

1 & 2 SAMUEL

LEGENDARY

Playing a Role in God's Kingdom Plan

INTRO: *1 & 2 Samuel are books of **sacred history** designed to show God's sovereign hand in guiding His chosen people toward a monarchy. These books are filled with legendary characters; the first is Samuel, the final judge and "first prophet" of the Monarchy. His entrance is **miraculous!***

- I. God has _____ plans for His _____.** *From the beginning, God's plan called for a righteous earthly Kingdom, and Old Testament Israel featured prominently in that plan (Genesis 17:6, 16; Deuteronomy 17:14-20).*
- II. God's _____ plans for His people require _____ leaders.** *God's plan involved a radical transition from the morally bankrupt reigns of localized Judges (i.e., Samson) so God raised up a godly man who would be Israel's **kingmaker**.*
- III. Play a role in God's _____ plans by _____ in Him and _____ His commandments.** *There are two principles from our text that Christians should remember as we anticipate Jesus' future kingdom.*
- A. _____ (1:1-2:11).**
God is pleased to bless the humble who trust Him. Ask Hannah!
- B. _____ (2:12-36).**
Eli and his two sons provide negative examples as they are removed from participation in God's plans.