

Agenda for ENGL 115: March 11

1. Announcements/Clarifications: Regarding Key Quotes and Essays:

- use first person – don't generalize about “readers” “we” “the audience” “you”;
- use present tense verbs
- ***build your comments on the text reading for “subject” not “object” (see the Terms to Know handout) AND writing about the text without layering “on it” ***
- You will not submit Key Quotes for March 11 as it says on the syllabus
Even if you are late, just submit your Key Quotes
- ***Remember that compilers/redactors have put together the books of the Bible; so “the God says” or “the God wants” are not really accurate

2. I Samuel

Key to the next four books: the roles of

- judge (lasts until kings begin to rule);
- priest (the only one who can legitimately offer sacrifice)
- prophet (those designated by God to proclaim God's messages/intent)

- king (the first is Saul; next David;)
- general (the men supporting the king's troops)

Overview: Hannah, barren wife, and the “special” birth of Samuel; Samuel as Nazirite; Song of Hannah (parallel to Magnificat, attributed to Mary, Lk. 1: 46ff); Hophni and Phineas—the evil sons of Eli; Ichabod—“the glory has departed from Israel”—later in a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892, abolitionist); the Ark of the Covenant and its presence among the Philistines; Ch. 8—the request for a king and what the king might do to the people; Saul—his experience as first king; Ch. 15:22—the message about “obedience as better than sacrifice”; Saul’s failures; selection of David; David and Jonathan; watch for/note the “pro-Davidic” tone;

I Sam 1: Elkanah – a good husband, vs. 8

- 1:11 – Hannah promises her son will be a nazirite; vs 12-18 – Hannah’s prayer
- Ch 2: 1-10 – Song of Hannah (in CFW, Mary is given words of praise, a similar format, in Luke 1:46-55)
- Ch 2: 12 – Samuel remains with Eli, to “minister to the Lord”
- Ch 2: 12-17, 22-25 –Corrupt sons of Eli – Hophni and Phineas

- Ch 2: 18 – Elkanah & Hannah blessed with 3 sons and 2 daughters
- Ch 2: 30-36 – demise of Eli’s priestly family line
- Ch 3 – Call of Samuel; vs 19: “the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground”
- Ch 4: Philistines warring against Israel; Hophni and Phineas presume on their own to take the Ark of the Covenant with them – violating a boundary—Israel is defeated; H & P die; Ark is captured; Eli dies (vs 18); signature line, vs. 21: “the glory has departed from Israel...” (meaning of the name Ichabod)
- Ch 5 – what happens when the Ark of the Covenant is in the hands of various Philistine groups
- Ch 7: 3-16 – when Samuel is judge
- Ch 8 – beginning of the request for a king; vs. 4-5 “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways...”; Samuel struggling – telling God that the people want a king; vs. 10-18—Samuel warning the people what a king will do to them
- Ch 9 – the call of Saul; Kish is Saul’s father; vs. 7-8 – hospitality; vs. 9 – an example of commentary; vs. 15-18 – God reveals the plan to anoint Saul as king;
- Ch 10 – story of Saul’s journey to the kingship; the Israelites are fearful of threats by the Ammonites

- Ch 11 – Saul leading the conquest of the Ammonites
- Ch 12 – Saul reviewing the Israelites history leading to the request of a king; vs. 14 and following the “if.../but...” realities
- Ch 13 – Saul is initially successful; failure comes quickly – he offers sacrifice, when Samuel delays in coming – vs. 8-15
- Ch 14 – Saul’s son Jonathan goes into the Philistine garrison; vs. 24 ff – Saul’s rash oath about no one eating – Jonathan doesn’t hear it; Jonathan eats some honey...; vs 49-50 – introduces Saul’s children and his general: Abner, son of Ner
- Ch 15 – Saul’s next directive from God via Samuel – “utterly destroy the all they have...” (Amalekites); Saul alerts the Kenites – so they can escape (remember Jael, wife of Heber, the Kenite who killed Sisera); Saul spares Agag (Amalekite king) and the best of the sheep, cattle etc. – he plans to offer these as sacrifice; Samuel issues major proclamation: vs 10-23; vs. 22: “obedience is better than sacrifice...”; Saul begs God’s forgiveness to no avail... **3:05 – 3:30**

3. Review for Midterm **3:30 – 4:15**