

## 1 Samuel 1 - 3 – The God who Humbles and Exalts

### An introduction to Samuel

(USE Flow chart in ppt)

Creation

Adam and Eve – Fall – blessing lost, not fully realised

Tower of Babel

Abraham and God's promise to him (approx 2000bc)

Moses and the burning bush (approx 1450 BC)

Judges (approx 1380 – 1050BC)

Samuel – approx 1050BC

What is happening immediately prior to 1 Samuel ...

Judges 21:25 "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit".

### Hannah Trusts God

Firstly: She prays

1 Sam 2:2, "There is no one holy like the Lord, there is no one besides you, there is no rock like our God".

Secondly: She obeys

### Hannah Knows God

#### But there is a problem

.... repeated rejection of God.

The very people who should be teaching, rebuking, training and directing God's people in his service care nothing of YHWH.

#### God communicates again

God's word is coming to all Israel.

Well how should we respond to this passage today?

Firstly, God's character

Secondly, The way God communicates

Hebrews 1:1, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through prophets at many times and in various ways but in these last days he has spoken to us by His Son whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom the universe was made".

2 Timothy 3:16

Thirdly, the need for Godly leadership

*"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry." (2 Tim 4:1-5)*