PREVIEW WEEK: FINDING HOPE IN TIMES OF CHAOS
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After this... things get worse!
- Eli’s sons get more corrupt (1 Sam 2:22)
- Ark is captured, leaders die (1 Sam 4:11)
- Samuel’s sons are out of control (1 Samuel 8:1-3)
- Israel asks for king though Samuel warns them (1 Samuel 8:4,5,19)
- Philistines gain upper hand, fear spreads (1 Sam 13:6)
- Saul starts his downward spiral (1 Sam. 13-17)
- Ceaseless war (2 Samuel 14:52)

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