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*"Confess your faults one to another, and  
pray one for another, that ye may be healed.  
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous  
man availeth much."*

*James 5:16*





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*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

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Pre Exile History

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel

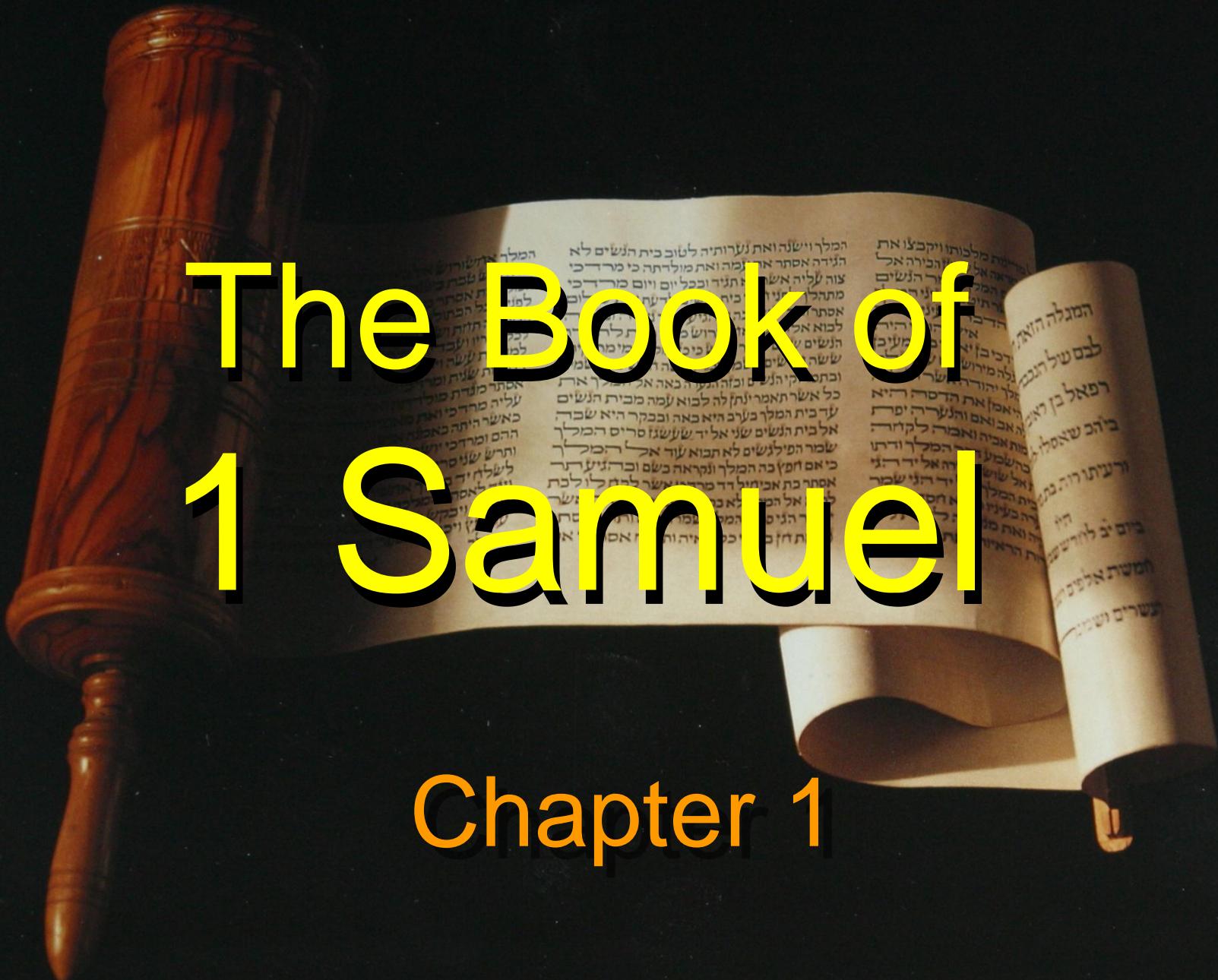
- 9<sup>th</sup> book of the Bible
- Author: Probably Isaiah
- Marks the transition from the time of the judges to the monarchy
- Takes us from the darkest period to the golden age
  - The times of the Judges to the Monarchy
- Key characters: Samuel / Saul / David
- Countless lessons for the Church
- Theocracy rejected!

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel

- Samuel – The Last of the Judges 1 - 7
  - Birth and youth
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- Saul – The First of the Kings 8 – 15
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- David – The Greatest of the Kings 15 – 31
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# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 1



**1** Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

**2** And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

**3** And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

<sup>4</sup> And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

<sup>5</sup> But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

<sup>6</sup> And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

1 Samuel 1:4-6

<sup>7</sup> And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

<sup>8</sup> Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

1 Samuel 1:7-8

**9** So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in shiloh,  
and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon  
a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

**10** And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto  
the LORD, and wept sore.

**11** And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if  
thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine  
handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine  
handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man  
child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days  
of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

**12** And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

**13** Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

**14** And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

**15** And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

**16** Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial:  
for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief  
have I spoken hitherto.

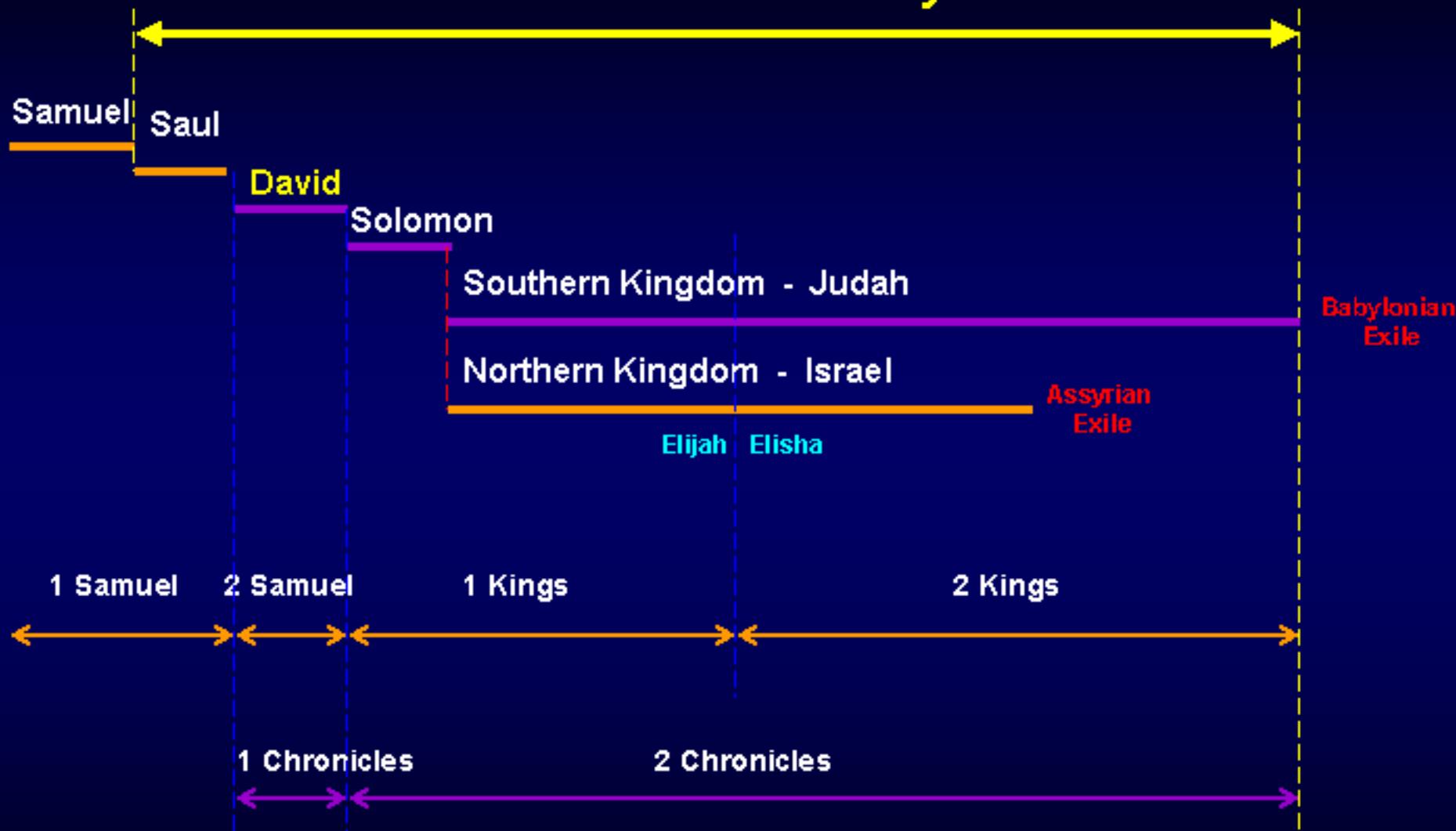
**17** Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the  
God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast  
asked of him.

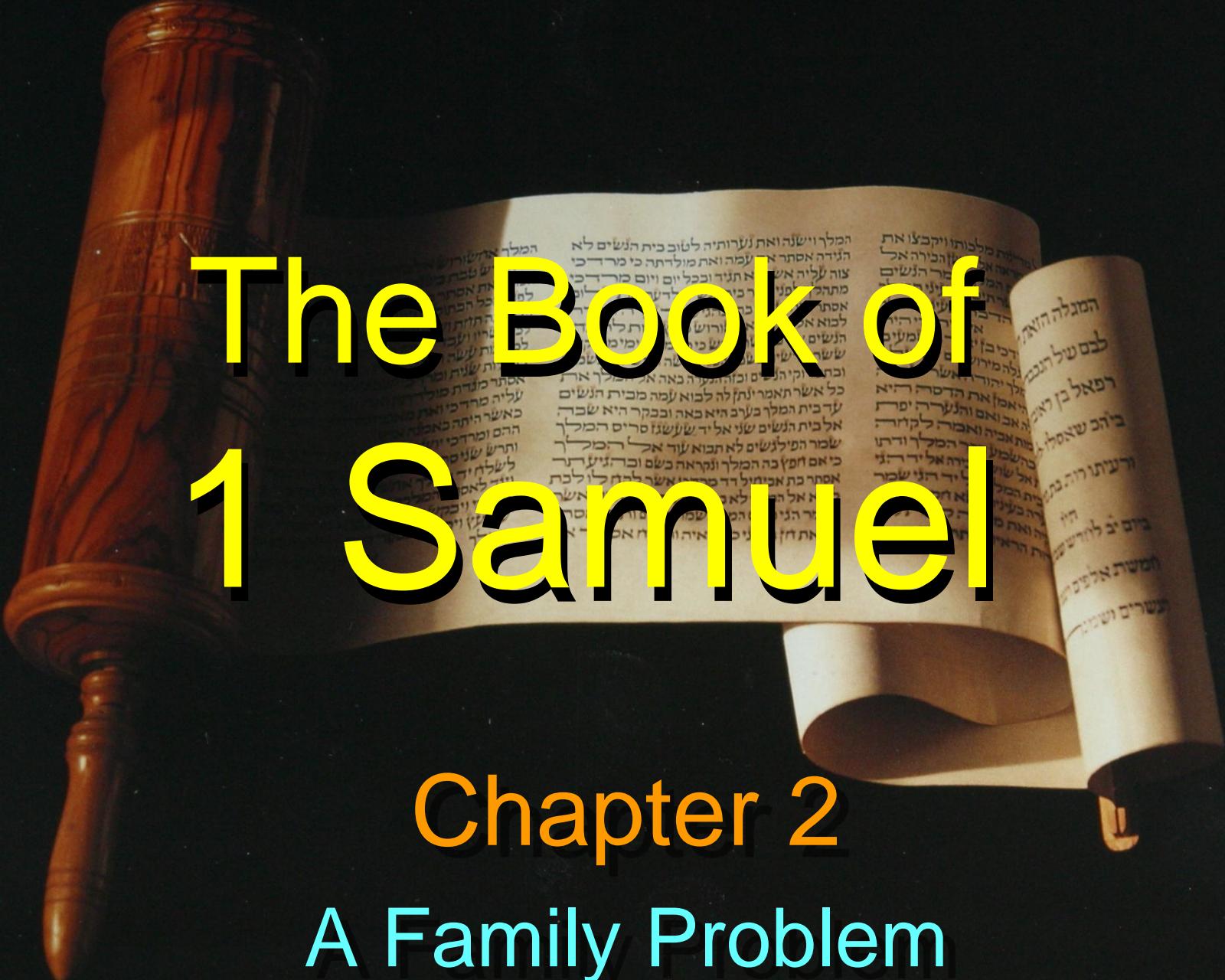
1 Samuel 1:16-17

# Samuel

- Samuel was weaned and taken to Shiloh
- Becomes one of Israel's greatest leaders
- Equalled only by Moses
  - Exemplary character in the midst of moral decline (see Psalm 99:6 / Jeremiah 15:1)
- Samuel becomes the last Judge of Israel
- ...finally defeats the Philistines
  - Samson had *begun* to deliver...
- Samuel heads the order of the prophets
  - Founded the school of the prophets
- Establishes the Monarchy

