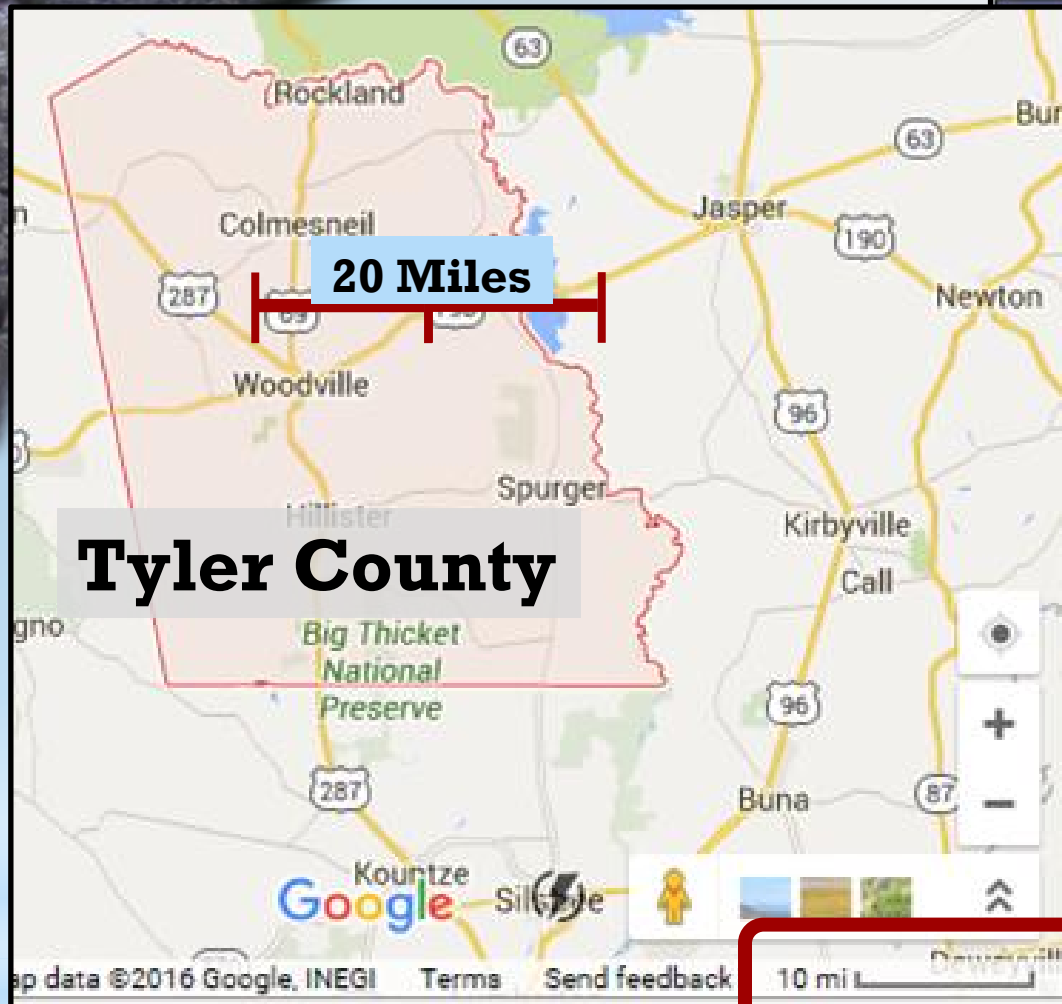
though not clearly said in the Bible, some verses indicate the “tent” tabernacle was made a permanent structure at Shiloh ... at some time



