

Introduction of Samuel (Hannah), introduction of Saul

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| 1.1 | There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim , whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. [Samuel as sixth son] | 9.1 | There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. [Saul as sixth son] |
| 1.1 | Samuel's father, Elkanah, is a " man of Zuph " | 9.5 | Saul and the boy came to the land of Zuph [only these two verses and 1 Chr 6.35] |
| | | 9.4 | He passed through the hill country of Ephraim |
| 1.9 | Hannah goes to present herself before YHWH at Shiloh, to the priest, Eli, whose sons are corrupt | 9.6ff | Saul goes to present himself to the "man of God" [= "seer" and "prophet"] in an unnamed city, whose sons are corrupt |
| | Encounter between Samuel and Eli lead to a new vocation for Samuel | | Encounter between Saul and Samuel leads to a new vocation for Saul |
| 2.8 | Hannah's song praises God who " raises up the poor...to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor | 9.21-22 | Saul and his servant ("I am from the least of the tribes of Israel and my family is the humblest of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin") are given places at the head of the banquet table and a special portion of food. |