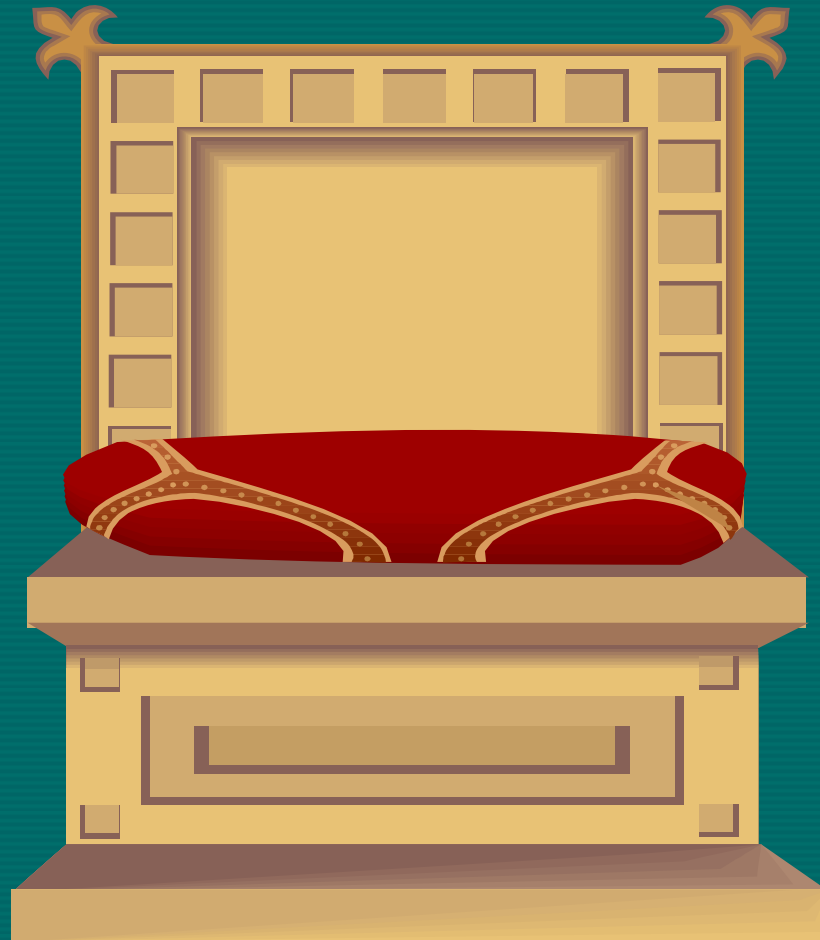


BOOK OF I SAMUEL



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AUTHOR

Unknown

THEME

Transition

THEME

Loosely knit group
