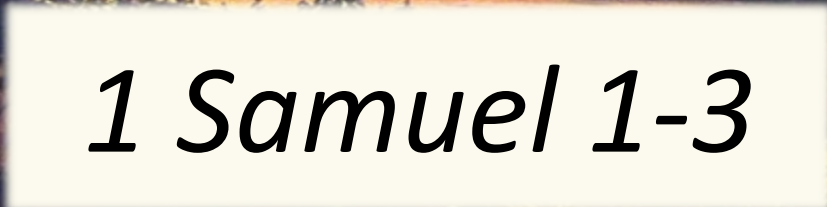
A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left is seen from the back, wearing a dark tunic and a vibrant red shawl, holding a walking stick. The man in the center is Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe and a blue cloak, gesturing upwards with his right hand. The man on the right is also bearded and wears a brown and red robe. They are standing on a dirt path that leads into a valley. In the background, there are large, leafy trees and a distant city with domes and minarets, possibly Jerusalem, nestled in a valley. The sky is bright and hazy. A white rectangular text box is positioned at the top of the image, containing the title.

# *Concerning the Christ*

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*1 Samuel 1-3*

*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)*



# *Coincidence?*

## Nation of Israel

- Called out of Egypt
- Thru Red Sea
- Wilderness (40 yrs of testing)

## Jesus (Matt. 2-4)

- *Out of Egypt I called My Son*
- Baptism
- Wilderness (40 days of testing)

# *Coincidence?*

- *Type: a particular manifestation of a larger theological theme or pattern*
  - Similar experiences, qualities, functions, concepts (not all details)
    - E.g. – John the Baptist & Elijah  
(Matt. 17:11-13; Mark 9:11-13)

# *Coincidence?*

- *Type*: foreshadowing, sampling, *in the same vein*
- Most point to ultimate fulfillment either in Christ or the end times
- *Type* ≠ *Allegory*

# *Coincidence?*

- “And the boy Samuel grew before the Lord.” (1 Sam. 2:21b)
- “The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.” (Luke 2:40)

# *Coincidence?*

- “Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the Lord and with men.” (1 Sam. 2:26)
- “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” (Luke 2:52)

# *1 Samuel 1-3 & Luke 1-4*

- Miraculous conceptions
- Mothers' responses
- Dedicated to the Lord (cf. Ex. 12)
- Parents visit temple every year
- Boys ministering in the temple
- **Contrast:** Eli and Simeon



# Samuel and Jesus

- Samuel is a *type* of Jesus
  - Not every detail, but there are important parallels and points of connection
    - E.g. - monarchy, prophecy, priesthood

# *The Big Picture*



MOSES/  
JOSHUA

JUDGES

SAMUEL

KINGS

# *Who was Samuel?*

- The last of the judges (1 Sam. 7:6; 8:1-9; Acts 13:20)
- Inaugurated *kingship* in Israel (1 Sam. 10:1; 16:1-13)
  - Something his mother prophesied about...

# The Back Story

- “the LORD had closed her womb” -> shame and mockery by her “rival”  
–This went on “year after year”
- Then Hannah “prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly” and “made a vow”

# *Kingship*

- God answered her vow with a son
- In response, Hannah offered a *prayer of praise* (2:1-10)
  - All about God
  - Judgement / justice: exalting the oppressed, humbling the proud

# *Kingship*

- “And He will give strength to His king,  
And will exalt the horn of His  
anointed.” (2:10 d,e)
  - There was no king!
  - His king* || *His anointed* (Ps. 2, 110)
  - In Hebrew: *Anointed* = *Messiah*

# *Kingship*

- Hannah recognized YHWH's working in her life as a small sample of what He would do to/for the whole world
- God's future King (*Messiah*) would judge the world and right all wrongs to "the ends of the earth"

# *Who was Samuel?*

- The first of the prophets *like Moses* (cf. Deut. 18:15-22; Acts 3:17-26)
  - Time of tremendous changes
    - In the priesthood
    - From judges to kings
    - From Saul to David



# *The Prophet*

- “All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord.”  
(1 Sam. 3:20)
- **Contrast:** Jesus was rejected as a prophet (Luke 4:16-24)

