

Samson/Samuel parallels

ELEMENT	SAMSON IN JUDGES	SAMUEL IN 1 SAMUEL
Nazirites	13.5-7	1.11, 22
Face Philistines	13.5	[4.1ff] 7.3
Destruction of Dagon temple	16.23ff	5.2ff
Born to seemingly “barren” women who are divinely blessed	13.2	1.2ff

The ark/Phinehas connection between earlier texts and 1 Samuel 4-7

DEUTERONOMY “ARK” THREAD	JUDGES “PHINEHAS” THREAD	ELI THREAD	SAMUEL THREAD
<p>10.8: At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day.</p>	<p>And the Israelites inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, and Phinehas son of <u>Eleazar, son of Aaron</u>, ministered before it in those days) [a period with no leader among the tribes]</p>	<p>4.4: The <u>two sons of Eli</u>, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.</p>	<p>3.3: Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.</p> <p>6.15: The Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was beside it,</p>
<p><u>31.9 [and 31.25-26]</u> Then Moses wrote down this law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.</p>	<p>NUMBERS “PHINEHAS” THREAD <u>25.7-11:</u> When Phinehas son of <u>Eleazar, son of Aaron</u> the priest, saw it, he got up and left the congregation. Taking a spear in his hand, he went after the Israelite man into the tent, and pierced the two of them, the</p>	<p><u>4.19-22:</u> As she was about to die, the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or give heed. She named the child Ichabod, meaning,</p>	<p><u>7.1-3:</u> And the people of Kir-iath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD, and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill [see 2 Sam 6.3]. They consecrated his son, <u>Eleazar</u>, to have charge</p>

Israelite and the woman, through the belly. So the plague was stopped among the people of Israel. Nevertheless those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand. The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "**Phinehas** son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the Israelites by manifesting such zeal among them on my behalf that in my jealousy I did not consume the Israelites. 31.6: Moses sent them to the war, a thousand from each tribe, along with **Phinehas** son of Eleazar the priest.. [also, Josh 22.13, 30; 22.31, etc.]

"The glory has departed from Israel," because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the **ark** of God has been captured."

1 Samuel 7.1:
They consecrated [Abinadab's] son, Eleazar, to have charge of the **ark** of the LORD.

of the ark of the LORD. From the day that the **ark** was lodged at Kir-iath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Astartes from among you. Direct your heart to the LORD, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."