of tribes

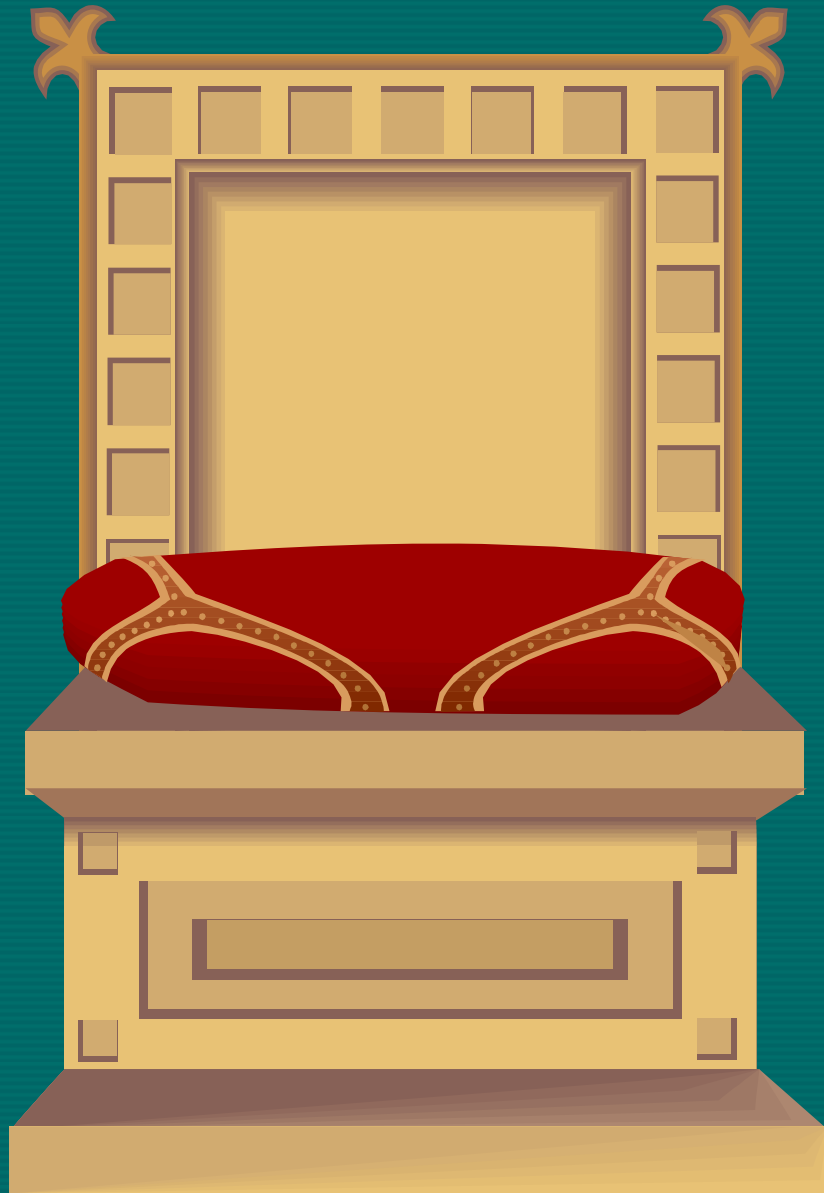
United, centralized
Nation

Under Judges

Under Kings

Theocracy

Monarchy



Understanding Government . . .

