

I and II Samuel

INTRODUCTION

WHO WAS THE AUTHOR?

- *Unknown.*
- **Why not Samuel?**
 - Samuel dies before many of the narrated events occurred (I SAM 25:1).
 - Samuel did write the record of “Samuel the Seer” (I Chron. 29:29) and defined ideal kingship (I Sam 10:25).
- **Why name these books after Samuel?**
 - Samuel is chosen because of his important work. Known as the “king maker!” **Key figure at the start.**
 - He is the *transition figure* between the *tribal confederacy* and the *monarchy* (Acts 3:24, 13:20).
 - *He was a judge, priest, and a great man of faith* (Heb 11:32).

Why two books of Samuel?

- These were originally *one scroll*.
- Divided up by Septuagint translators (270 BC).
- The break is unfortunate because it separates the death of Saul from David's great lament.

When was it written?

- *Sometime during the divided kingdom.*
- I Sam 27:6 “Ziklag pertains unto the kings of Judah unto this day.”



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Outline of the books

- History of Samuel (*I Sam 1-7*).
- History/Reign of Saul (*I Sam 8-15*).
- History of David (*I Sam 16-31*).
- David's Reign as King (*2 Samuel*)

**Why so much emphasis
on David?**

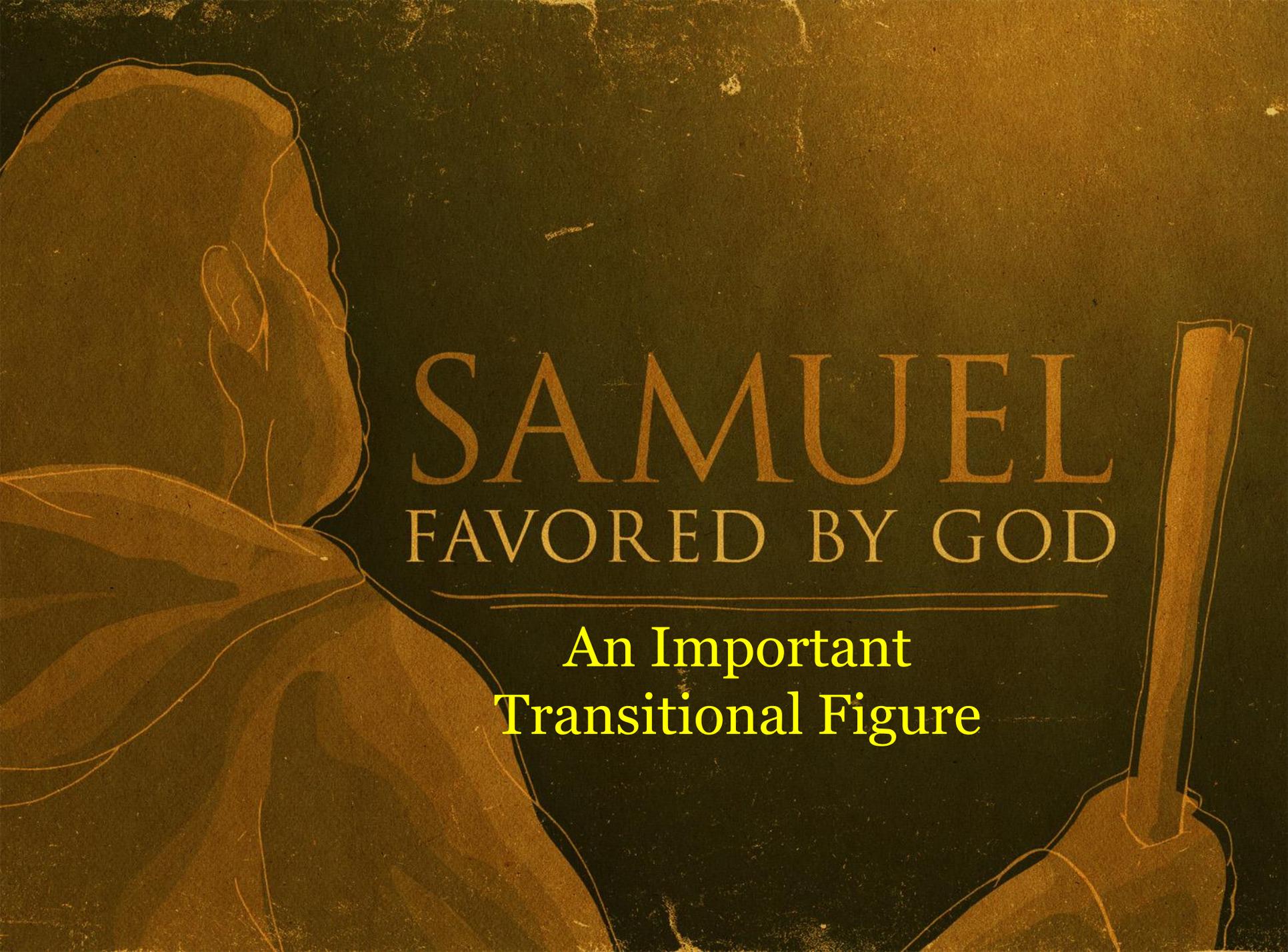
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How much time is covered?