Shiloh – today



Shiloh – c. 1909



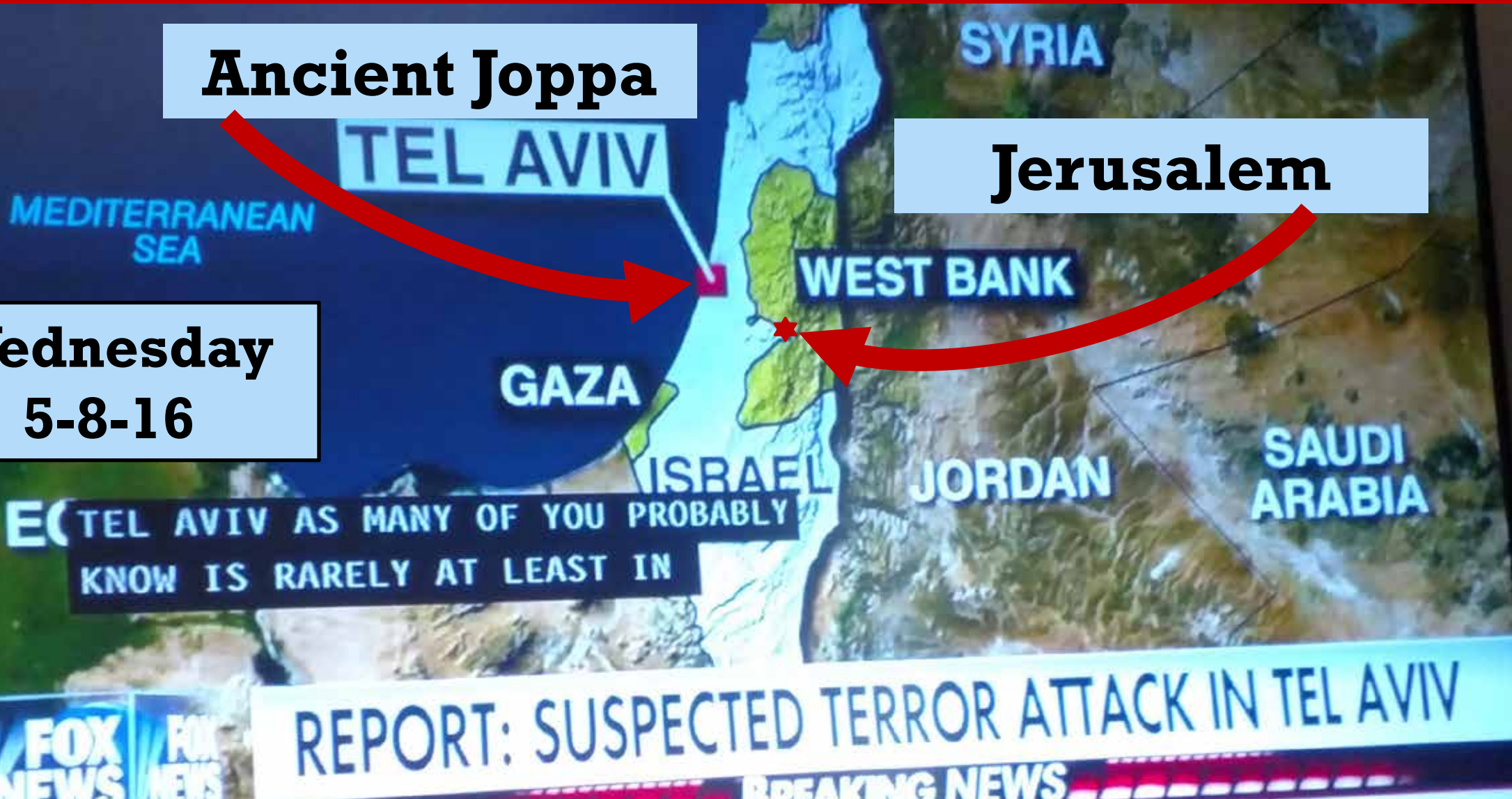
