The background is a painting of a church interior. In the center, a figure with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, sits on a throne. The figure's hands are raised in a gesture of blessing or teaching. The church has high, vaulted ceilings with a series of pointed arches supported by columns. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of a bright, open space. The overall style is reminiscent of classical religious art.

The Story – Chapter 10

Standing Tall

And

Falling Hard

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Elkanah

Peninnah

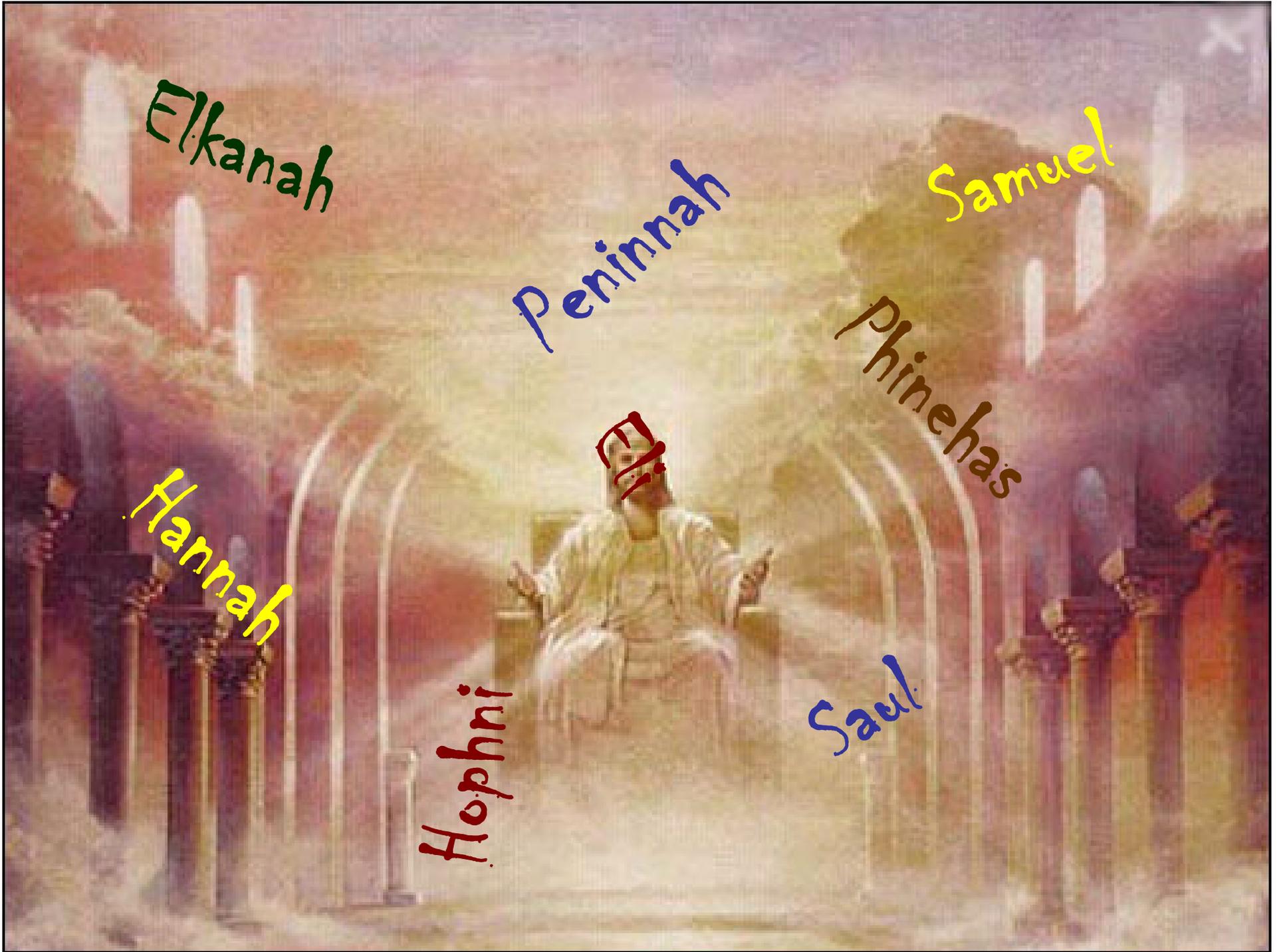
Samuel

Phinehas

Hannah

Hophni

Saul



Purpose of this Book

Theocracy → **Monarchy**

GOD as



Man as



1 Samuel



Samuel



Saul

The Backdrop ~ Three Major Distortions

- *A man name Elkannah in Ephraim had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah*
- *Hannah was barren (childless) and heart-broken*
- *Peninnah purposely provoked Hannah's pain* 1 Samuel 1:17
- *At Shiloh where the Tabernacle rested Hannah prayed to God for a child, promising to dedicate the child to God*
- *God hears Hannah's prayer and Samuel (God has heard) is born and dedicated to God in service at the Tabernacle*