- About 125 years total.
- 1140 -1015 BC.
- Last two judges and first two kings!



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An Important
Transitional Figure

Samuel's Birth and Early Life (1 Sam 1-3).

**Wicked children but great parents,
and an especially amazing mother!**

A stylized, dark-toned illustration of Samuel's profile on the left, looking towards the right. A vertical scroll or staff is positioned to the right of the text. The background is a dark, textured brown.

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1 SAMUEL 2:18-20,26



HANNAH:

**A PROFILE
OF A GODLY
MOTHER**

I SAM 1-2



Hannah's Legacy

“She was devoted to her husband, God, and her family.”

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Who was Hannah?

- Name: Gracious, compassionate.
- Spiritual. Saw the Divine perspective (I Sam 2:1-10)!
- Wife of Elkanah, a righteous God-fearing Levite.
- Elkanah's Name = "pure."

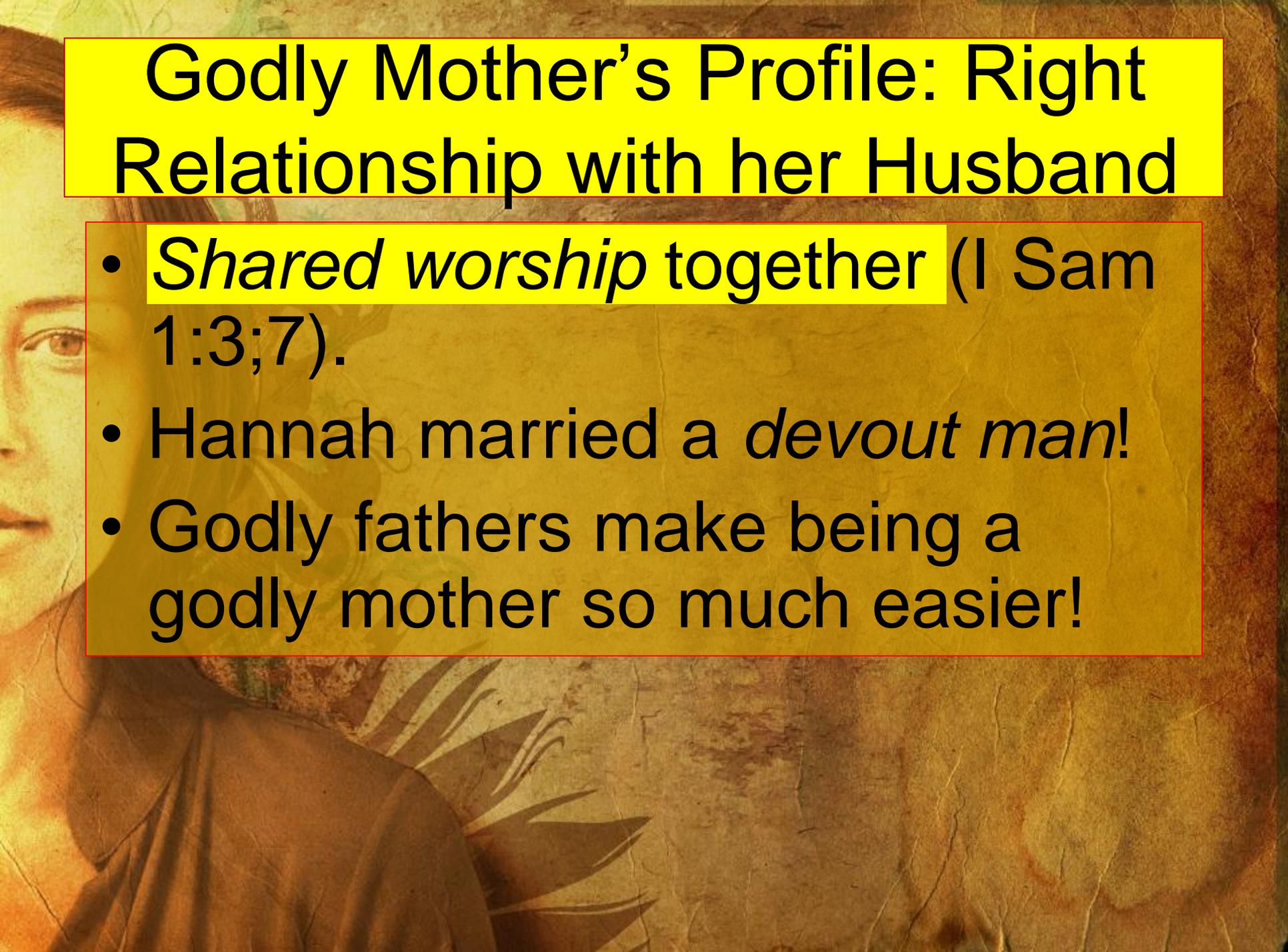
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Who was Hannah?

