

PROPHETIC JUDGMENT ON ELI

- Eli's descendants would all die young
- Eli would live to experience the deaths of his 2 sons
- Eli's priestly line of succession would be replaced
- Eli's family one just one of several from Aaron
- Aaron's sons Nadav and Avihu killed by God
- Zadok would become David's High Priest (proper lineage)



1st SAMUEL CHAPTER 3: THE LORD APPROACHES SAMUEL

- Samuel still a young boy
- Eli was NOT a thoroughly wicked man
- Eli was weak and passive
- Eli inherited a mess, but didn't try to clean it up
- God's leaders must be CALLED, and will bear responsibility for what happens on their watch



TABERNACLE AT SHILOH



- A dark era when God withheld His oracle from Israel
- It was nighttime, the Menorah was still burning
- Highly unlikely Samuel was sleeping inside the Tent
- **Hekal** = Tabernacle and the general grounds
- Original Tabernacle was cloth and animal skins
- Much repair and replacement would have occurred

GOD CALLS TO SAMUEL



- “Here I am”
- Samuel runs to Eli thinking it’s him
- Why didn’t Samuel recognize that it was NOT Eli’s voice?
- Samuel did NOT yet know God because the “word of God” had not yet been revealed to him
- Samuel was doing regular daily work in the service of God, but did NOT know Him!

“Speak YHWH, your servant is listening.....”

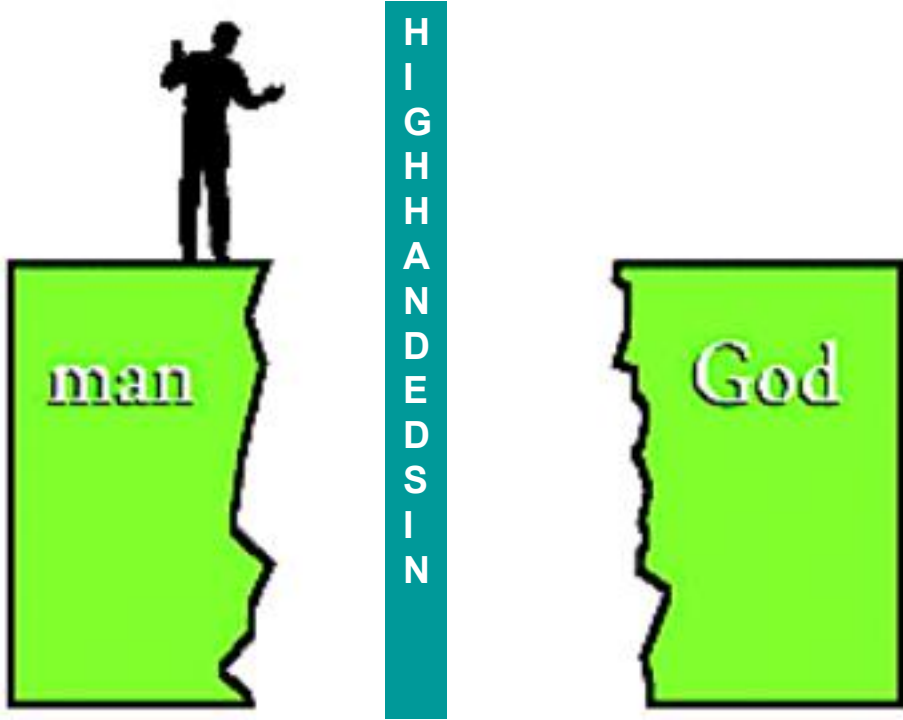
- Common within the Church that leaders and teachers will perform their tasks but NOT be saved or have minimal knowledge
- Samuel knew that God existed, but didn't KNOW God
- YHWH called Samuel 4 times
- When something happens 3 times, it is usually of spiritual significance





NO ATONEMENT FOR SOME SINS

- Lord confided in Samuel what He was going to do to Eli and his family
- Samuel being prepared
- Two central sacrificial principles:
- 1) Only blood can expiate sins
- 2) Blood of an innocent substitute will suffice
- Num.15:30



BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
Mark 3:20-30

- A high-handed sin is intentional sin directed against YHWH
- Blasphemy (high-handed sin) is outside the scope of sacrifice for atonement
- Mark 3:29
- Sins of men against men are covered by Yeshua's blood
- Sins of men directly against God (blasphemy) are NOT covered by Yeshua's blood
- Speaking a blasphemy is not the same as DOING a blasphemy

‘It is YHWH; let Him do what seems good to Him.....’ Eli

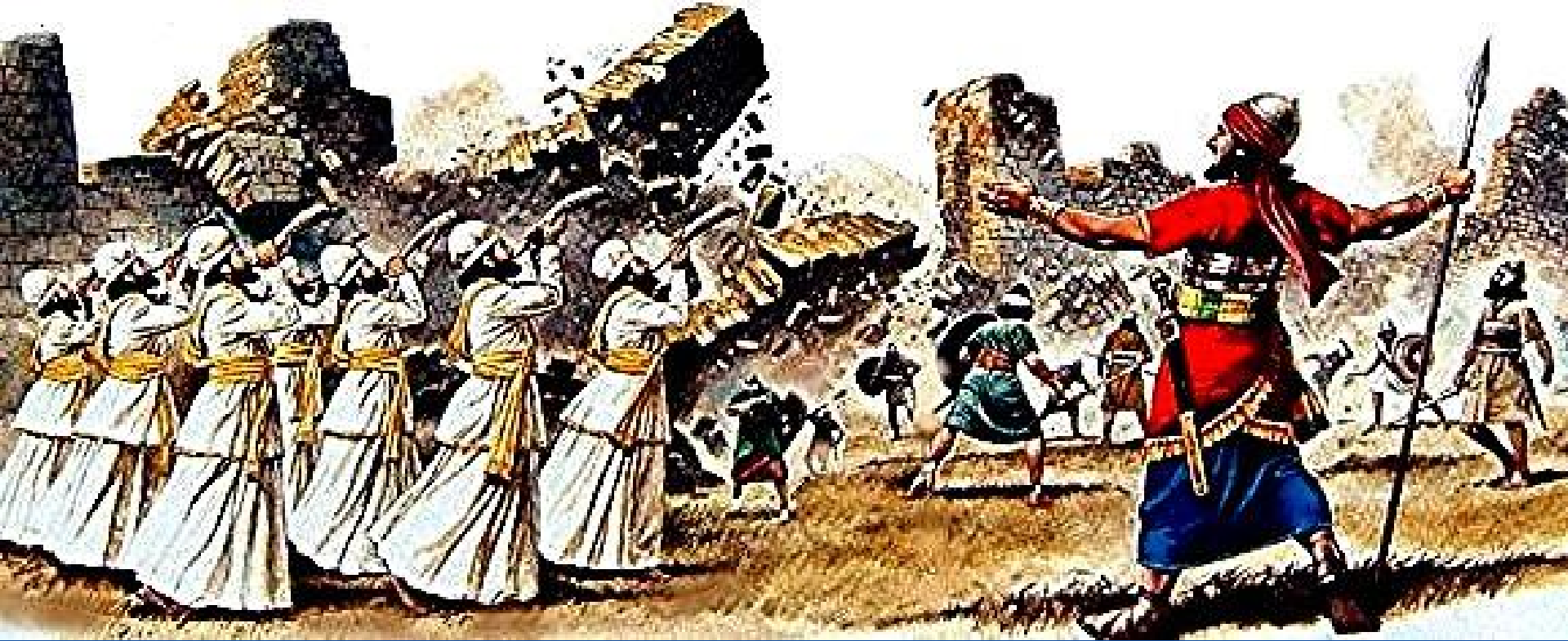
- Samuel was afraid to tell Eli what God had told him
- ***Marah*** = vision
- Eli insisted Samuel tell him everything and responded with quiet resignation that his fate was fixed and unchangeable
- All the people of Israel saw Samuel growing in the Lord, that every prophecy he said came true, and trusted him



1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 4

- As of now, Samuel was a prophet for all Israel
- Philistines were still one of Israel's greatest enemies
- Samuel was NOT the military leader
- Eli is STILL the Judge and High Priest of Israel





- High Priest usually present at a battle
- Instead, Hophni and Pinchas were there
- Eli and his sons seem to be accepting of Samuel's word to go to battle against the Philistines