We MUST Be Authentic

- *Outward appearances will fool*
- *God judges what is on the inside*
- *Are we living what we say we believe?*

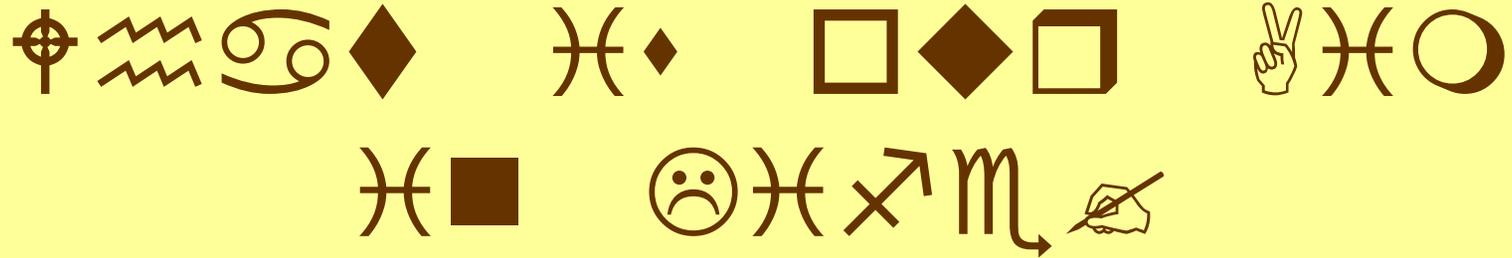
The Distortion of Conformity

- *The people ask Samuel to anoint a king over them so that they can be like all the other nations*

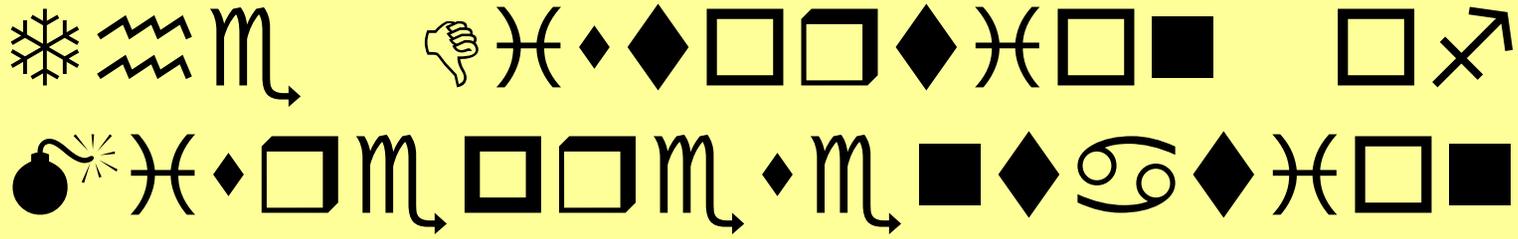
1 Samuel 8:6

- *God tells Samuel that the people are not rejecting him; the people are rejecting God*

1 Samuel 8:20



- *We were not created to be like everyone else*
- *Gods people are to be distinct*
- *We are not called to be like other people*
- *We are Gods unique people*
- *We need to act it!*



- *God allows the people to have a king*
not Gods perfect will
- *Samuel anoints Saul who is empowered by the Spirit to defeat the Ammonites* 1 Samuel 11:1-11
- *How long did Saul reign?*
- *Saul was 30 years old when he became king*
- *He reigned 42 years over Israel*

Who are the following: Agag

- [Genesis 36.12](#) *"And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz - Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife."*
- **The first Amalek - son of Eliphaz - who was the son of Esau by Timna - Esau's concubine**
- **Genesis makes it clear that there was no title or inheritance in Israel entailed to Eliphaz nor his descendant – Amalek**
- **Agag –**
 - **Amalekite king**
 - **He should have been killed by Saul**
 - **Name = roof or upper floor**

Who are the following:

- **Eli –**
- A Jewish priest living in the days of the judges
- Served God at the tabernacle in Shiloh - a city near the hill country of Ephraim (1 Samuel 1. 1, 3)
- Eli is best remembered for his blessing on Samuel's mother and for his part in Samuel's first prophecy
- **Eli had two sons who were priests**
- **Hophni and Phinehas**