- Mother of Samuel, a faithful judge and priest (I Chron 6:16; 28).
- A Woman of Character:
Lives up to her name!

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Godly Mother's Profile: Right Relationship with her Husband

- *Shared worship* together (1 Sam 1:3;7).
- Hannah married a *devout man!*
- Godly fathers make being a godly mother so much easier!

Heritage Foundation Study:

- Regular *church attendance* is a critical factor in *marital stability*.
- Those who switch partners most are those with no religious convictions!
- Cohabitation before marriage is 7 times higher among the non-religious.
Significant because those who live together before marriage experience higher divorce rates.

Godly Mother's Profile: Right Relationship with Husband

- Shared **love together!** How know?
 - Hannah received a “double portion” (I Sam 1:4).
 - His love was *her security!*
 - Shared worship and love eliminates major conflicts!
 - *Missing ingredient* = children(vs 5)!

Godly Mother's Profile: Right Relationship with God

- Turns to **Prayer** (vs 9-10).
 - Had a **Passion for God's best:**
CHILDREN (vs 11).
 - A Woman of **Fervency** (vs 12).
 - How do we know?
 - Knew Elkanah was not the source of children! **God is the source** (Gen 4:1; 25)!

Godly Mother's Profile: Right Relationship with God

- **Hannah = “Selfless Steward”** (vs 11)
 - **DESIRED TO GIVE HER CHILD INTO GOD’S SERVICE!**
 - Woman of **purity & virtue** (vs 12-17).
 - Woman of **patience & faith** (vs 18).

