The Sacrifices of Parenting

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- Jephthah and his daughter
- Manoah and his wife
- Hannah



Similarities

- 1. The times in which these children were born were times of great turmoil, chaos, and uncertainty.
- 2. The events leading up to the lives of each of these children were personally problematic and troublesome for their parents.
- 3. The parents of each, despite adverse and heavy providences, demonstrated a life of faithful commitment to their covenant-keeping God.

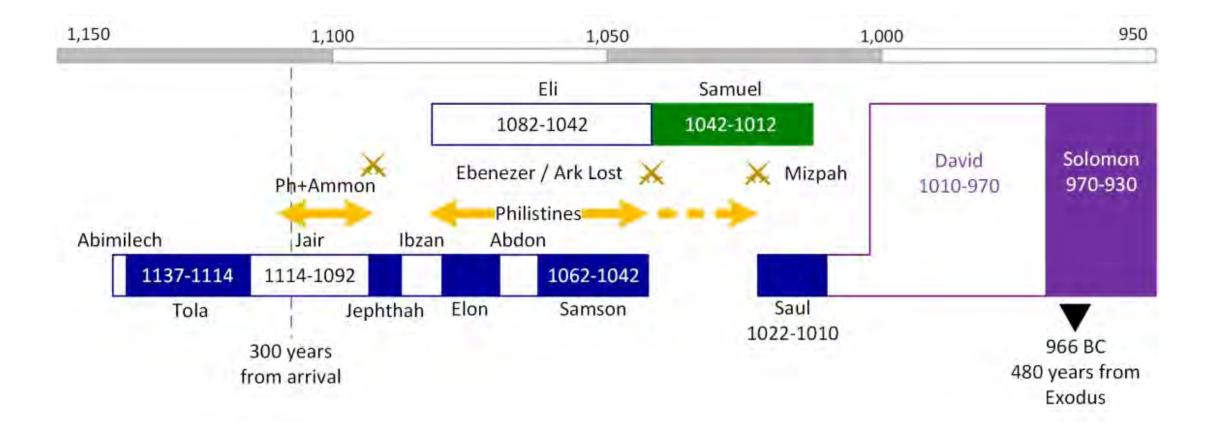
Map of Israel in Time of Judges

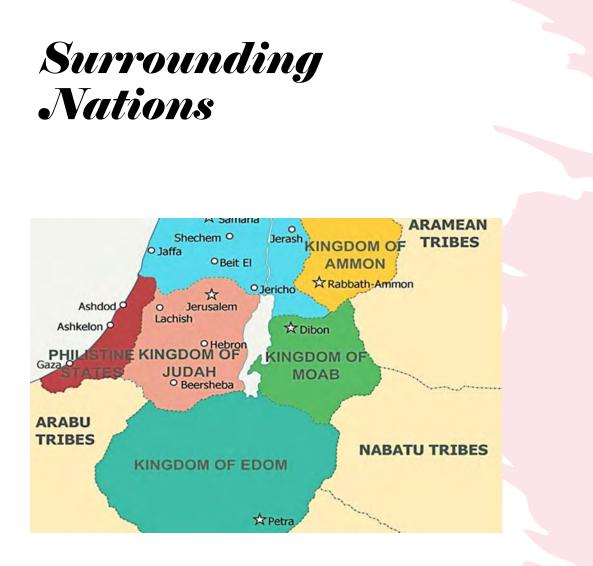


Map of Philistine Cities and Conquests in Israel



Possible timeline of Judges Late Period











Manoah's Wife (Carlo Saraceni)



Elkanah and Hannah (Barend Fabritius)



Reasons Against Human Sacrifice

- Jephthah clearly demonstrated his understanding of the law of God in his negotiations with the elders and the Ammonites. The laws in Leviticus and Deuteronomy made very clear the abhorrence of Jehovah for human sacrifice
- When Jephthah made his vow, he was filled with the Spirit of the Lord. The Spirit would not have inspired any vow contrary to the revealed will of God.
- Jephthah was recommended as a leader to the people, not only in Hebrews but in 1 Samuel 12:11
- The very nature, procedure and purpose of the burnt offering nullifies Jephthah's daughter as a valid sacrifice for a burnt offering.

Burnt Offering



Aspects of the Burnt Offering

- The burnt offering did not initiate with the Levitical records of offerings and sacrifices.
 - Noah disembarks from the Ark in Genesis 6:8.
 - In Genesis 22, Abraham is instructed to offer Isaac as a burnt offering
 - Moses offered burnt offerings at the Exodus and at the receipt of the Law
 - Perhaps Abel's offering
- The burnt offering was a sacrificial offering symbolizing the accepted method by which a sinner could approach unto God – through a blood sacrifice.
- The requirements of the offering was that it was male, the best of the flock, without a spot or blemish

Times for the Burnt Offering

- It was to be offered in conjunction with all other sacrifices.
- It was to be offered at scheduled times:
 - On every Sabbath
 - At the month's beginning
 - At the celebration of Passover
 - At the beginning of the Feast of the Tabernacles
 - at the beginning of the Feast of the Trumpets
 - On the day of Atonement
 - At the celebration of the new moon

- It was to be offered on particular occasions
 - When a woman completed her cleansing from childbearing
 - When a leper presented themselves to the priest after being cleansed.
 - When a man or woman was cleansed of a discharge
 - When a Nazarite unintentionally defiled himself with a dead body
 - When the congregation of Israelites unwittingly failed to observe one of God's commands.

Prayer of Hannah

Vasili Petrovich Vershchagin



Jephthah (Sir John Everett Millais)



Lessons for Parenting

- We must continually acknowledge the sovereignty of God in our children's lives.
- We must attest to the righteousness and goodness of God's ordinations in the lives of our children.
- Submitting our children to the Lord does not negate the pain of adverse outcomes.
- Whatever our children do or do not do, we must live daily for the glory and honor of God.
- Whatever we sacrifice to the Lord is never lost!

Samuel Dedicated by Hannah at the Temple

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