Who are the following: Eli

- Name means “heard of God”
- Was dedicated to God by his mother [Hannah](#) as part of a vow she made before he was born ([1 Samuel 1:11](#))
- Hannah had been barren and prayed so fervently for a child that Eli the priest thought she was drunk ([1 Samuel 1](#))
- Was taken to the tabernacle to serve under Eli the priest ([1 Samuel 1:22–25](#))
- He was the last judge of Israel

The Distortion of Phoiness

- At Shiloh, the Priest was Eli
 - He had two sons, Hophni and Phineas
 - who abused the sacrificial system and committed sexually immoral acts.
- Eli refused to reprimand his sons
 - God's judged them all with death
 - The Ark of the Covenant was stolen from Shiloh

1 Samuel 3-4

Who are the following:

- **Jonathan –**

- *Ten men named Jonathan are mentioned in the Bible*
- *The son of King Saul*
- *Jonathan was a noble man of true character, faith, and integrity*
- *Despite Saul's hatred of David - Jonathan and David were very close friends (1 Samuel 18:1–3)*
- *Jonathan protected David and helped him to escape Saul (1 Samuel 19:1–2)*
- *David was married to Jonathan's sister Michal*
- *Jonathan was also David's brother-in-law*

Who are the following:

- **Samuel** –
- Name means “heard of God”
- Was dedicated to God by his mother [Hannah](#) as part of a vow she made before he was born ([1 Samuel 1:11](#))
- Hannah had been barren and prayed so fervently for a child that Eli the priest thought she was drunk ([1 Samuel 1](#))
- Was taken to the tabernacle to serve under Eli the priest ([1 Samuel 1:22–25](#))
- He was the last judge of Israel

Who are the following:

- Samuel had two sons, Joel and Abijah
- They sinned before God by seeking dishonest gain and perverting justice
- Samuel had appointed his sons as judges, but the elders of Israel told Samuel that because he was too old and his sons did not walk in his ways, they wanted Samuel to appoint a king to rule like other nations had ([1 Samuel 8:1–5](#))
- Samuel's initial reaction to their demand was one of great displeasure, and he prayed to God about the matter
- God told Samuel that they had not rejected him, but had rejected God as their king
- God gave Samuel permission to appoint a king - but warned the people what they could expect from a king ([1 Samuel 8:6–21](#))

4. Describe the following in the story:

- **Eli –**
 - *Was a direct descendent of Aaron – thru Ithmar*
 - *Lived in real faithfulness to The Lord*
 - *His failure as a father caused God to reject him*
 - *However – he did teach Samuel the ways of God*
- **Samuel –**
 - *Reluctantly appointed kings*
 - *Served God well*
 - *It wasn't til Rehoboam (Solomon's son) that his prophecy came true*
- **Elkanah –**
 - *Was an Ephraimite*
 - *Father of Samuel*
 - *Loved and supported his wife - Hannah*

5. What was Hannah's prayer

- **1 Samuel 2**
- *Hannah knew where to take her problems – straight to God in prayer*
- *In her brokenness and pain - Hannah trusted God's power and ability to work on her behalf*
- *She believed God would do what He said He would do*
- *Hannah was faithful and strong to uphold her end of the prayer as a commitment to God's plan and Sovereignty*
- *God will never allow our pain and brokenness to have the final word*

6. How many times did God call to Samuel? Why?

- **3 times**

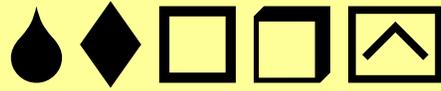
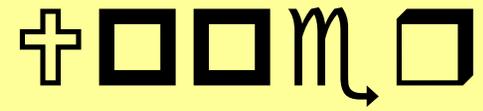
- *Who – What – When – Where Why*

7. On page 134 – what is happening thru the Benjaminite, etc?

- **Benjamite ran from battle w/ Philistines**
- **Went to Eli (98) w/ bad eyes**
- **News →**
- **Israel fled from battle – suffered bad losses**
- **2 Sons- Hophni & Phineas both killed**
- **Ark of Covenant lost**
- **With mention of Ark – Eli fell & broke neck & died**
- **Loss of Ark was greater to him than sons**

8. How was Israel's first king chosen? Describe him.

- **Saul**
- **People came to Samuel – last Judge**
- **Demanded king**
- **“Your own sons do not follow God”**
- **Samuel tried to dissuade them**
- **They were adamant**
- **God orchestrated the appointment (page 136)**



Who Are We?

- *We are reps of God's to the world*
- *Our disobedience distorts God to the world*

Obedience → Blessings