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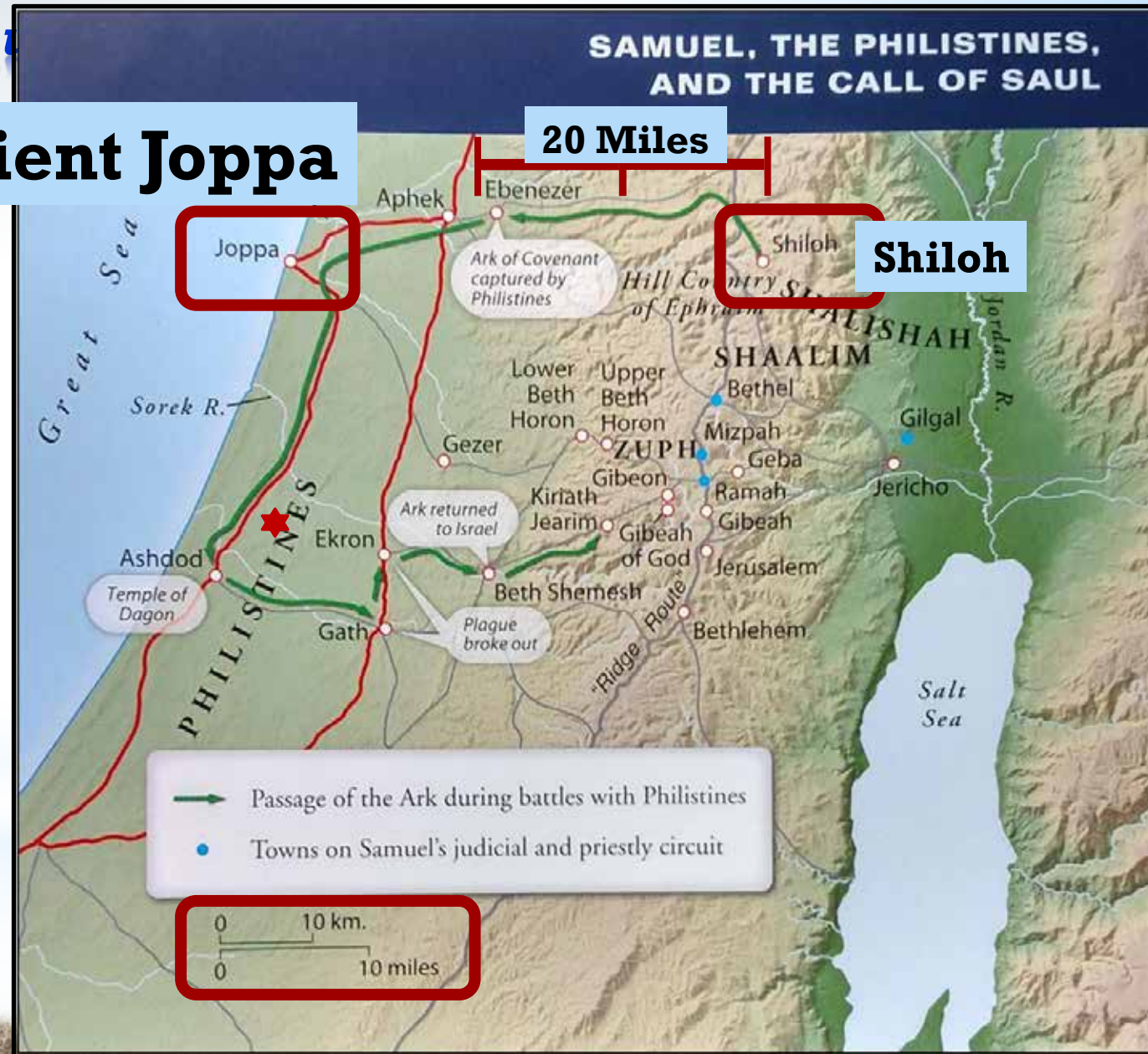


