

# SAMUEL THE PROPHET 1 SAMUEL 3:1, 19-21

We are now finished with the summaries about Sameul:

**1 Samuel 1:28** Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. **And he worshipped the LORD there.**

**1 Samuel 2:11** And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. **And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.**

**1 Samuel 2:18** But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

**1 Samuel 2:21** And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. **And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.**

**1 Samuel 2:26** And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

**1 Samuel 3:1** And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

**1 Samuel 3:19** And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

**How does one know that a prophet is a prophet? How did Israel know Samuel was a true prophet?**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**

Quench **not** the Spirit.

Despise **not** prophesyings.

Prove (**δοκιμάζετε**) all things; test, try, evaluate

hold fast (**κατέχετε**) that which is good.

Abstain from (**ἀπὸ ... ἀπέχεσθε**) all appearance of evil.

**1 John 4:1** Beloved, believe **not** every spirit, **but** try (**δοκιμάζετε**) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

## I. The prophet's prophecies are confirmed!

**1 Samuel 3:1** And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. **And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.**

**1 Samuel 3:19** And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, **and did let none of his words fall to the ground.** **1**

**Samuel 3:20** And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba **knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.**

**Proverbs 29:18** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

**Psalms 119:89** For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

**2 Kings 10:10** Know now that there shall fall unto the earth **nothing** of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah.

**1 Kings 8:56** Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: **there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.**

**Joshua 21:45** There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

**Joshua 23:14** And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

**Deuteronomy 18:21** And if thou say in thine heart, **How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?**

**Deuteronomy 18:22** When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, **if** the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is

the thing which the LORD hath **not** spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

### **Thoughts:**

- **Prophets ≠ pastors / elders / overseers**
- **Prophets both preach & predict**
- **Prophets were both fore -tellers & forth-tellers**
- **Remember the 3 levels of authority:**

1<sup>st</sup> level: “But I say unto you!” → Jesus

2<sup>nd</sup> level: “Thus saith the Lord!” → prophet

3<sup>rd</sup> level: “It is written!” → pastor

- **So prophets (OT & NT as well as Apostles) received revelation that must be confirmed**
- **Lack of confirmation wasn't good**

## **II. The prophet's prophecies are Christ-centered &/ Kingdom-oriented!**

**Deuteronomy 18:15** The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; **Deuteronomy 18:18** I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. **Deuteronomy 18:19** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

**John 1:21** And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

**John 1:45** Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

**Acts 3:19** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; **Acts 3:20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **Acts 3:21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **Acts 3:22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. **Acts 3:23** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. **Acts 3:24** Yea, and **all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.**

**Acts 7:37** This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

**Acts 13:20** And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, **until Samuel the prophet.**

**John 5:39** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me.**

**Luke 24:25** Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **Luke 24:26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

**Luke 24:44** And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** **Luke 24:45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **Luke 24:46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Luke 24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**OT Prophets set the standard and the NT prophets follow:**

- **Prophets do not “predict” the future → they are not fortune-tellers**
- **Prophets could not, and more importantly would not, help you in Las Vegas, with Lotto, or your bracket in March Madness, or as a stock broker or...!**
- **Prophets could be specific - very specific**
- **But only as it served God’s Kingdom & His Christ**

**Micah 5:2** But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

**Daniel 8:8** Therefore **the he goat** waxed very great: **and when he was strong, the great horn was broken;** and for it came up **four notable ones** toward the four winds of heaven. **Daniel 8:9** **And out of one of them came forth a little horn,** which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

- **Prophets usually ignore the other cultures / countries except as they interact with God’s Kingdom**

### **III. The prophet’s prophecies are consistent!**

**Deuteronomy 13:1** If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, **Deuteronomy 13:2** **And** the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, **saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;** **Deuteronomy 13:3** Thou shalt **not** hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: **for** the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. **Deuteronomy 13:4** **Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.** **Deuteronomy 13:5** And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; **because** he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

**Exodus 20:1** And God spake all these words, saying, **Exodus 20:2** **I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.** **Exodus 20:3** Thou shalt have **no other gods** before me.

**Exodus 3:13** And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? **Exodus 3:14** And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM hath sent me unto you.** **Exodus 3:15** And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,** hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

**1 Kings 18:36** And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, **LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel**, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. **1 Kings 18:37** Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

**Matthew 1:1** The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, **the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

**Luke 1:31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Luke 1:32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: **and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: Luke 1:33** **And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

**Romans 1:3** Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; Romans 1:4** And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

**2 Timothy 2:8** Remember that Jesus Christ **of the seed of David** was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

**Revelation 22:16** I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

### **Thoughts:**

- **The faith is connected**
- **God does not change**
- **Truth does not and really cannot change**

**Malachi 3:6** For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: **but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**

**Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, **but my words shall not pass away.**

- **True prophets will be consistent with the prophecies that have gone before them**

## **IV. The prophet's prophecies are "Christian!"**

**Deuteronomy 18:9** When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. **Deuteronomy 18:10** There shall **not** be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, **or** that useth divination, **or** an observer of times, **or** an enchanter, or a witch, **Deuteronomy 18:11** **Or** a charmer, **or** a consulter with familiar spirits, **or** a wizard, **or** a necromancer.

**Deuteronomy 18:12** For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: **and because** of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. **Deuteronomy 18:13** Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. **Deuteronomy 18:14** For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: **but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.**