# The Monarchy





# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 2

### A Family Problem

**12** Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

**13** And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

**14** And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

<sup>15</sup> Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

<sup>16</sup> And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

1 Samuel 2:15-16

**I7** Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

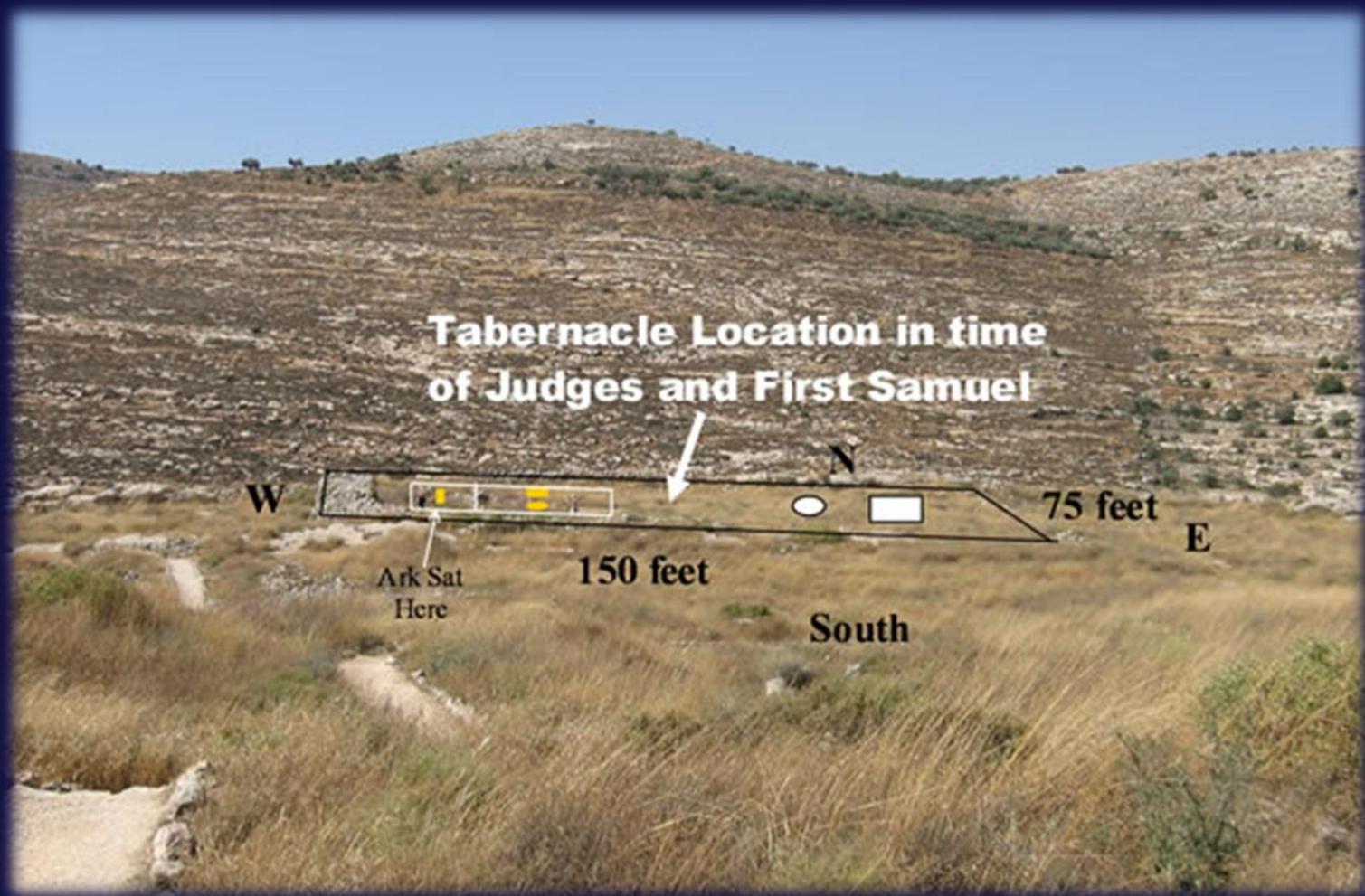
**I8** But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

1 Samuel 2:17-18

# Tabernacle at Shiloh



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**27** And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

**28** And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

**29** Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

1 Samuel 2:29

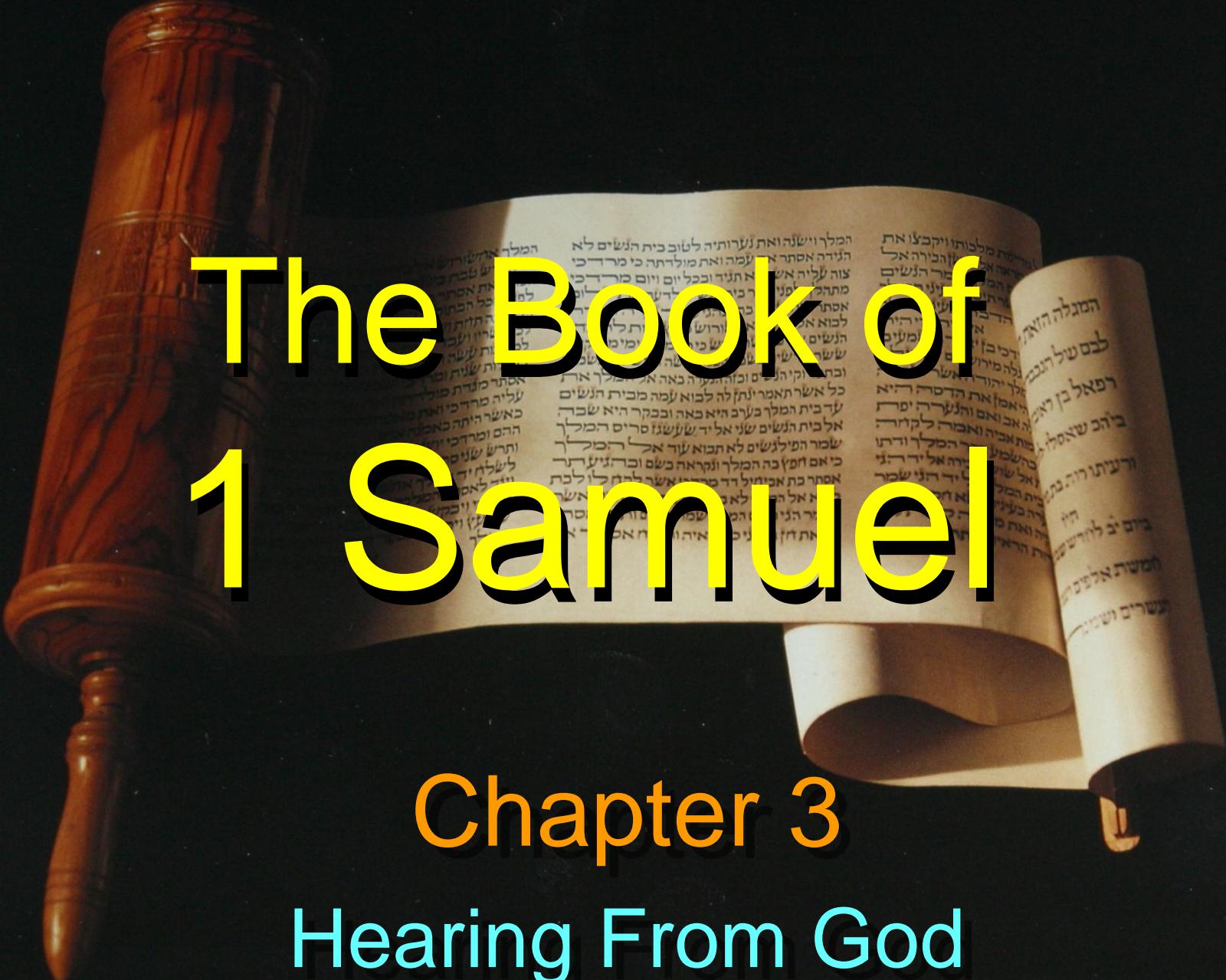
**30** Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

**31** Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

**32** And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation,  
in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and  
there shall not be an old man in thine house for  
ever.

**33** And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off  
from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes,  
and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of  
thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

1 Samuel 2:32-33



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 3

### Hearing From God

**9** Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10** And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

1 Samuel 3:9-10

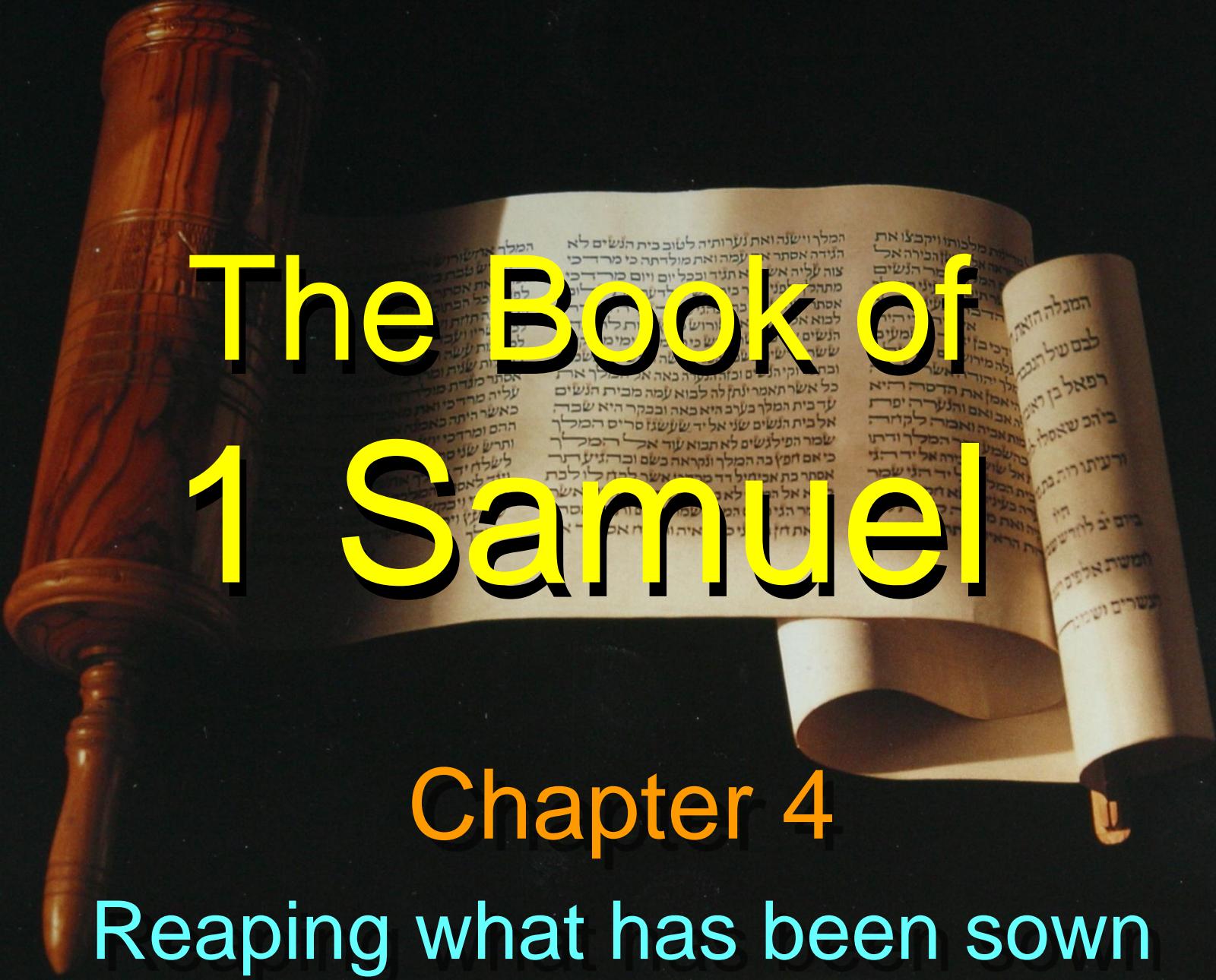
**11** And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

**12** In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

**13** For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

# Additional Notes:

- God was about to allow the unthinkable to happen – the Ark of the Covenant was about to be captured by Israel's enemies! The lesson is clear: our trust should never be in a city, or a box, or our church etc. Our trust must be in God Himself.
- We stand on the brink of something equally astonishing, as prophesied in 1 Peter 4:17; God is set to bring judgment on the church that bears His name! This judgment will be so complete that business men and women around the world will look on in wonder as the church which had the 'God franchise' is destroyed in one hour (see Rev 17-18). Of course, the true believers, those who know the LORD, will be taken out of the way before this judgment is fully unleashed, but the 'many' of Matthew 7:13 / 7:22 / 24:5 / 24:14 / 2 Peter 2:2 / 2 John 7 etc. will be swept up in the coming deception, and like Israel, will not know what hit them until it's too late.