GOD'S PLAN

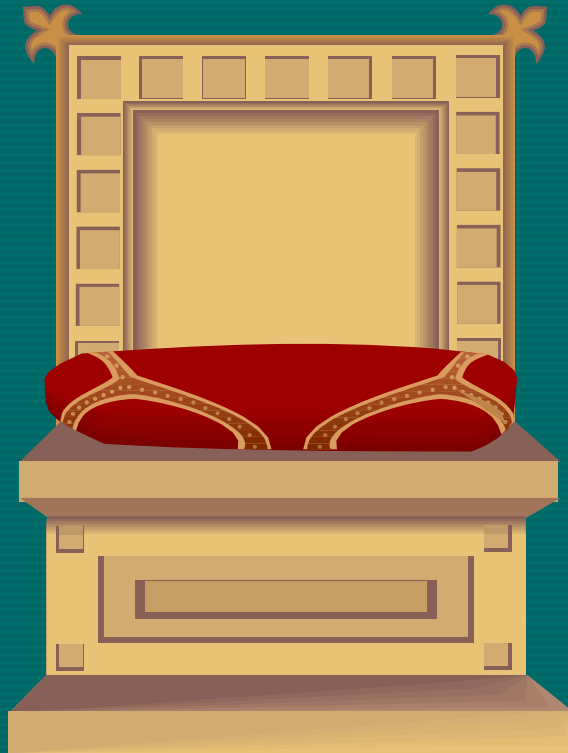
THEOCRACY

God as Absolute Ruler

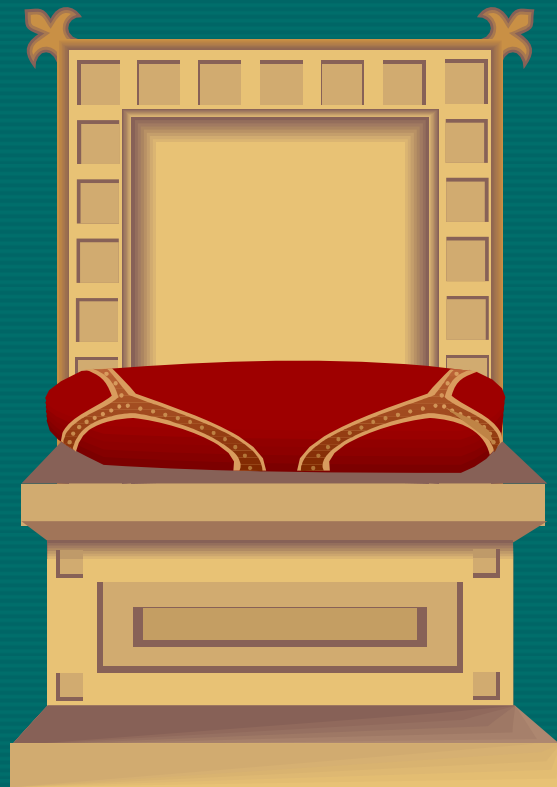
Judges 21:25  Democracy

I Sam. 12:13  Monarchy

**MAN'S WILL
V.
GOD'S WILL**



THEOCRACY → GOD RULES
DEMOCRACY → MAN RULES
MONARCHY → KING RULES



SETTING . . .

ISRAEL

IN THE PROMISED LAND

- Priesthood corrupt
- Idolatry practiced
- Ark taken by enemy

ISRAEL . . .

▶ Israel
feels
vulnerable

▶ Israel
demands
earthly king

Ch. 1-7

Samuel

As prophet 1-3

As judge 4-7

Ch. 8-15

Saul

His rise 8-12

His fall 13-

15

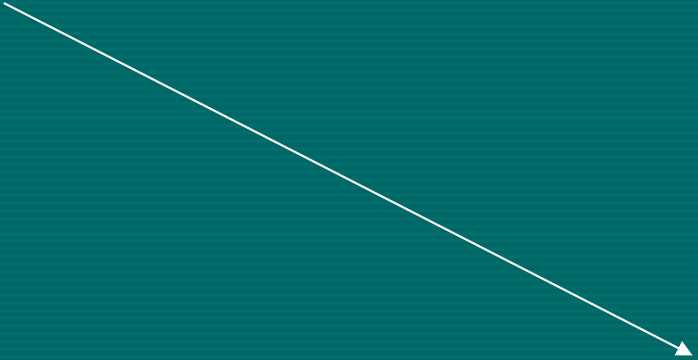
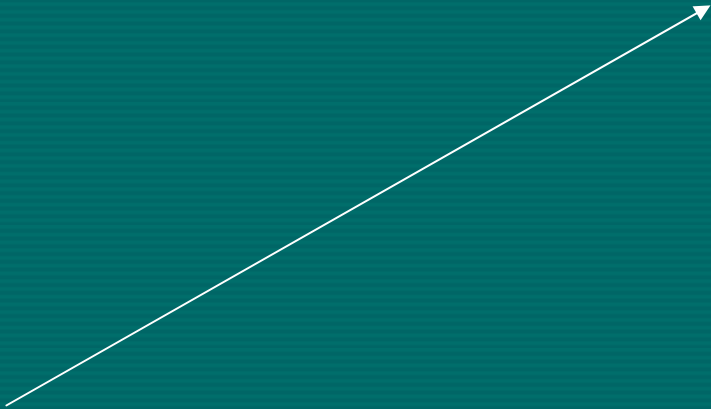
Ch. 16-31

