

Transitioning From Bad Leaders To Good - 1 Samuel 4

Leviticus 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Summarized of God removing Eli's family from priests to Samuel.

Summarized of God removing Saul's family from kings to David.

Summarized of God calling sinful Israel back by the Prophets.

Ezekiel 45:8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and My princes shall no more oppress My people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

Proverbs 22:22,23 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: 23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 Kings 22 Summarized of God inquiring how to deal with Ahab. V22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

1 Samuel 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

1 Samuel 4:1-22 (AV) & (NKJV)

1 Samuel 4:1 (AV) And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

1 Samuel 4:1 (NKJV) And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek.

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Eben-ezer - Easton's BD - Stone of help, the memorial stone set up by Samuel to commemorate the divine assistance to Israel in their great battle against the Philistines, whom they totally routed 1Sa 7:7-12 at Aphek, in the neighbourhood of Mizpeh, in Benjamin, near the western entrance of the pass of Beth-horon. On this very battle-field, twenty years before, the Philistines routed the Israelites, and slew of the army in the field about

four thousand men 1Sam 4:1,2 here, and at 1Sam 5:1 called Eben-ezer by anticipation). In this extremity the Israelites fetched the ark out of Shiloh and carried it into their camp. The Philistines a second time immediately attacked them, and smote them with a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. And the ark of God was taken 1Sam 4:10 And now in the same place the Philistines are vanquished, and the memorial stone is erected by Samuel (q.v.). The spot where the stone was erected was somewhere between Mizpeh and Shen. Some have identified it with the modern Beit Ikse, a conspicuous and prominent position, apparently answering all the necessary conditions; others with Dier Aban, 3 miles east of 'Ain Shems.

Aphek - Concise BD - 1. Royal city of the Canaanites, the king of which was killed by Joshua, Jos 12:18: probably the same as APHEKAH in Jos 15:53. Not identified. 2. City in the north border of Asher, from which in the time of Joshua the inhabitants were not expelled. Jos 13:4; 19:30: called APHIK in Jud 1:31. Identified with *Afka* at the foot of the Lebanon between Baalbek and Byblus. 3. Place where the Philistines encamped when Israel was defeated. 1Sam 4:1,4. Where the Philistines encamped when Saul and Jonathan were killed, 1Sam 29:1. Perhaps the same as No. 3. 5. City, the wall of which falling killed 27,000 of the Syrians, 1Ki 20:26,30; 2Ki 13:17. It is identified with *Fik*, 32° 47' N, 35° 41' E, on the great road between Damascus and Jerusalem.

1 Samuel 4:2 (AV) And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

1 Samuel 4:2 (NKJV) Then the Philistines put themselves in battle array against Israel. And when they joined battle, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men of the army in the field.

1 Samuel 17 Referred to David versus Goliath.

Joshua 7 Referred to Israel defeated in Ai because sin was in the camp.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Samuel 4:3 (AV) And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

1 Samuel 4:3 (NKJV) And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies.

Referred to Nebuchadnezzar taking out Jerusalem.

Joshua 7 Referred to Joshua seeking the Lord when defeated at Ai.

1 Samuel 4:4 (AV) So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

1 Samuel 4:4 (NKJV) So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

Numbers 13,14 Summarized of the spies bad report, God's judgment, & the fight without God's help.

1 Samuel 6:19 And He smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even He smote of the people 50 thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

1 Samuel 4:5 (AV) And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

1 Samuel 4:5 (NKJV) And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth shook.

Referred to the 400 silent years with no word from God.

Referred to the modern religious churches refusing God's blessings.

1 Samuel 4:6 (AV) And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

1 Samuel 4:6 (NKJV) Now when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *does* the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*? Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

1 Samuel 4:7 (AV) And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

1 Samuel 4:7 (NKJV) So the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp! And they said, Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before.

1 Chronicles 13:10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

2 Kings 19 Referred to Sennacherib challenging God & his defeat.

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a

sword, & with a spear, & with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, Whom thou hast defied.

1 Samuel 4:8 (AV) Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

1 Samuel 4:8 (NKJV) Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These *are* the gods who struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

1 Samuel 4:9 (AV) Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

1 Samuel 4:9 (NKJV) Be strong and conduct yourselves like men, you Philistines, that you do not become servants of the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Conduct yourselves like men, and fight!

Joshua 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Joshua 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

Judges 4 Summarized of Barak & Deborah.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1 Samuel 4:10 (AV) And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

1 Samuel 4:10 (NKJV) So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

1 Samuel 4:11 (AV) And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

1 Samuel 4:11 (NKJV) Also the ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Samuel 2:34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

Jeremiah 5:3 O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

Ezekiel 8 Referred to God showing the evil done inside the temple.

1 Samuel 4:12 (AV) And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, & came

to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

1 Samuel 4:12 (NKJV) Then a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line the same day, and came to Shiloh with his clothes torn and dirt on his head.

1 Samuel 1:32 And thou shalt see an enemy in My habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

1 Samuel 4:13 (AV) And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out.

1 Samuel 4:13 (NKJV) Now when he came, there was Eli, sitting on a seat by the wayside watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told *it*, all the city cried out.

Exodus 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year.

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

1 Samuel 4:14 (AV) And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, & told Eli.

1 Samuel 4:14 (NKJV) When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, What *does* the sound of this tumult *mean*? And the man came quickly & told Eli.

1 Samuel 4:15 (AV) Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

1 Samuel 4:15 (NKJV) Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were so dim that he could not see.

1 Samuel 4:16 (AV) And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

1 Samuel 4:16 (NKJV) Then the man said to Eli, I *am* he who came from the battle. And I fled today from the battle line. And he said, What happened, my son?

1 Samuel 4:17 (AV) And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

1 Samuel 4:17 (NKJV) So the messenger answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured.

1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the Word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;

Referred to the Judges of Israelites turning from God & being judged, then repenting & God freeing them, etc.

Acts 5 Referred to God killing Ananias & Sapphirah for lying to the Holy Spirit.

1 Samuel 4:18 (AV) And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Samuel 4:18 (NKJV) Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Samuel 2:34 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

1 Samuel 2:29 Wherefore kick ye at My sacrifice and at Mine offering, which I have commanded in My habitation; and honourest thy sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel My people?

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 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. ...

1 Samuel 4:19 (AV) And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

1 Samuel 4:19 (NKJV) Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *due* to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her labor pains came upon her.

1 samuel 25 Summarized of Abigail & Nabal (Fool).

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.

1 Samuel 4:20 (AV) And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered

not, neither did she regard *it*.

1 Samuel 4:20 (NKJV) And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer, nor did she regard *it*.

1 Samuel 4:21 (AV) And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

1 Samuel 4:21 (NKJV) Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel! because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

1 Samuel 4:22 (AV) And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

1 Samuel 4:22 (NKJV) And she said, The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.

1 Timothy 2:1,2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents & scorpions, & over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)