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Back at Shiloh – Shambhala vs. Samuel

Vs. 12: Eli's sons were scoundrels, no regard for the Lord!

2:13-17 – their “sin was very great in the Lords' sight”

curious drama in Chapter 2 ... back and forth on Eli and Samuel

2:18-21 – “But Samuel ministered” – Hannah gave him a new coat every year – and Eli blessed

2:21 – LORD gracious to Hannah, 3 sons and 2 daughters.

best of all, “Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.”

2:22-25 – Eli grieves over his evil sons *sad for any ... especially for a pastor*



2:26 – Samuel grew in stature & favor with the LORD and with people.

**2:27-36 – Man of God gives Eli prophecy of doom for his family
part of Eli's judgment from of his failure to FIX his sons**



3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli.

Hannah before Eli
by Jan Victors, 1645



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**¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli.
In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.**

**Rare ... in those days – what?
the word of the LORD was RARE
*plus ... not many visions***

**Amos 1:1 – vision he saw ... two years before the earthquake
“LORD roars from Zion ... thunders from Jerusalem**

Micah 1:1 – Word of LORD ... vision concerning Samaria & Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:1 – What Isaiah ... saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem

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What is the “Word of the Lord” for today?

Bible ... Pastors ... Church ... God’s Spirit Teaching



**Church is God’s work
in Christ on earth today**

People of God’s Church

3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak
in those days – Shiloh was dark

2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

- ✓ Way back then, **DON'T underestimate the power of the priest!**
unlike today's pastors, Eli had *considerably* more power then
- ✓ Priest ruled ... and would anoint a king ... think about Dark Ages
- ✓ Dark Ages after Fall of Rome reflected O.T. & N.T. **RULE** of priest

**However ... a mother, Hannah,
dedicated her dear son, Samuel ,
to God to be a Nazarite**



2:12-36 Eli's sons scoundrels – Samuel blessed – Eli's end

Nazarite Vow

- ✓ From “nazir” – meaning consecrated or separated
- ✓ Numbers 6:2-21 gives rules of essentially three-fold vow:
 1. No wine of any kind or even non-fermented grapes
 2. No cutting hair
 3. No contact with corpses or graves
- ✓ Made by verbal declaration: “I am a Nazarite for 1 yr” or “forever”
- ✓ Three kinds of Nazarite:
 1. **Set time**, after which one gives several offerings & shaves head
but if temple is not there, de facto permanent
 2. **Permanent** – “I am a Nazarite for life”
 3. **Like Samson** – “I am a Nazarite like Samson”



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Nazarite Vow

- ✓ None before Samson in the Bible, but seems evident before Moses
- ✓ Only three in Scripture who were Nazarites
 1. **Samson** in Judges 13:4
 2. **Samuel** in 1 Samuel 1:11
 3. **John the Baptist** in Luke 1:15
- ✓ Paul took Nazarite vow in Acts 21, as it was allowed for one to “join others” in their vow



3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak

**³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out,
and Samuel was lying down in the house
of the LORD, where the ark of God was.**

Lamp of God had not yet gone out

How ... so very illuminating is that?

What does the verse refer to?

Eli going blind? ... or ... Israel losing divine light?



3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak

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How cool is that?

Literally – refers to Tabernacle Light

**No indication IN THE BIBLE it refers
to anything else ... no where**

**Yet ... for us, N.T. believers, we CAN'T HELP OURSELVES
we see IMMEDIATE relevance all through the New Testament**

Yet, at Shiloh 3,000 years ago ... they were just starting ...

Back to *Lamp lighting* in O.T.: Ex. 27:20, 30:7-8, Lev. 24:1-4

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Ex. 27:20, “Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.” (in Tabernacle)

Light would go out before dawn

Ex. 30:7-8, “Aaron must burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps. He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense will burn regularly before the LORD for the generations to come.”



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Tree blooming FULL of N. T. metaphors and similes

John 12:46 – I have come into the world as a light

Acts 13:47 – I have made you a light for the Gentiles

Romans 2:19 – a light for those who are in the dark

Romans 13:12 – put on the armor of light

Ephesians 5:9 – fruit of the light consists in all goodness ... and truth

**Colossians 1:12 – qualified you to share in the inheritance ...
in the kingdom of light ... *and many, many more***



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So many have seen so much in song & poem

Eli going blind? ... oh, not really

Israel losing divine light? ... yes, possible

Yes, all those and much, much more COULD be seen

What DOES take place ... is ... passing of the light to ...