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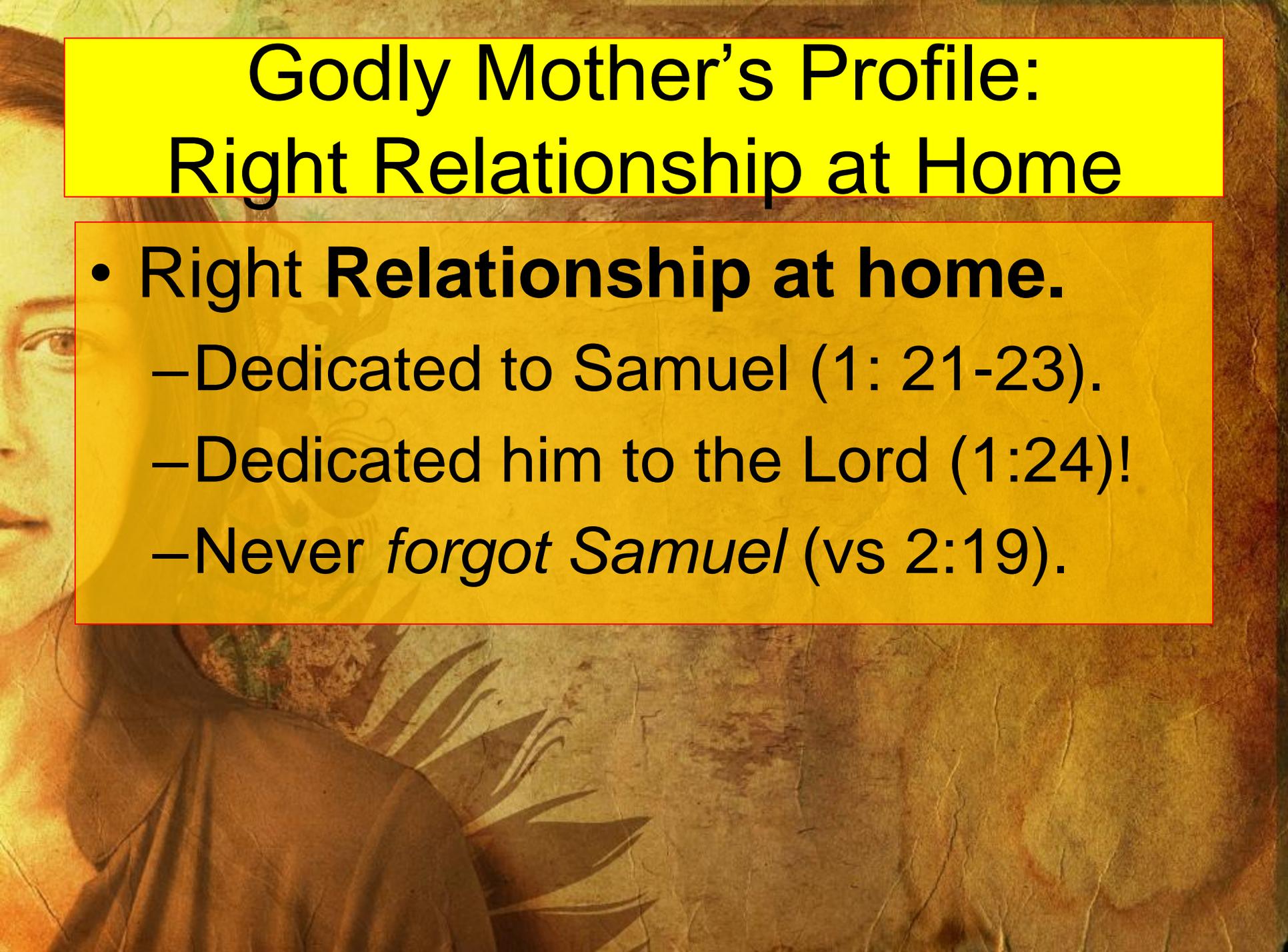
- **RESULT?**

- Vs 19 “God *remembered* her...”

- Vs 20 “She conceived and bore a son and called him *Samuel*.”

- NAME: “**ASKED OF GOD.**”

- Ch 2: 1-10 **SONG OF THANKS-GIVING!**

The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of a woman's face on the left side, looking towards the right. In the center, there is a faint, golden-colored dove with its wings spread, set against a textured, parchment-like background. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, gold, and beige.

Godly Mother's Profile: Right Relationship at Home

- **Right Relationship at home.**
 - Dedicated to Samuel (1: 21-23).
 - Dedicated him to the Lord (1:24)!
 - *Never forgot Samuel* (vs 2:19).

FINAL RESULT?

- The Lord never takes without giving!
- 2:21 “The Lord visited Hannah and she conceived and bore **three sons and two daughters.**”
- 2:21b “The child Samuel *grew before Jehovah.*”

GREAT CONTRAST

- Eli's sons are wicked. WHY?
- MOTHER IS NOT IN THE PICTURE!
- *There is no price high enough to value the virtue of a godly mother!*

A close-up portrait of a woman with long, dark brown hair, looking slightly to the right. She is wearing a green top. The background behind her is a patterned wallpaper with green and brown tones.