David

TIME PERIOD

100 YEARS

**FROM FRESH HOPE
TO ANOTHER FAILURE**



**SAMUEL
DAVID**

**ELI
SAUL**

THEOCRACY

**DEMOCRACY
MONARCHY**

The Relevance of Hannah

- Vulnerable
- Mocked
- Barren
- Distressed

CHOICE

2:1-2

For Herself

THE KING

2:10b

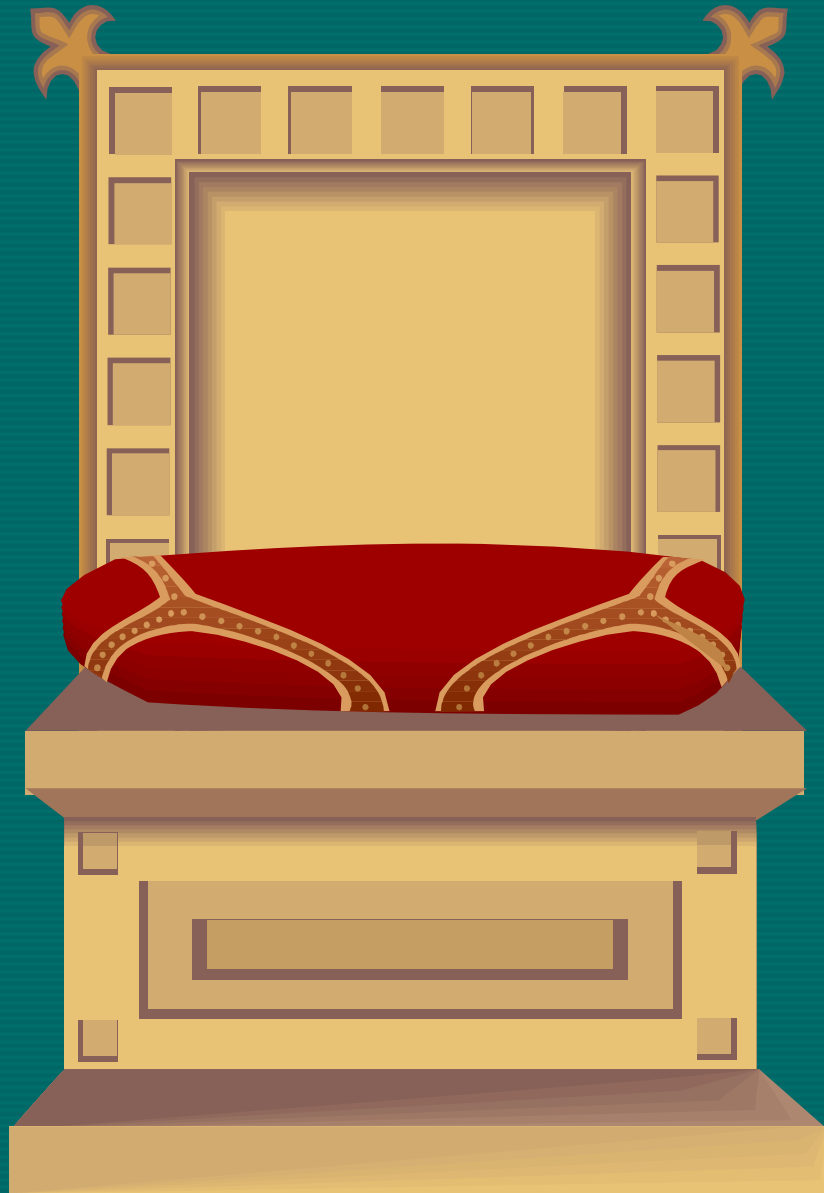
For the Nation

THE KING

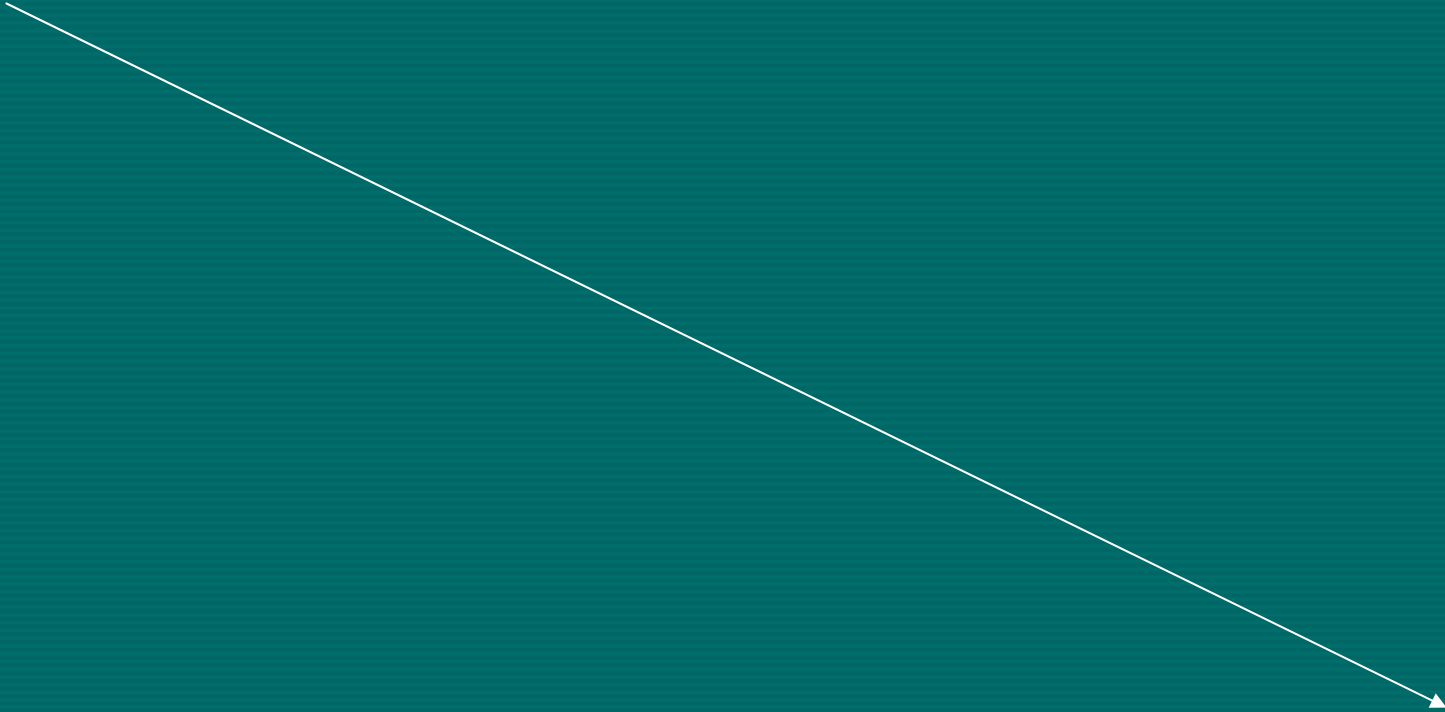
KEEPING A VOW

Hannah could have:

- Reconsidered
- Made Excuses
- Rationalized



ELI



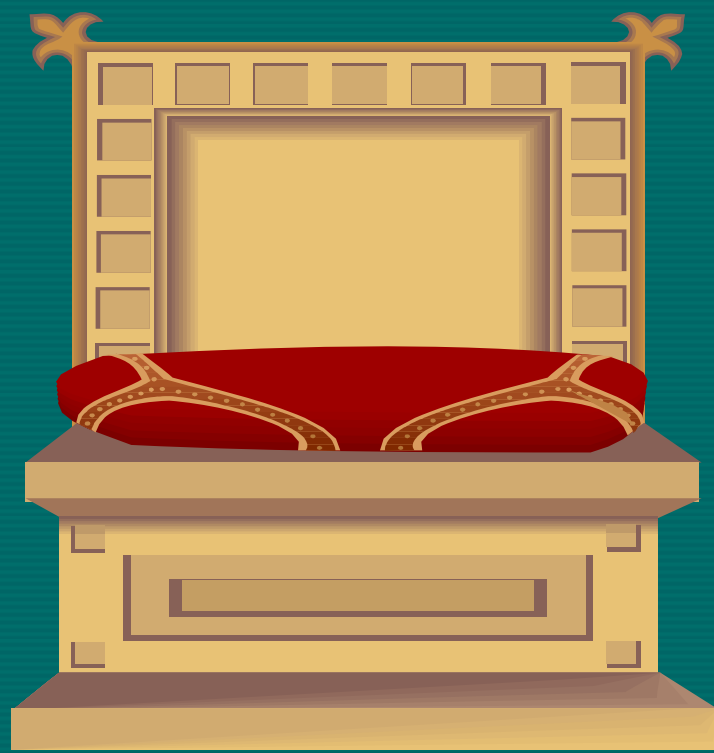
THE RELEVANCE OF ELI

HIS CONDITION

1:9 Sat
3:2 Lethargic
4:13 Totally out
4:18 Fell
Died

HIS VISION

1:14 Without
discernment
3:1 Without vision
3:3 Without light
4:18 Without life



ISRAEL'S FRIGHTENING CONDITION

Self-Rule or Democracy:

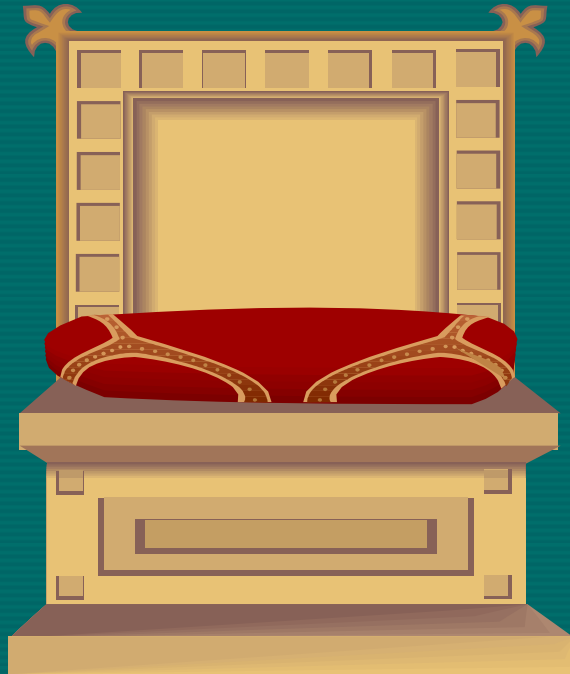
No Law

No Principles

No Standards

WARNINGS

DO NOT IGNORE THEM!