Passing of the light to Samuel – true allegory there



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See the Aggadah, i.e., Jewish lore, stories in Talmud or Midrash

Talmud – Rabbinic Literature from A.D. 200

Midrash – Commentary on Torah

“Before the sun of Eli set, the sun of Samuel rose”



3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak

4 Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered,

“Here I am.”

5 He ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

6 Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

7 Now Samuel did not **YET know the LORD:**

The word of the LORD had not **YET been revealed to him.**

3:1-10 A Voice – Samuel hears God speak

⁸ A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

3:11-16 Lord gives bad news about Eli – Samuel afraid

Lord tells Samuel BAD NEWS

¹¹ LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.

¹² At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end.

¹³ For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them.

3:11-16 Lord gives bad news about Eli – Samuel afraid

Lord SWORE to Eli – BAD NEWS

¹⁴ Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.’ ”

¹⁵ Samuel lay down until morning and then

opened the doors of the house of the LORD.

He was afraid to tell Eli the vision – *yes ... Samuel was the*

Doorman in the House of the Lord

¹⁶ but Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son.” Samuel answered, “Here I am.”

3:17-18 A Message – Samuel tells Eli message

Do Not Hide It from Me – hmmm

¹⁷ “What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me.

Eli seems to be a man of integrity ... somewhat

May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.”

¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him.

Then Eli said,

“He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes.”

Samuel ... Doorman in the House of the Lord

Inherits and becomes the Lamp of the Lord for Israel

3:19-21 A Prophet – Samuel grew, Lord with him, all knew

Verse 19

**The LORD was with Samuel
as he grew up, and he
let none of Samuel's
words fall to the ground.**

God let **NONE of Samuel's
words fall to the ground!**

becomes the LAMP of the Lord



**The Prophet Samuel
by Claude Vignon (1593-1670)
Musee des Beaux-Arts in Rouen**



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In the **Aggadah**, i.e., Jewish lore, stories in Talmud or Midrash

- ✓ **Greatness to Samuel not given ANY other king or prophet**
- ✓ **No one EVER challenged his authority**
- ✓ **Refused compensation & travelled to people on circuit**
- ✓ **Five terms of praise were applied to Samuel**
 1. **Faithful** 2. **Honored** 3. **Prophet**
 4. **Seer** 5. **Man of God**