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 4

Reaping what has been sown

**io** And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

**ii** And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

1 Samuel 4:10-11

**12** And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

**13** And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

1 Samuel 4:12-13

**I4** And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

**I5** Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

**I6** And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

1 Samuel 4:14-16

**i7** And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

**i8** And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

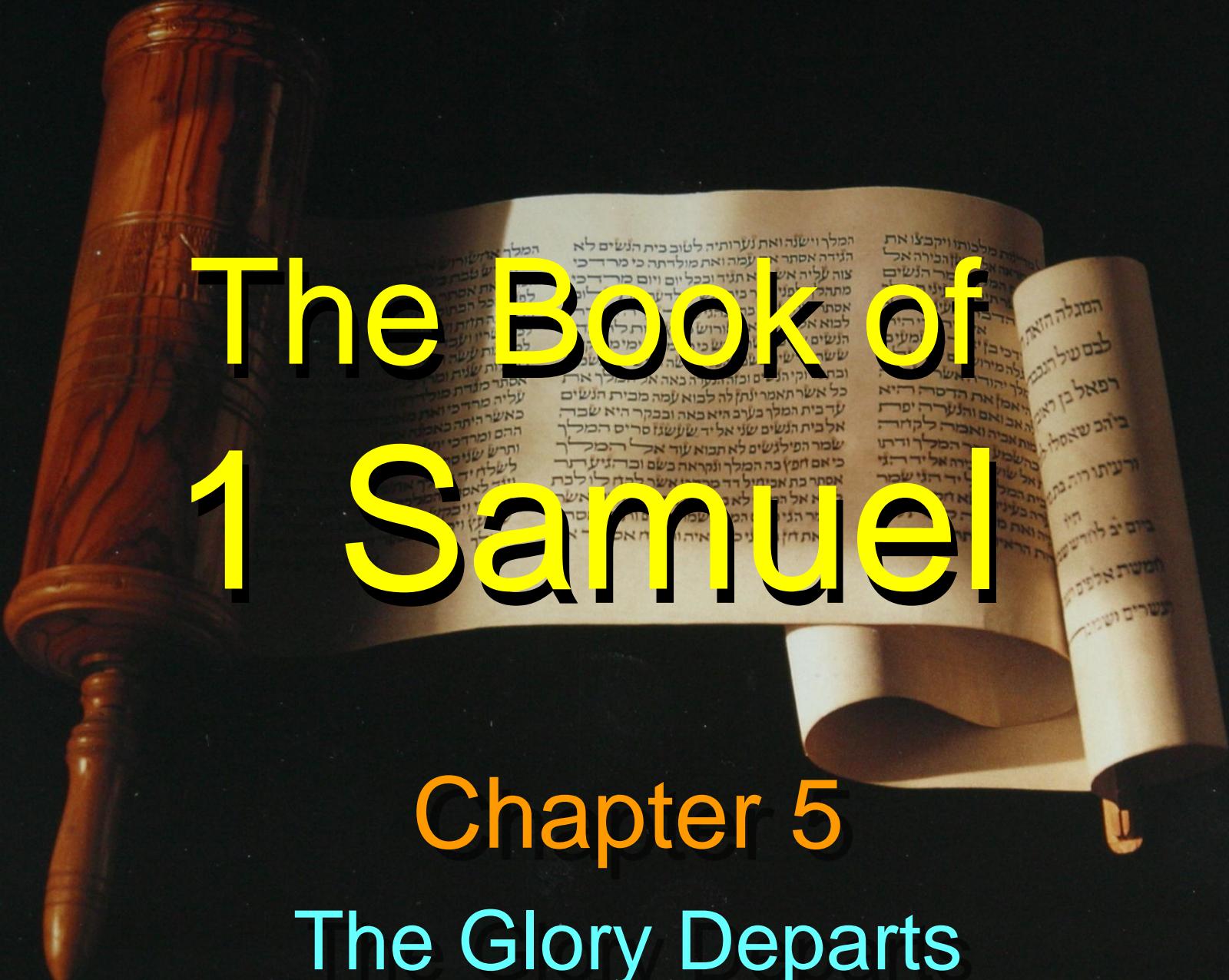
**19** And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

**20** And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

**21** And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

**22** And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

1 Samuel 4:21-22



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 5

### The Glory Departs

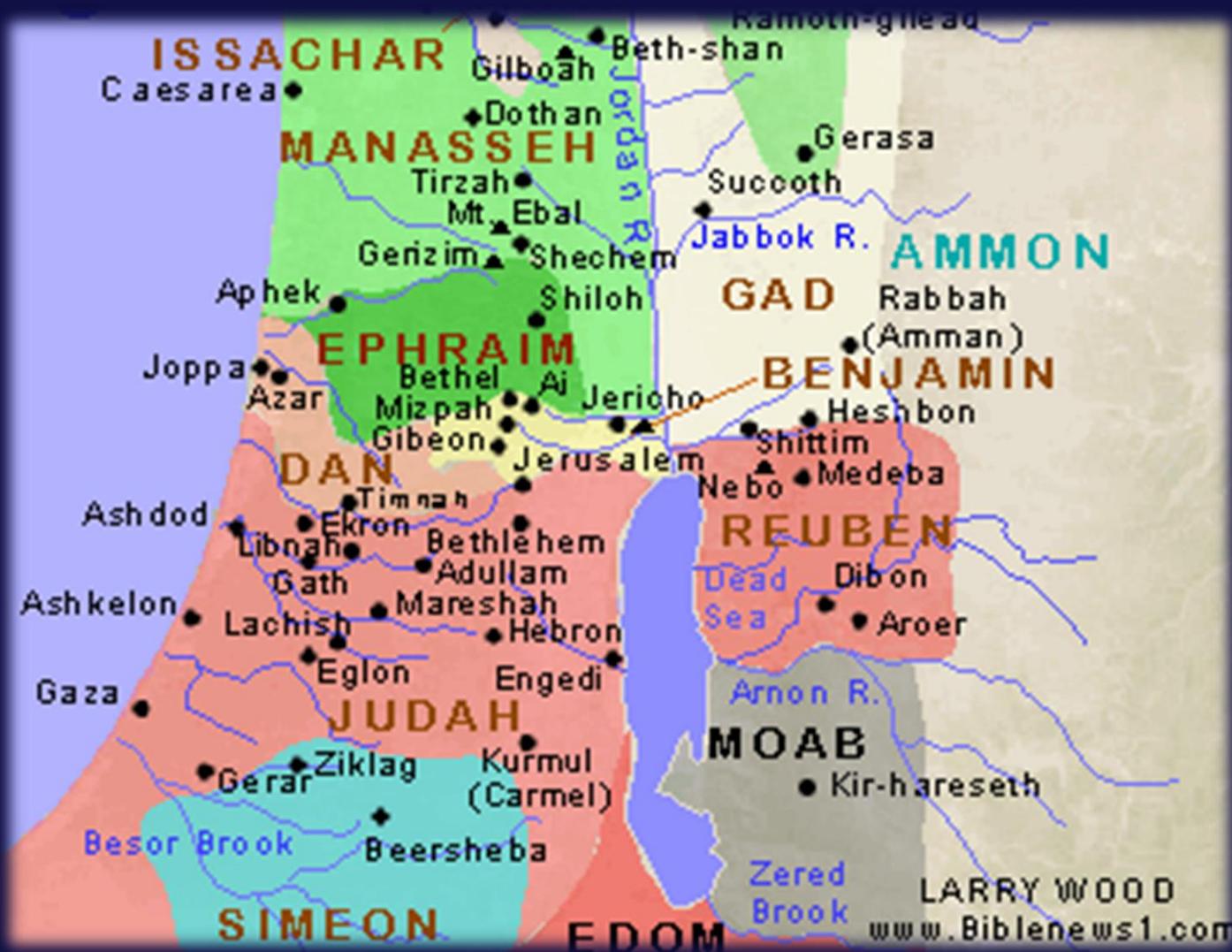
**I** And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.

1 Samuel 5:1

# Philistines

- Gen 21:34 – Already in the Land
- Exodus 13:17 – Feared
- 5 Cities: Gaza (the leading one),  
Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron

# The 5 Philistine Cities



*2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.*

1 Samuel 5:2

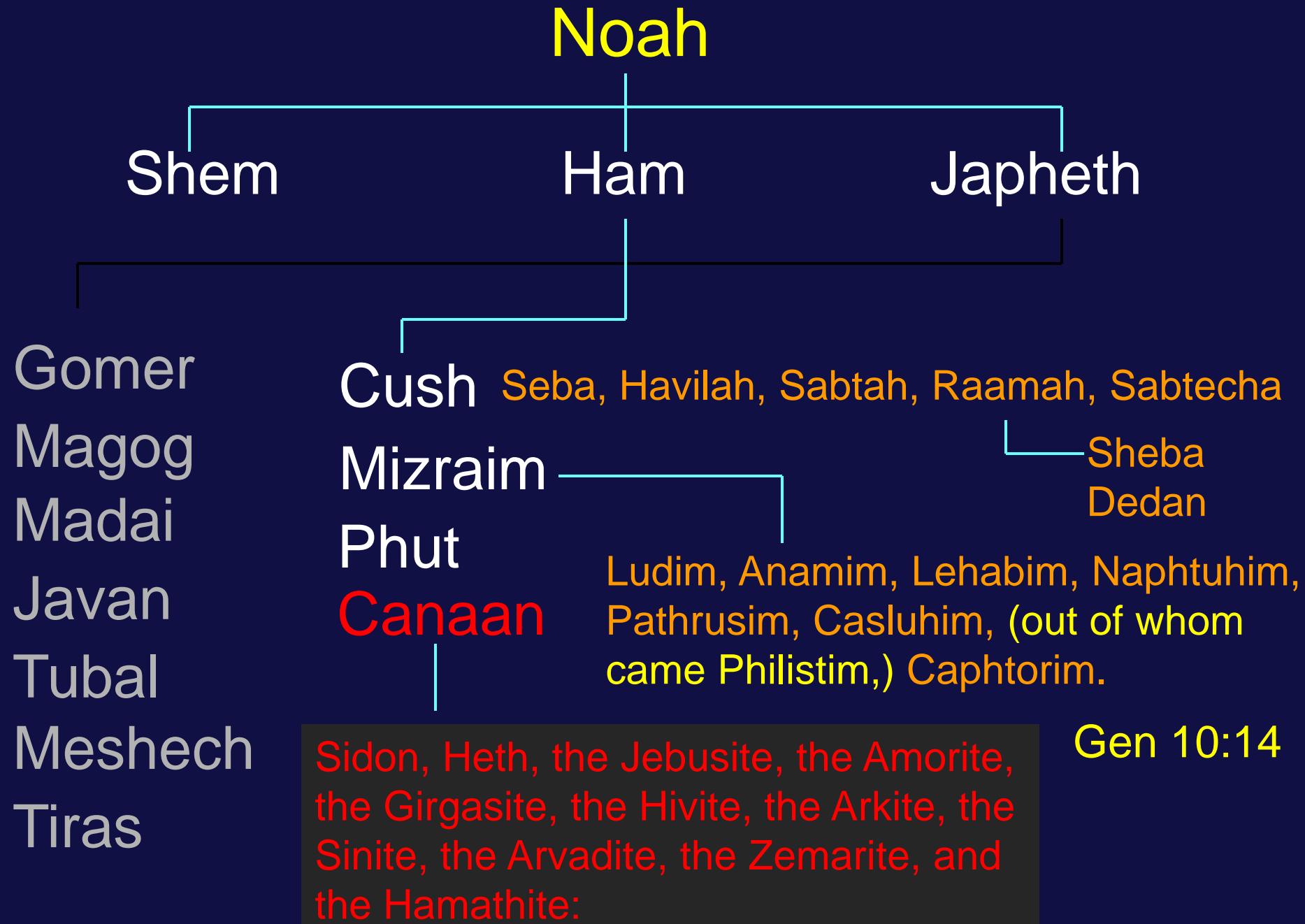
- Dagon: derived from dagh, "fish"
- Statue: half man / half fish
  - The male god to which Atargatis corresponds (2 Macc. 12:26), the Syrian goddess with a woman's body and fish's tail, worshipped at Hierapolis and Ascalon. Our fabulous mermaid is derived from this Phoenician idol.
  - Fausset's Bible Dictionary