THE PROMISE

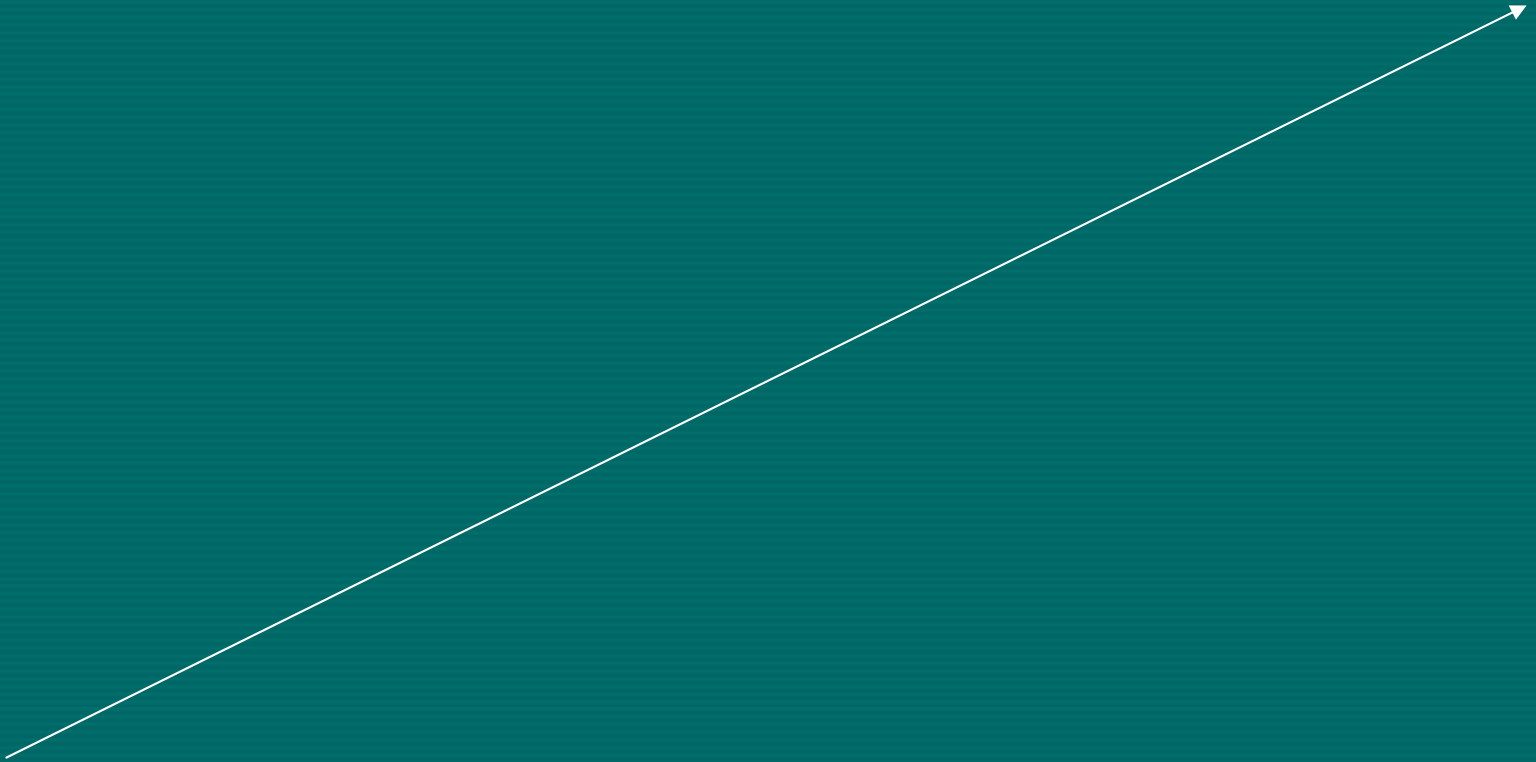
A FAITHFUL PRIEST

A SURE HOUSE

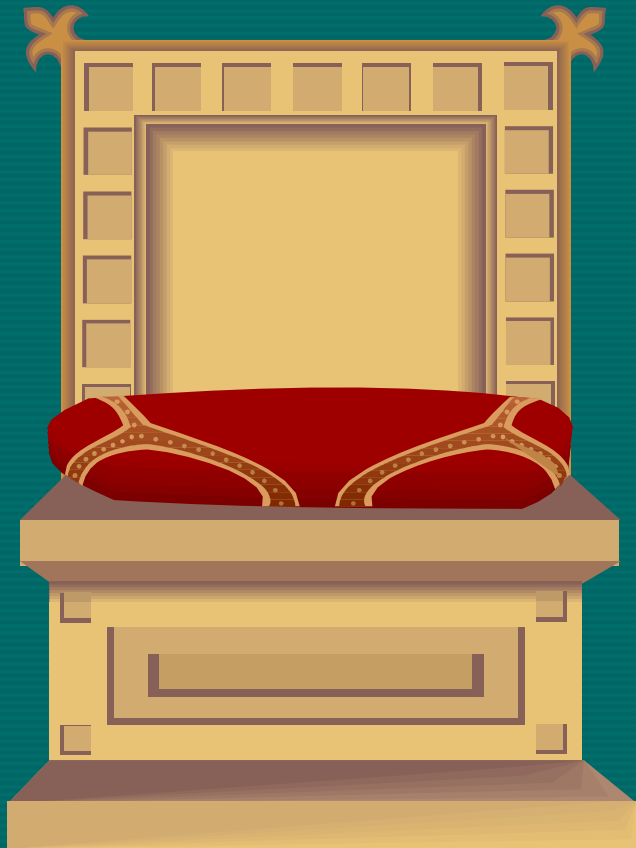
TRUE SERVICE

CHRIST

SAMUEL



SAMUEL'S CHOICE



*“ . . . Speak;
for thy servant
heareth ”*

1 Sam. 3:11