Lamp of the Lord



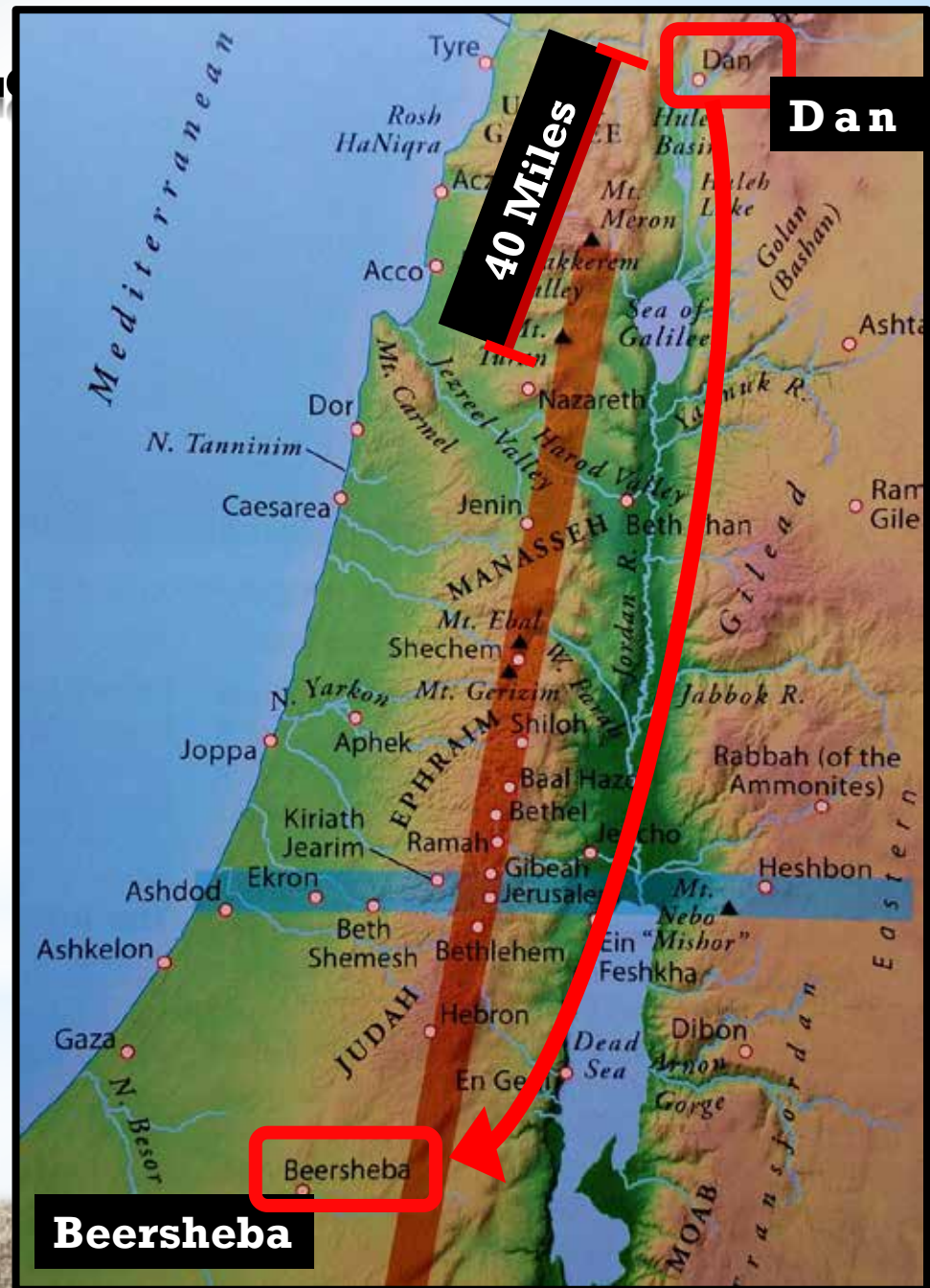
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**19 LORD was with Samuel ...
none of his words fell to ground.**

**20 All Israel from Dan to Beersheba
recognized that Samuel was
attested as a prophet of the LORD.**

*from Dan to Beersheba
about 150 miles
as the bird flies*



3:19-21 A Prophet – Samuel grew, Lord with him, all knew

Samuel Grew

Verse 21 **The LORD continued to
appear at Shiloh, and there
He – GOD – revealed Himself to Samuel
through His word.**

and much more

Lamp of God had not yet gone out

We can see the light everywhere

There is always a guiding light
no matter how great the storm
Friends who travel through grief
Who hold your hand, show you the way.
Until you are ready to go on and
and that light for someone else
Thank you . . .
for being my guiding light



The Light Upon the Sea

by Robert S. Bise

There was a time it seemed as though
My life was tossing to and fro
And I, left with nowhere to go,
Was subject to the sea.

But there, ahead, a beam of light
Peered through the darkness of the night
And granted to me clearer sight
That I might be set free.

I steered a course toward the land
To find a refuge on the sand
And maybe touch the gentle hand
That guided me along.

And when I reached the coast that night
Upon a hill, the shining light
Was tended by a welcome sight . . .
My friends had led me home.



10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Lamp of God
had not yet gone out

You *know* what is the best of all



10-11 Hannah's Prayer – deeply hurt, wept, pleads

Lamp of God

STILL* has NOT yet gone *OUT



So . . . let me encourage you to
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