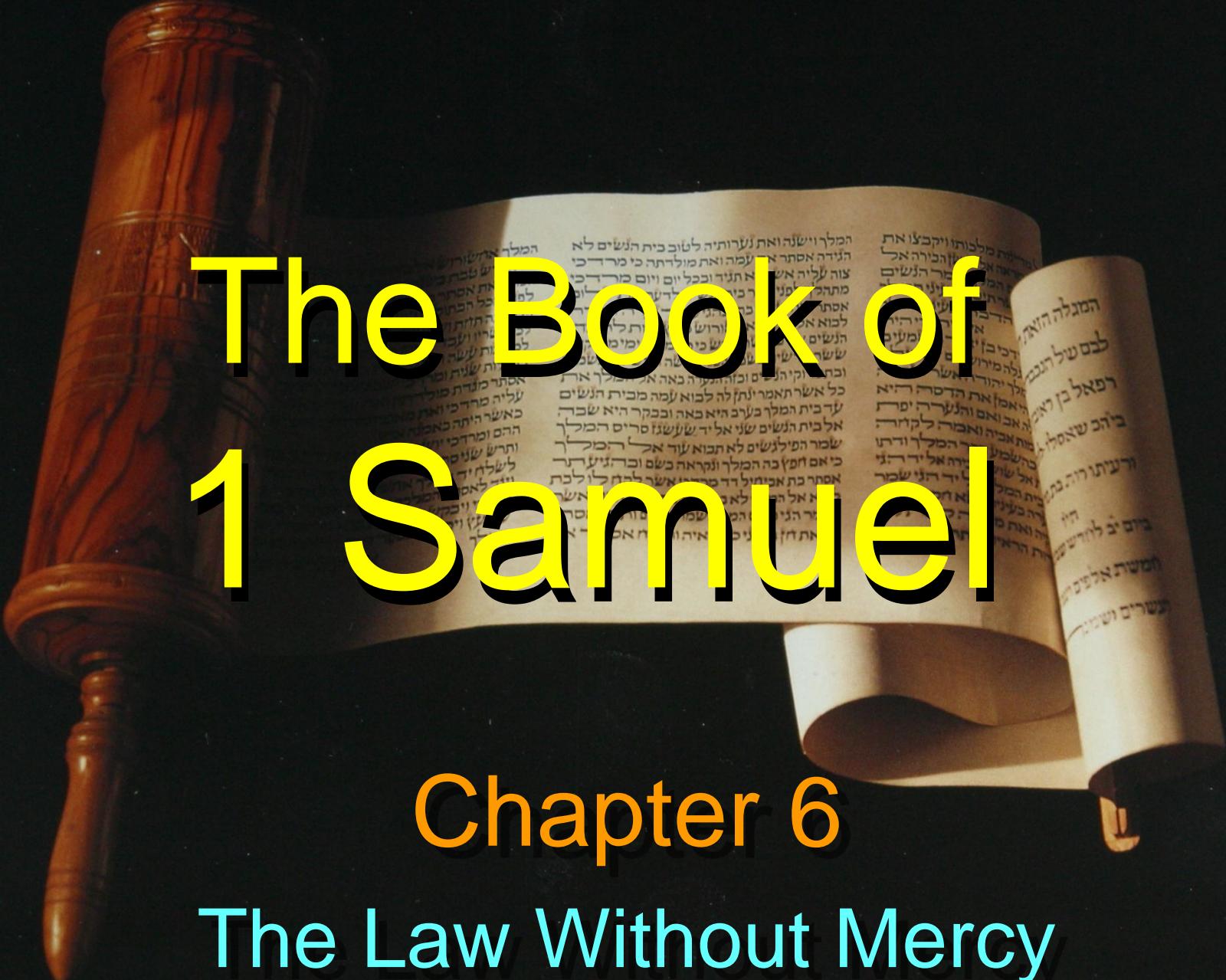






# The history of the Philistines





# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 6

### The Law Without Mercy

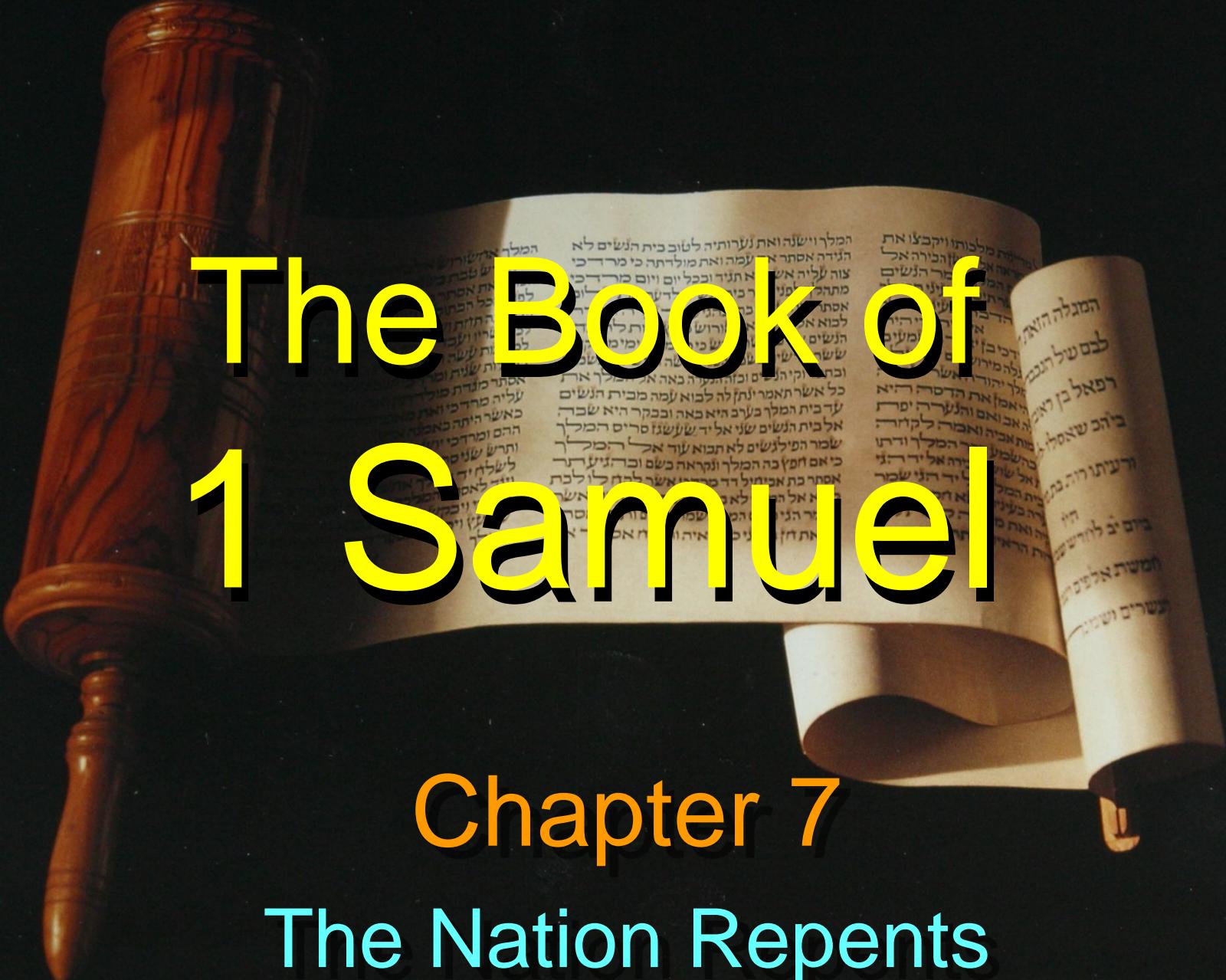
**19** And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

1 Samuel 6:19

- If we come face to face with God's holy Law, without his mercy, we are condemned.
- The people of Beth-shemesh removed the Mercy Seat and looked at the Law, and paid the price.

## Additional Notes

- The people of Beth-shemesh had learned to their cost that God was a holy God, and the Ark of the Covenant represented that holiness. Contained in the Ark was the Law, and by removing the ‘seat of mercy’ that stood between them and God’s holy Law, their own sinfulness and iniquity were exposed. Much like Simon Peter they cried “*Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord*” (Luke 5:8). We now see the people of Kirjathjearim come to take the Ark away, and Eleazar appointed to take care of it on behalf of the nation.
- It would be easy to gloss over the immense responsibility given here to Eleazar! Similarly, we should note the incredible responsibility we have been given in being custodians of God’s Word. God’s Word is to be contained within these ‘earthen vessels’ (Psalm 119:11 / 2 Corinthians 4:7), our lives and conduct are to be transformed by the fact it dwells with us.



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 7

### The Nation Repents

**5** And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

**6** And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

1 Samuel 7:5-6

- Biggest assembly for 20 years
  - last time they were defeated
- 20,000 buried at this site

# Additional Notes

- Mizpeh had been the site where the Ark had been lost. It had been the place where 34,000 of their brethren had died in battle, a battle that Israel entered into without God. Their idolatry had brought upon them the judgment God had promised; and rather than call upon God, they called upon the Ark – and subsequently lost it (see notes on 1 Sam 4:2-3). Twenty years later we now see the nation brought to their knees through the ministry of righteous Samuel. The phrase ‘Samuel judged the children of Israel’ could be paraphrased ‘and Samuel brought the hearts of the people back to the Lord their God’, for that was the purpose and ministry of every Judge of Israel (see Othniel; Judges 3:10 / Deborah; Judges 4:4 / Tola; Judges 10:2 / Jair; Judges 10:3 / Jephthah; Judges 12:7 / Ibzan; Judges 12:8 / Elon; Judges 12:11 / Abdon; Judges 12:13 / Samson; Judges 15:20). It is at this time
- that Samuel fully enters into the three-fold ministry of prophet (declaring God’s word to the people), priest (acting as intercessor) and king (exercising Godly leadership over the nation). In this way Samuel can be seen as a type (model) of Christ

# The Memorial at Mizpah

- Biggest assembly for 20 years
  - last time they were here they were defeated
- Mizpah (which means – drew water – cf Lamentations / Ps 62) indicates a pouring out of the soul
- This was the greatest consecration since Gilgal when they crossed the Jordan.
- 34,000 Israelites had been buried here, now their pride and self sufficiency are also buried here.