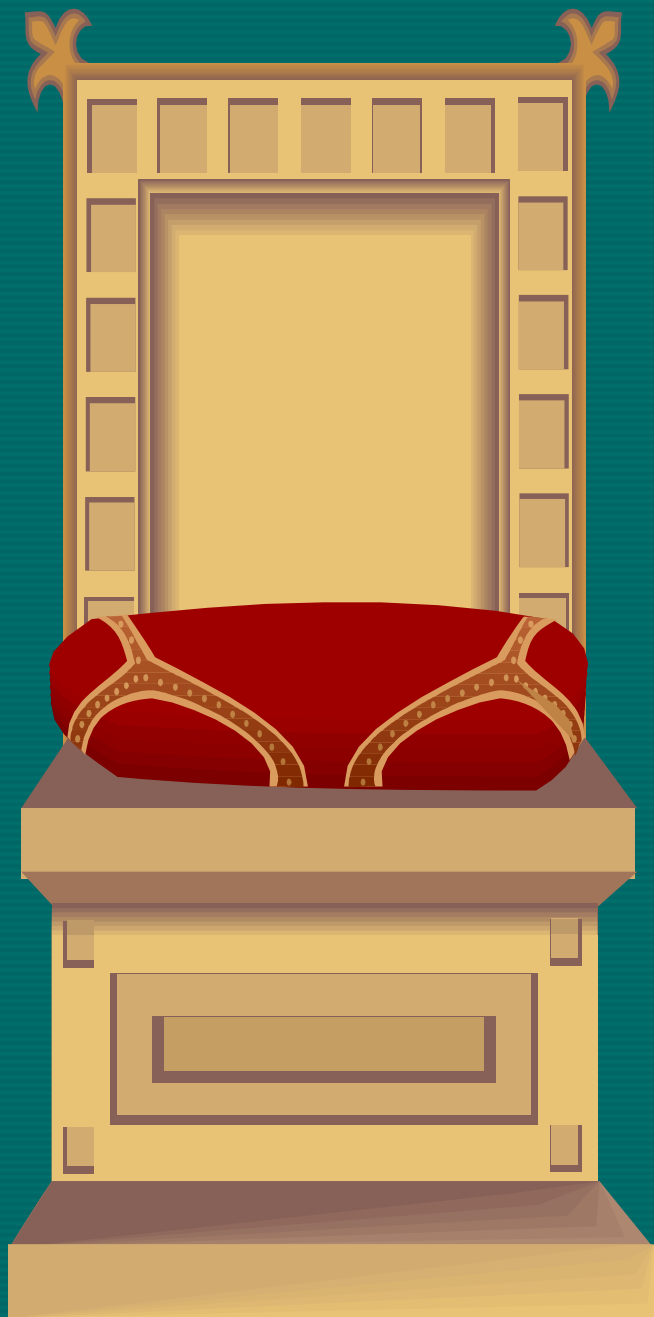
THE WALK OF SAMUEL

2:18 **DEVOTION**
 TO THE LORD

2:21 **GROWTH**
 IN THE LORD

2:26 **CONTINUED GROWTH**
 IN THE LORD

3:19 **TREASURED WORD**
 OF THE LORD



**THE KING
REIGNED
IN HEART
OF
SAMUEL**