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- May Hannah's legacy be the legacy of all the mom's at Kirkland!

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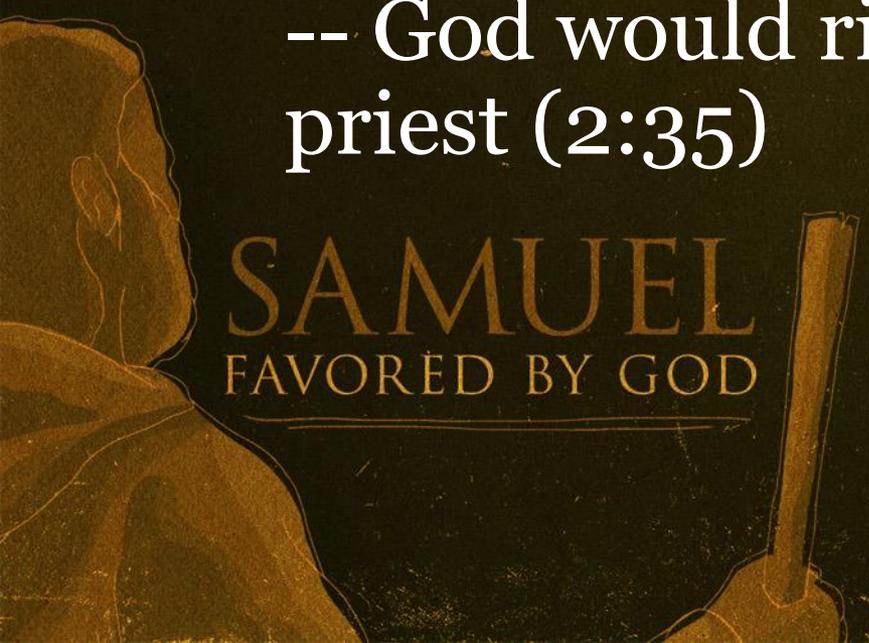
Notice the contrast between the sons of Eli and Samuel (2:11-12, 17,22-26).

What was Eli's sin? (2:29)

What did the man of God prophesy?

--House of Eli would end (2:31, 34)

-- God would rise up a faithful high priest (2:35)



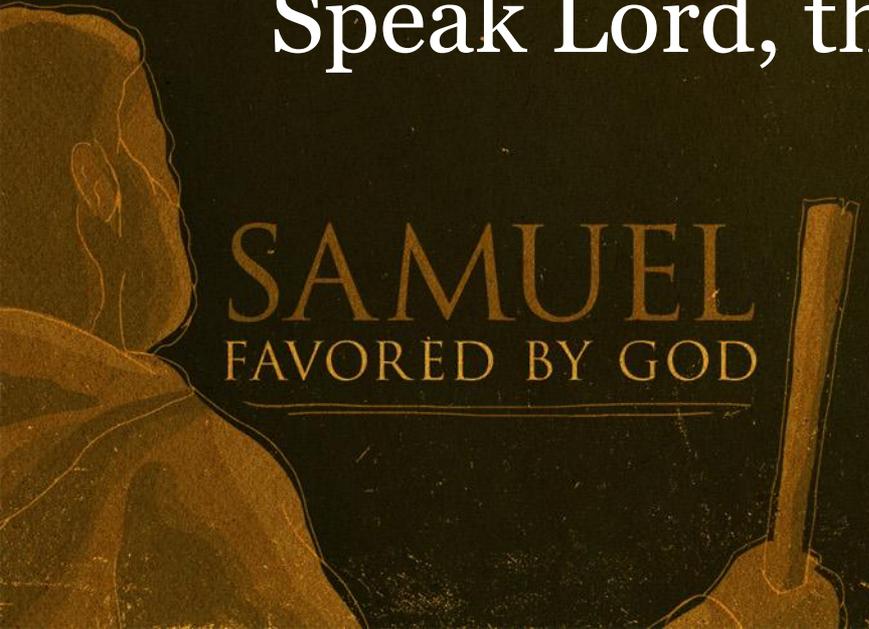
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God spoke to Eli directly!