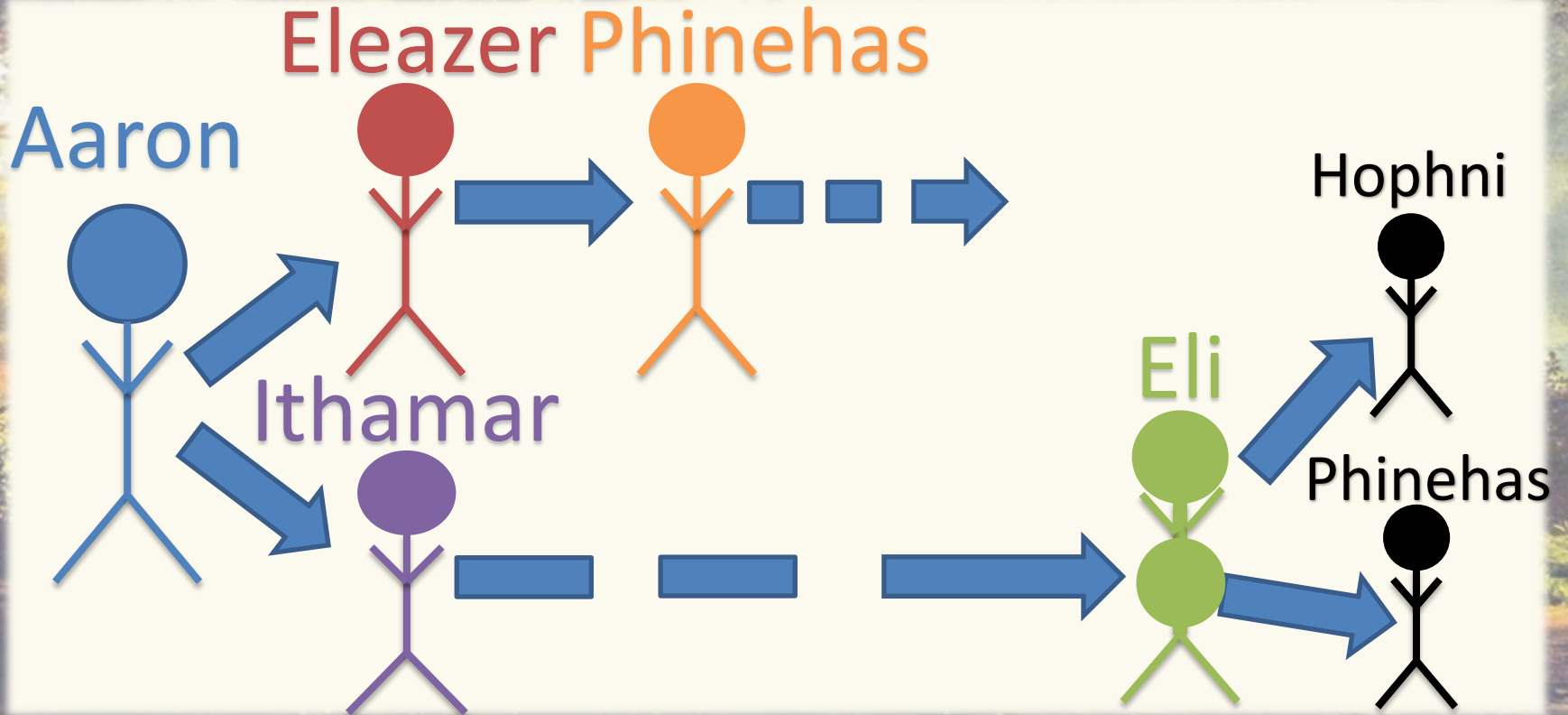
# *The Prophet*

- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of Moses' prophecy (see Acts 3:17-26; cf. Matt. 21:10-11; Luke 13:33; John 8:28; 12:49; 14:8-11)

# *Who was Samuel?*

- Served as a priest (1 Sam. 2:11)
  - He wore “a linen ephod” (1 Sam. 2:18; cf. Ex. 28)
  - He was not a Levite – he was of the Tribe of Ephraim (cf. 1:1)

# The Back Story



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- Eli's sons were wicked (2:12-17)
- Eli confronted them but did not discipline or remove them (2:22-25)
- God confronted Eli (2:27-36)
  1. God chose Aaron's *house* to walk before Him forever as priests

# The Back Story

- God confronted Eli (2:27-36)
  2. God now rejected Aaron's *house*
  3. Eli's *house* would weaken
  4. See distress of the Tabernacle
  5. Eli's *house* would grieve
  6. Eli's sons would die

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# James E. Smith

“The idea of a walking house is already found in verse 30. The Faithful Priest and the Anointed One (Messiah) in verse 35 are one and the same person. The Messiah’s house is the New Testament royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).”

# *Faithful Priest*

- See Heb. 3:1-6
  - Moses was faithful in God's house as a *servant*
  - Jesus was faithful as a *Son* over His house— “**whose house we are**”
- See Heb. 5:1-10 -> *Melchizedek*

# *So What?*

- This should inspire confidence in the whole of the Word of God
  - Written over 1,500 years by 40+ authors
  - Consistent theme: the Messiah

# *So What?*

- We are the *house* God is building for His Anointed Priest and King (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 2:1-12)
  - As such, we are to walk faithfully before His Anointed (1 Pet. 2:11-12)

# *So What?*

- Whatever you are facing, the one true God can make it right
  - But what do you need to learn first?
    - God kept Hannah's womb closed for many years, until ...