**IO** And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

1 Samuel 7:10

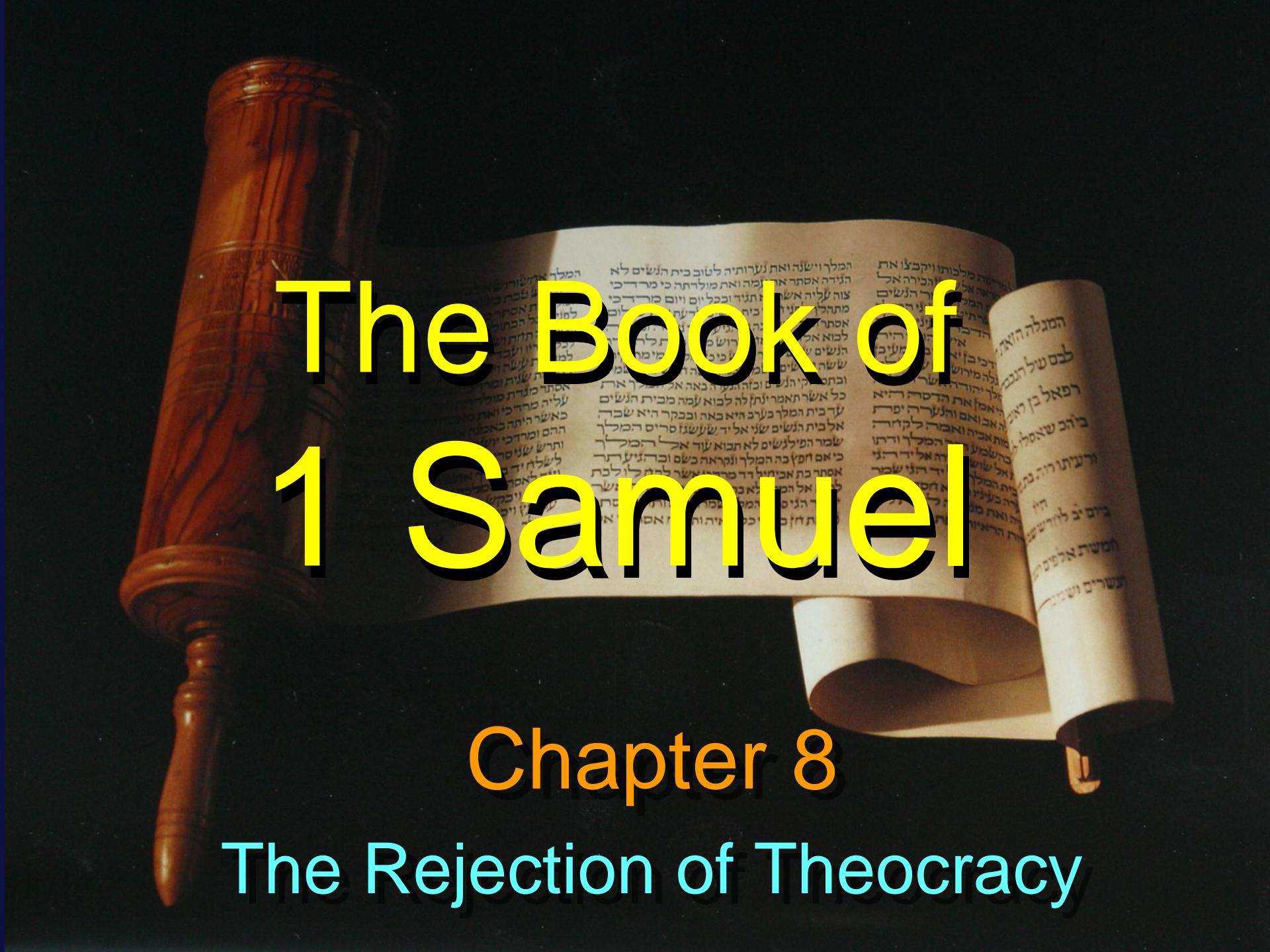
**II** And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

**I2** Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

1 Samuel 7:11-12

# Additional Notes

- Beth-car means ‘the house of the Lamb’.
- **Hither to...** as far as we have come God had provided...
- Abraham sets up a stone – “Jehovah Jira” – meaning: place of remembrance
  - Jacob - Piller at Bethel – a memorial
  - Joshua at Gilgal – a memorial
- There should be memorial’s on our journey to remind us of the battles won and lost.
- They are setting up this memorial in the place they had been defeated before



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 8

### The Rejection of Theocracy

**4** Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

**5** And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

**6** But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

1 Samuel 8:4-6

**7** And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

**8** According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

# Rejection of Theocracy

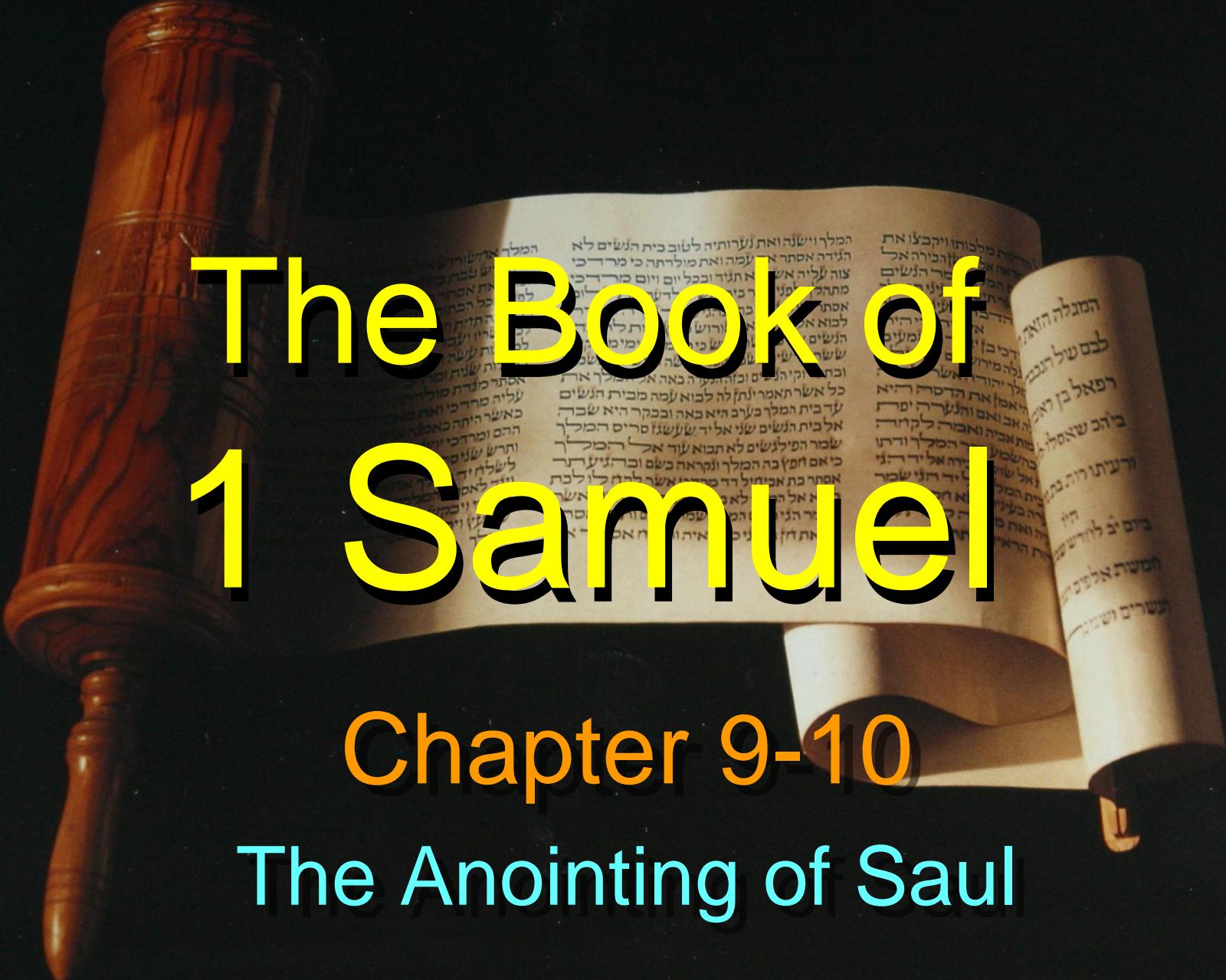
- This request was born in a committee not a prayer meeting!
- Revelation 2:6
- Revelation 2:12-15
  - Pergamos ‘mixed marriage’
  - The fusion of paganism & Christianity
  - c.306 A.D. Constantine ‘legalises’

# Rejection of Theocracy

- In choosing Saul, the nation rejected the Father;
- Much later in choosing Barabbas, they rejected the Son;
- ...and when they chose their own leaders instead of the witness of the Apostles, they rejected the Holy Spirit
  - “*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye*” (Acts 7:51).

# The Kingdom

- God had intended a kingdom for Israel
  - Deut 17:14-15
- But this was not His timing
- 2 Prerequisites for the Messiah
  - The Law
  - The Monarchy



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 9-10

### The Anointing of Saul

**1** Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

**2** And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

# Lineage of Saul

- 1. Benjamin.
- 2. Becher (Gen 46:2; 1 Chron 7:6).
- 3. Abiah, or Aphiah (1 Chron 7:8).
- 4. Bechorath.
- 5. Meter, or Matri (1 Sam 10:21).
- 6. Zaror.
- 7. Abiel, or Jehiel (cf. 1 Sam 14:51 with 1 Chron 9:35).
- 8. Ner.
- 9. Kish.
- 10. Saul.

# Lineage of Saul

- Saul had everything in his favour:
  - 1) a strong body, 10:23;
  - 2) a humble mind, 9:21;
  - 3) a new heart, 10:9;
  - 4) spiritual power, 10:10;
  - 5) loyal friends, 10:26; and most of all,
  - 6) the guidance and prayers of Samuel.
- Yet in spite of these advantages, he failed miserably. Why?
- Because he would not allow God to be the Lord of his life.
- God will not violate our free will

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# Additional Notes

- Kish was from Benjamin – His dad (or grandad) must have been one of the 600 men left alive after the tragedy at the end of the book of Judges.
- Wives were found for these men from Jabesh-Gilead – so it is very likely that Saul's mum (or grandmother) was from this place.

**24** And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

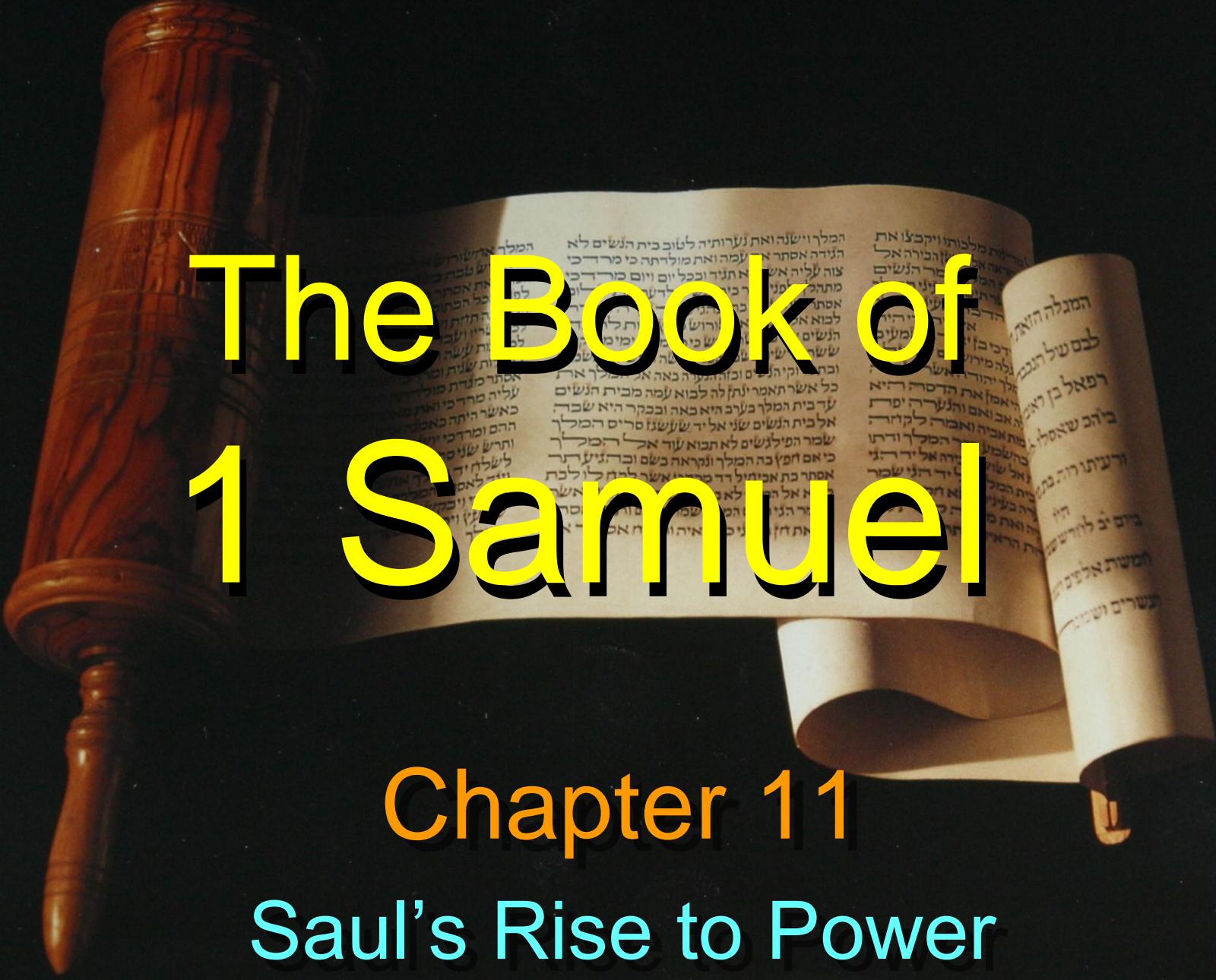
**25** Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

