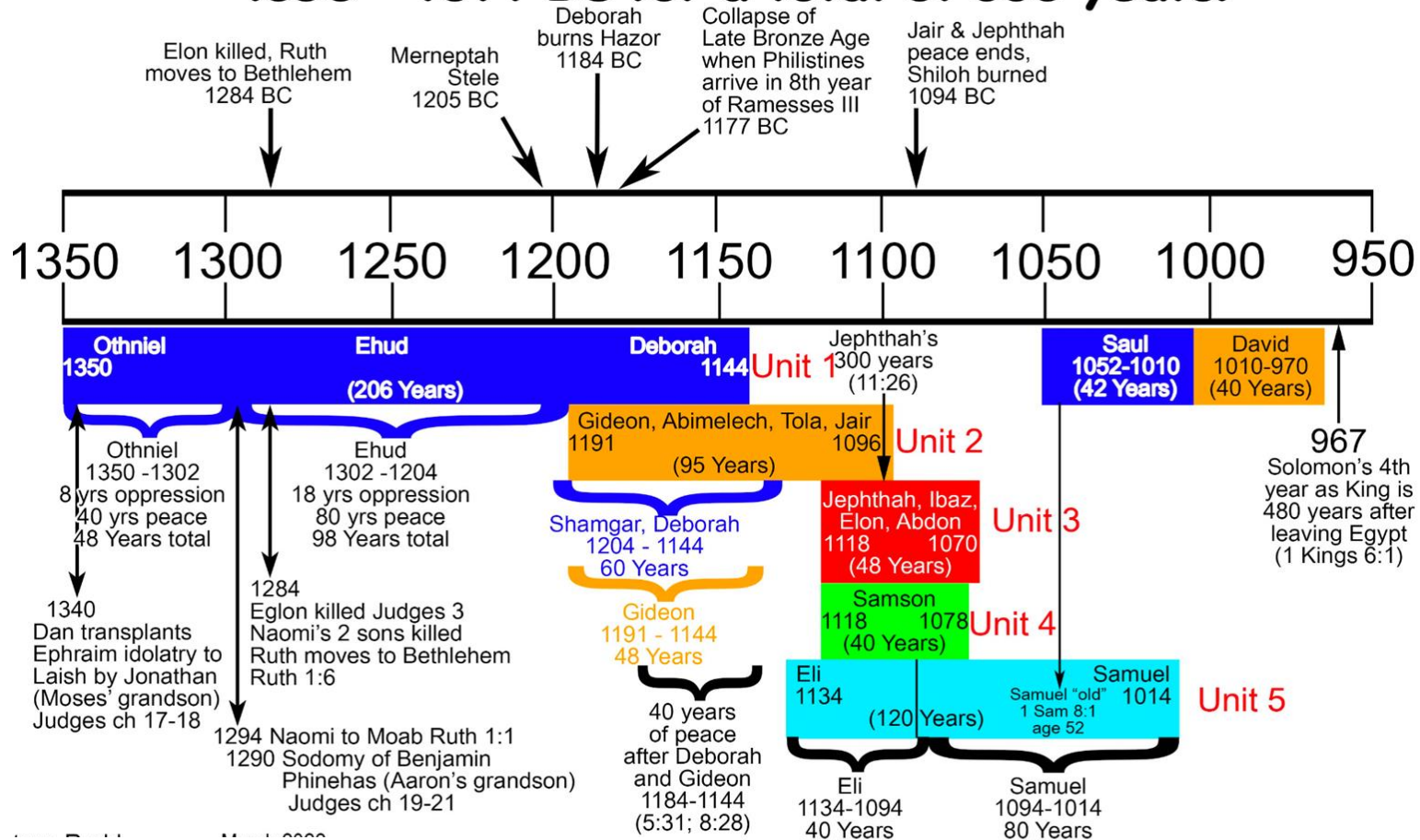


A scenic landscape photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is positioned on the right side of the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects that radiate across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a vibrant orange and red near the horizon. The mountains in the foreground and middle ground are silhouetted against the bright light, with some details visible on the slopes. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

Samuel

1350 - 1014 BC for a total of 336 years.



Background: From Judges to Kings

Hannah

Affliction → Purification → Dedication

Eli

Religious/Faithful? Honour God/Despise God?

Samuel

???

Chapter 3 – Calling of Samuel

1 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation.

2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, **3** and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, **4** that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” **5** So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down.

6 Then the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!”

Chapter 3 – Calling of Samuel

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.”

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

Lessons

- 1. Who** to listen to
- 2. How** to listen
- 3. What** to do after you've listened

1. Who to listen to

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Psalms 19:1

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

John 7:17

17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

2. How to listen

Ezekiel 33:32

32 Indeed you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.

Acts 17:21

21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

Chapter 3 – Calling of Samuel

11 Then the Lord said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13** For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. **14** And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

Chapter 3 – Calling of Samuel

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son!”

He answered, “Here I am.”

17 And he said, “What is the word that the Lord spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you.” **18** Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”

19 So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord.

3. What to do after you listen

Psalm 119:60

60 I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

Ezekiel 2:5-6

5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 “And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 3:18

18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

Galatians 1:10

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

A vibrant sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright yellow and orange glow across the sky. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright light, and the foreground shows a dark, rocky hillside. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

Conclusion

Samuel

Wants to do God's will/
Faithful Servant