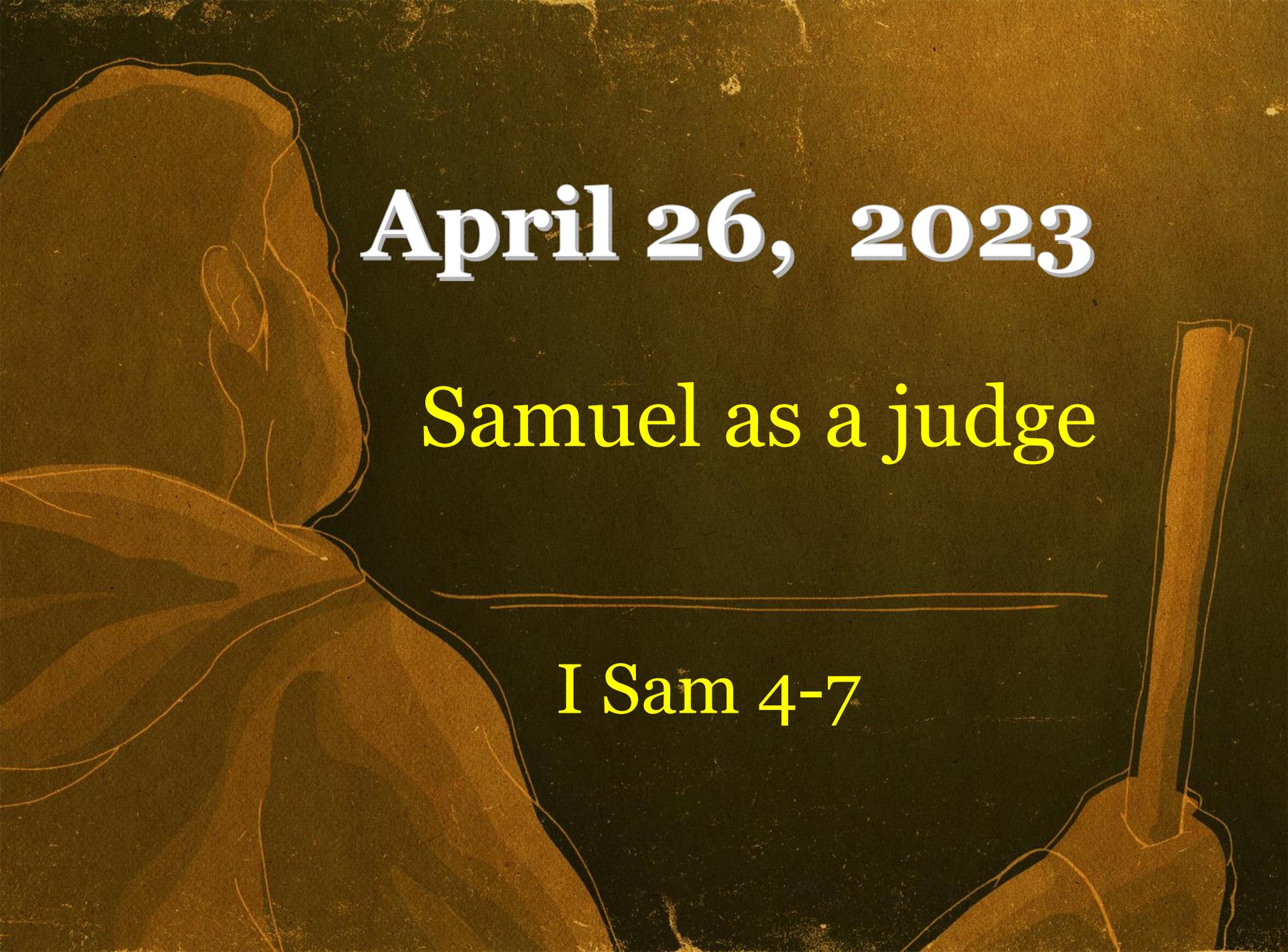
3:1 (No frequent vision).

3:4-14

Speak Lord, thy servant heareth!



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Samuel as a judge

I Sam 4-7

A stylized illustration in shades of brown and black. On the left, a man's profile is shown from the chest up, facing right. On the right, a sword is shown vertically, pointing upwards. The background is a dark, textured brown.

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**The Rise and Fall
of King Saul**

I Sam 8 - 14