1 Samuel 10:24-25

**26** And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

**27** But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

1 Samuel 10:26-27



# The Book of 1 Samuel

## Chapter 11

### Saul's Rise to Power

**1** Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

**2** And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.

1 Samuel 11:1-2

**3** And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

1 Samuel 11:3

**4** Then came the messengers to Gibeāh of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

**5** And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

**6** And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

1 Samuel 11:7

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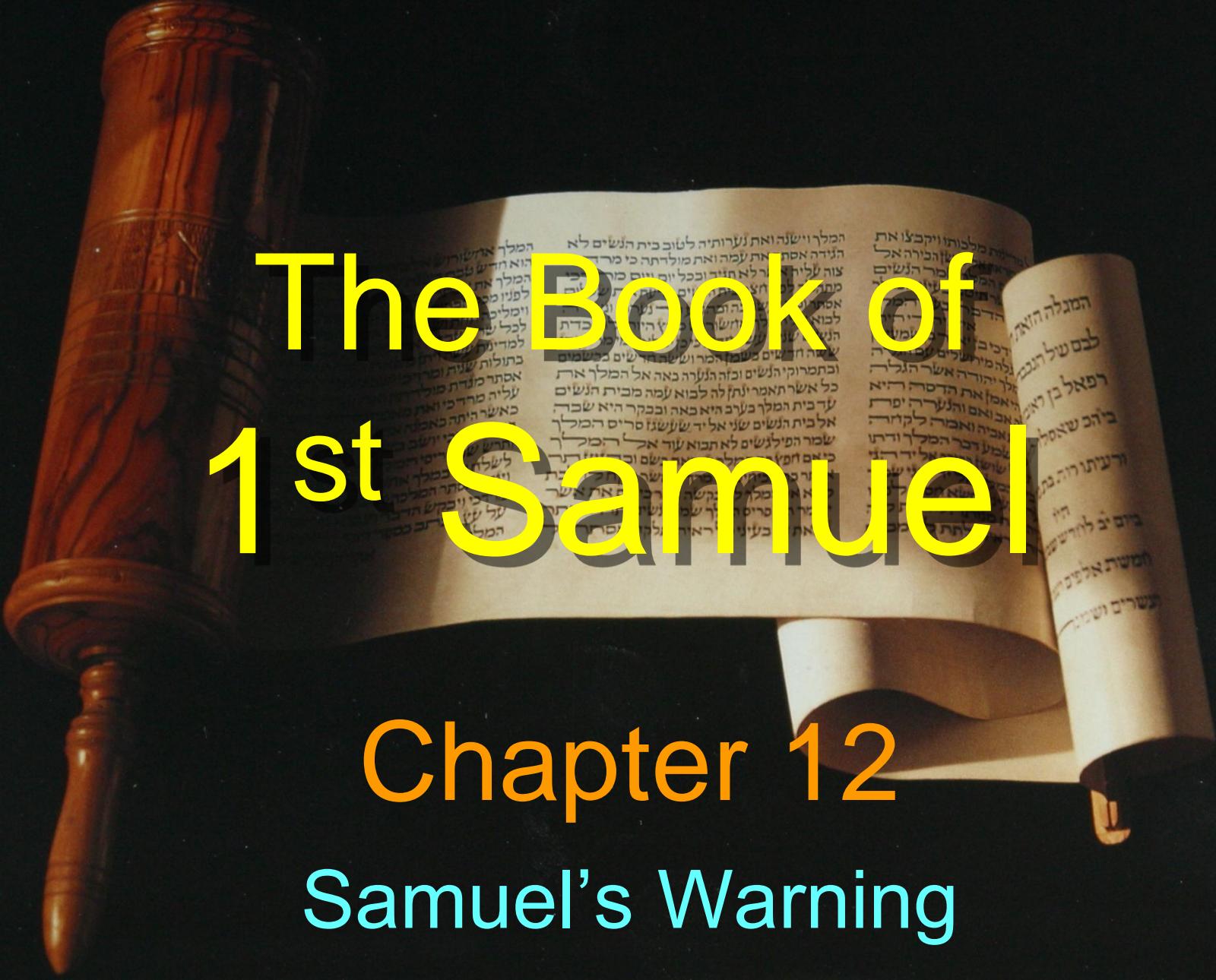
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**14** Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

**15** And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

1 Samuel 11:14-15



# The Book of 1st Samuel

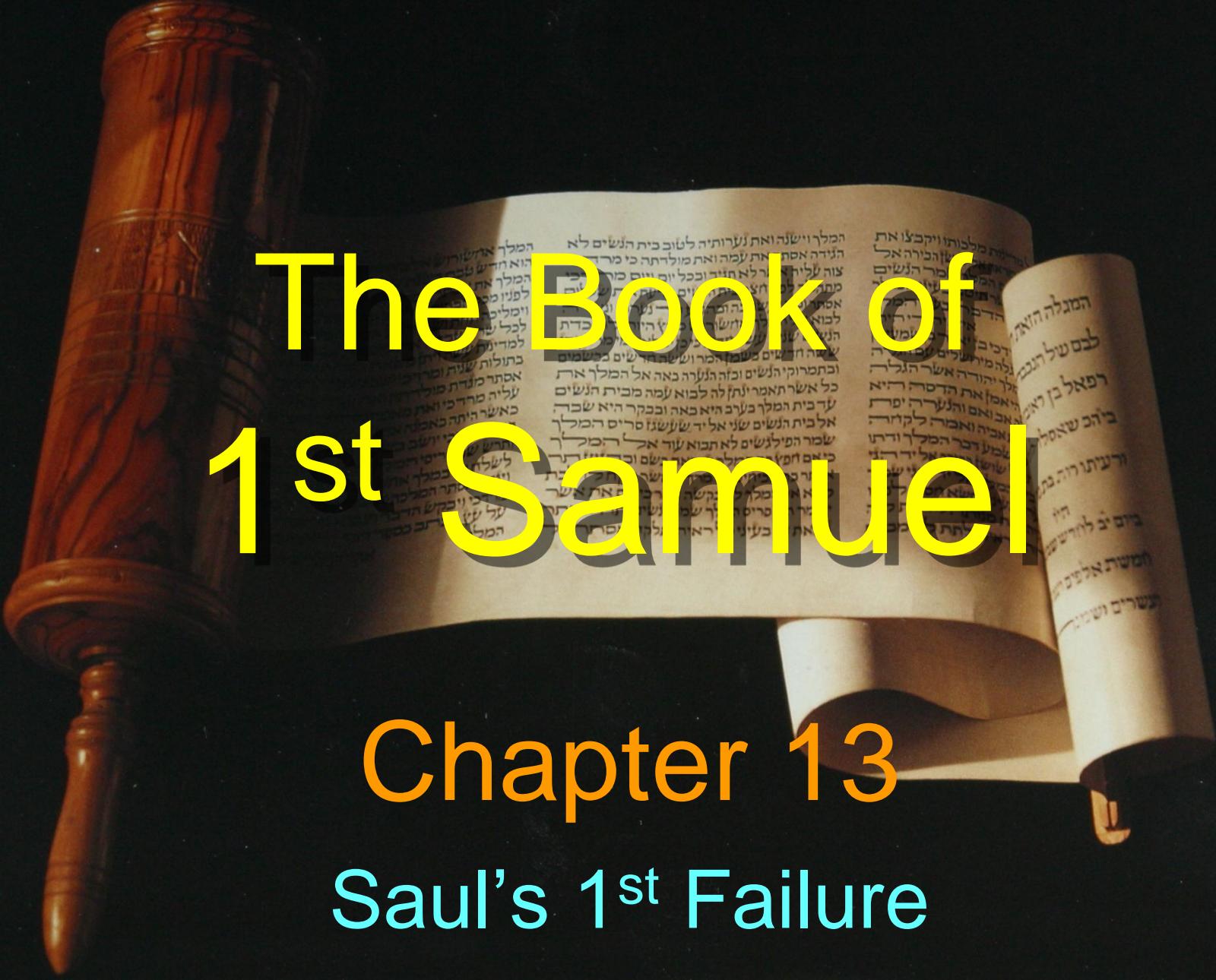
## Chapter 12 Samuel's Warning

***23** Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:*

***24** Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.*

***25** But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.*

1 Samuel 12:23-25



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## Chapter 13 Saul's 1<sup>st</sup> Failure

# Saul's 1<sup>st</sup> Failure

- After two years on the throne Saul leads an army against the Philistines
- Jonathan (Saul's son) attacked & defeated a garrison
- The Philistines respond by sending an army with 30,000 chariots, 6000 horsemen, and a large infantry
- The Israeli army are afraid and some flee
- Saul waits for 7 days for Samuel to arrive

# Saul's 1<sup>st</sup> Failure

- Samuel doesn't arrive and Saul's army start to scatter
- Saul then decides to personally offer a burnt offering – in violation of the Law
  - He wasn't a Levite!
  - God had given strict instructions regarding offerings – because the shed blood of an innocent substitute would atone for their sin and grant them favour with the LORD
- Saul did not respect 'the blood of the covenant'

# Living Stones

- <sup>28</sup> He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:*
- <sup>29</sup> Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

**Hebrews 10:28-29**

**10** And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

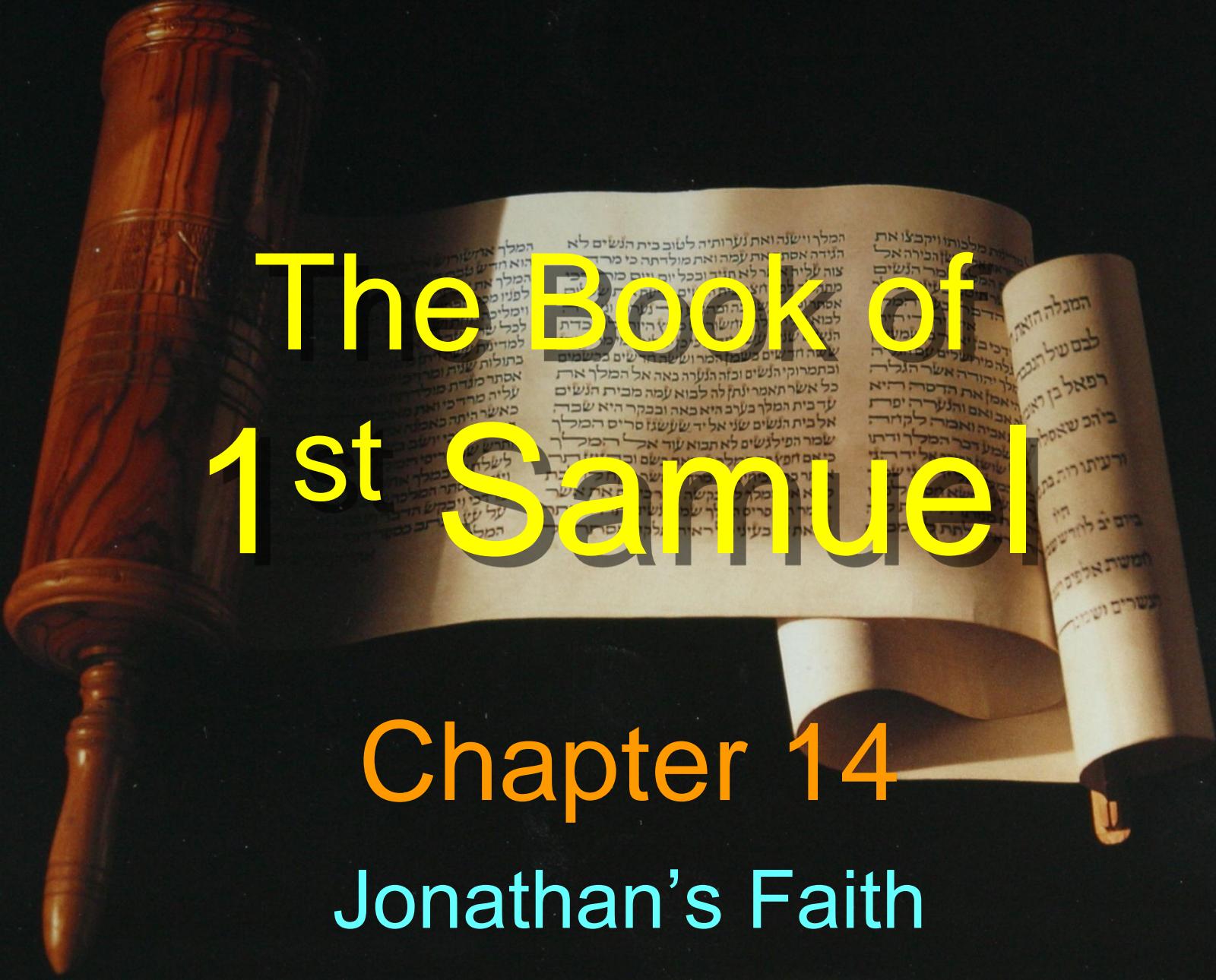
1 Samuel 13:10

**II** And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;  
**I2** Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:11-12

**I3** And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

**I4** But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.



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## Chapter 14 Jonathan's Faith

# Jonathan's Faith

- Jonathan & his armour bearer go up against 20 Philistines
- Jonathan seeks the LORD as to what he should do

**6** And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

**7** And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

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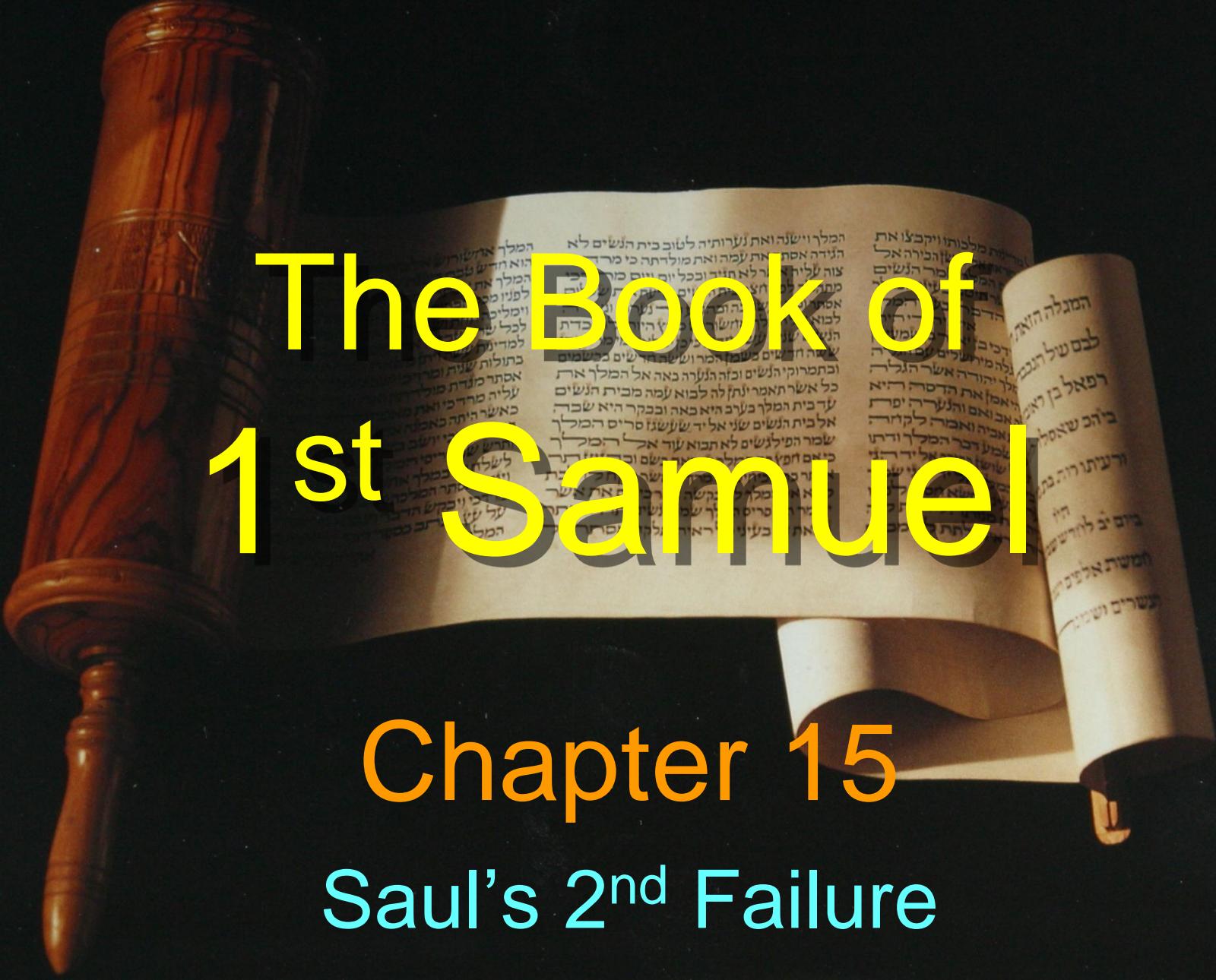
**9** If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

**10** But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

**11** And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

# Jonathan's Faith

- God gives Jonathan and his armour bearer the victory
- How much are we prepared to trust God?
- If we ask God to guide us, are we willing to follow?



# The Book of 1st Samuel

## Chapter 15

### Saul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Failure

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- God instructs Saul (through Samuel) to destroy the Amalakites
  - Amalek had attacked Israel at Rephidim Ex 16
  - God said he would wipe out the remembrance
- Saul defeat them, but spares king Agag and the cattle

**IO** Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel,  
saying,

**II** It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be  
king: for he is turned back from following me, and  
hath not performed my commandments. And it  
grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all  
night.

1 Samuel 15:10-11

# Saul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Failure

- Samuel comes to confront Saul
- Saul boasts: 'I have performed the commandment of the LORD'

**I4** And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

**I5** And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:14-15

**22** And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

**23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

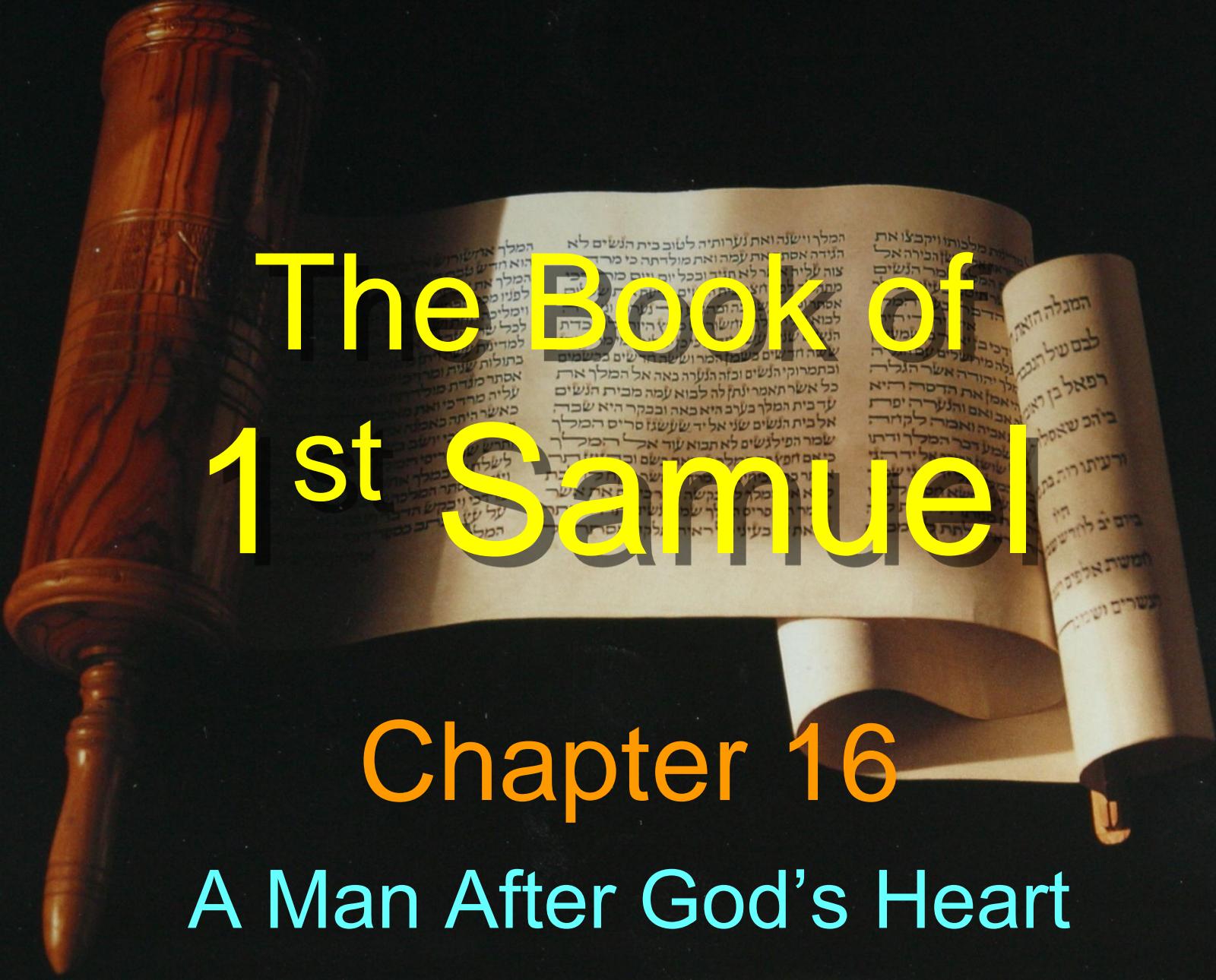
# Saul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Failure

- Saul had also left Agag alive
- Samuel - in righteous anger – kills Agag
- Samuel then departs from Saul for the last time:

*34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.*

*35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.*

1 Samuel 15:34-35



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## Chapter 16

### A Man After God's Heart

**I** And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

1 Samuel 16:1

# The Natural vs. Spiritual

- Saul arrives in Bethlehem and goes to Jesse's house
- One by one Jesse's sons are paraded before Samuel – oldest to the youngest.

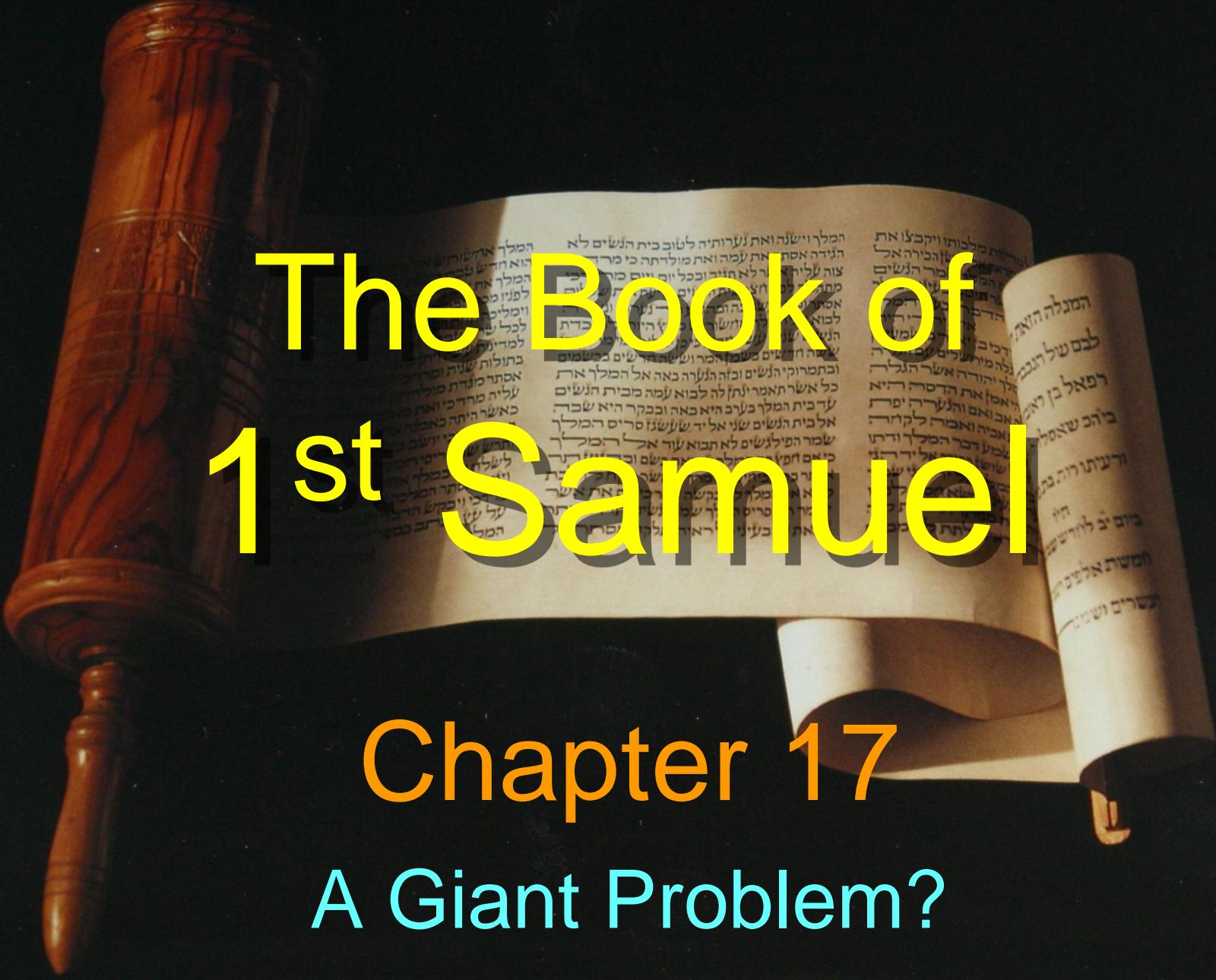
**6** And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

**7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:6-7

# The Natural vs. Spiritual

- Eventually they send for David and Samuel anoints him as king
- Meanwhile, Saul is being troubled by an evil spirit
  - Spirit 'from the LORD' (not of the LORD)
- They seek for a musician to come to play before Saul, to ease the torment
- David is chosen and invited to come to the royal court
  - Godly music from a worshipping heart



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## Chapter 17

### A Giant Problem?

# A Giant Problem?

- The Philistines once again come out to war against Israel
  - Fulfilment of Judges 1:2 '*thorns in your sides*'
- This time they have a champion who challenges any of Israel's army to a duel
- King Saul is 'hiding' in his tent...
- David has just returned from Bethlehem with supplies for his brothers, and is intrigued by the Giant Philistines challenge

**26** And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

1 Samuel 17:26

- News of David's interest reach Saul and David is brought before the king...

**32** And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:32

**33** And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

**34** And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

**35** And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

**36** Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

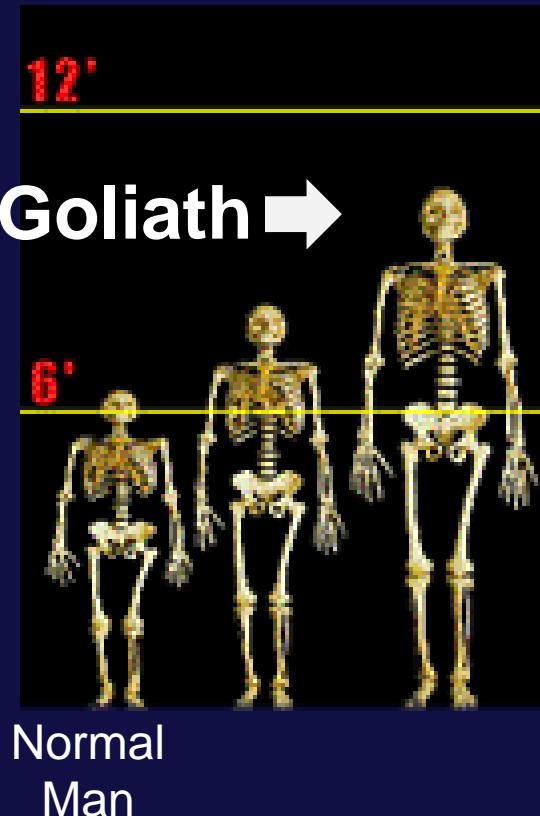
**37** David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

# David & Saul

- Both had come from humble backgrounds
- Both were raised up to deliver Israel
- Both were given God's Spirit to enable them
- Yet Saul chose his own path – disobedience
- Whereas David chose to walk by faith
- Saul had a bitter end
- David had a glorious end – and a future!

# David & Goliath

- David was a shepherd
- Goliath was a professional combatant
- David was not tall
- Goliath was over 9ft tall
- Goliath was fully armed
- David took just 5 stones
  - Why
  - Goliath had 4 brothers!
    - 2 Samuel 21:18-21



**54** And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

**1 Samuel 17:54**

**17** And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew **Golgotha:**

**John 19:17**

# Gol –Goth-a

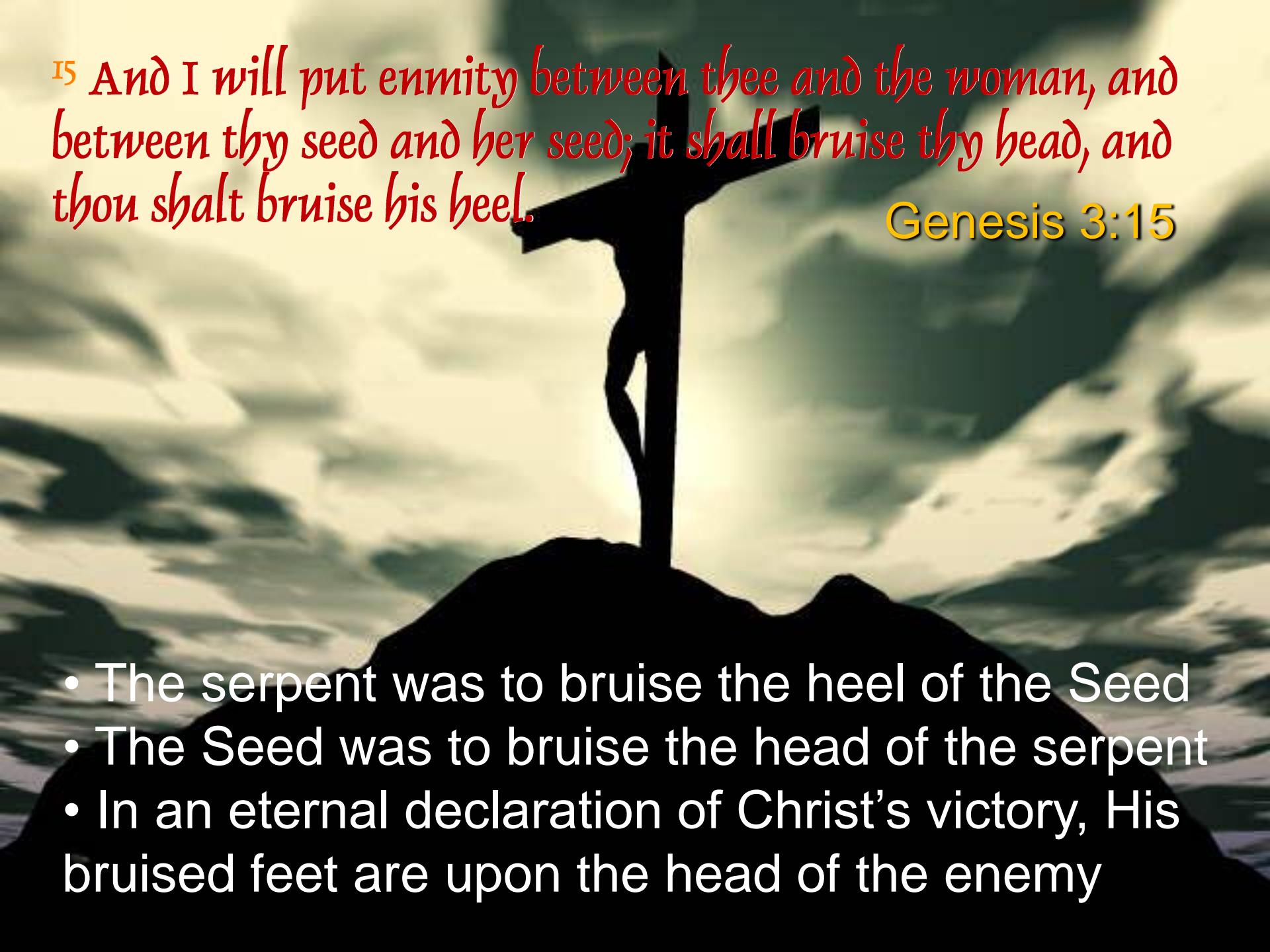
## Goliath of Gath – The Place of a Skull

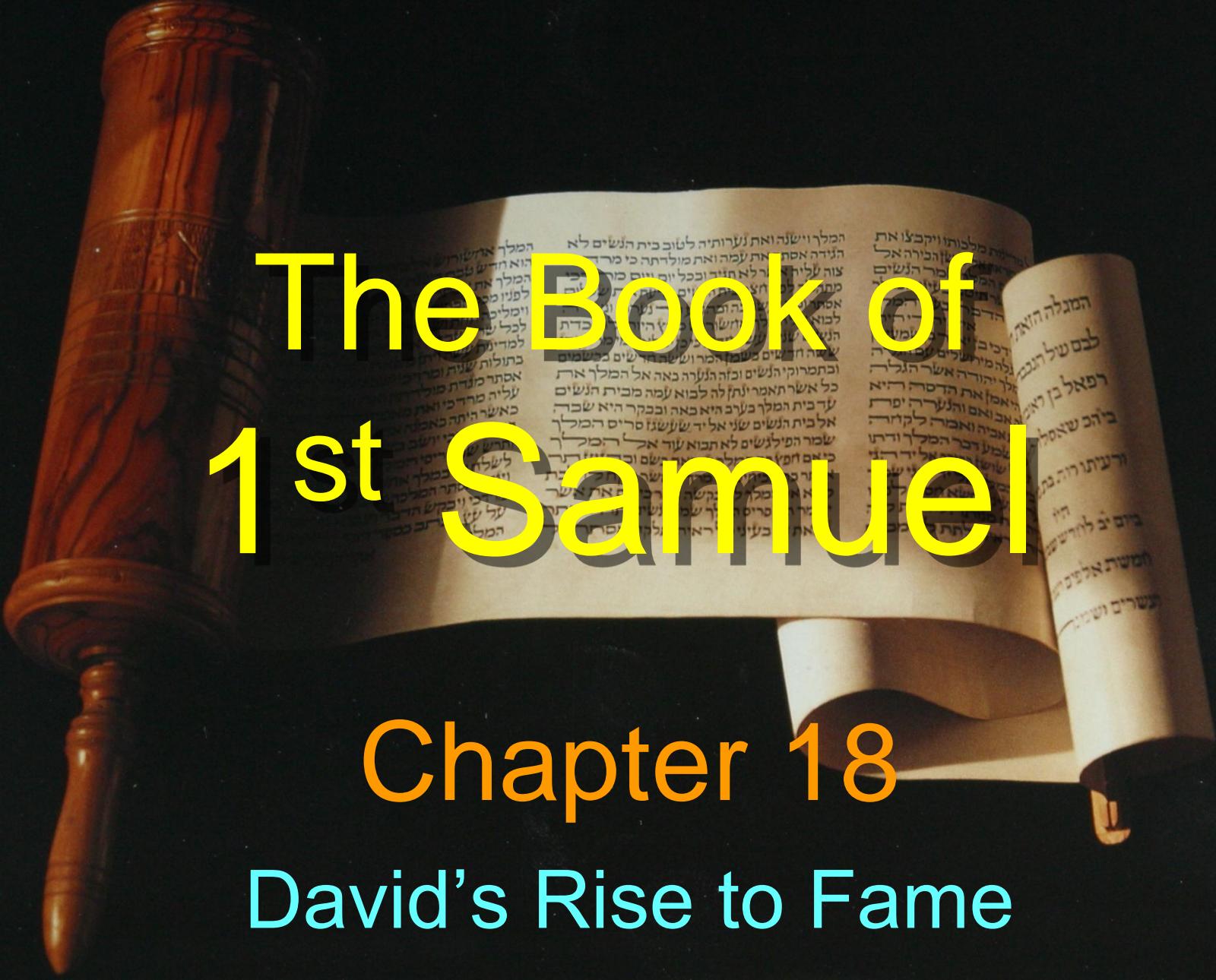
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<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:15

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- The serpent was to bruise the heel of the Seed
  - The Seed was to bruise the head of the serpent
  - In an eternal declaration of Christ's victory, His bruised feet are upon the head of the enemy



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## Chapter 18

### David's Rise to Fame

**1** And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

**2** And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

**3** Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:1-3

**4** And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Samuel 18:4

- Jonathan was in line to the throne by blood
- David was in line by divine decree
- Jonathan abdicated – submitting to God's will
- Are you pleased when God uses another?

# The Making of a Man of God

- David has been anointed to be king
- God has prepared his heart as a shepherd
- God had given him faith to trust
- God has brought him to the palace to learn his trade through observation
- He has brought him before Goliath
- He has received public recognition & honour
- Jonathan has abdicated
- Everything is set for David to take the throne

**io** And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

**ii** And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

1 Samuel 18:10-11

- “I’m doubtful if God can use a man greatly until He hurts him deeply” Tozer

# The Making of a Man of God

- David is given 5x more print than any other character in Scripture (66 chapters)
- David will spend c.15 yrs fleeing and hiding
- Why would God do this?

# The Making of a Man of God

- <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*
- <sup>3</sup> Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
- <sup>4</sup> But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

**James 1:2-4**



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