

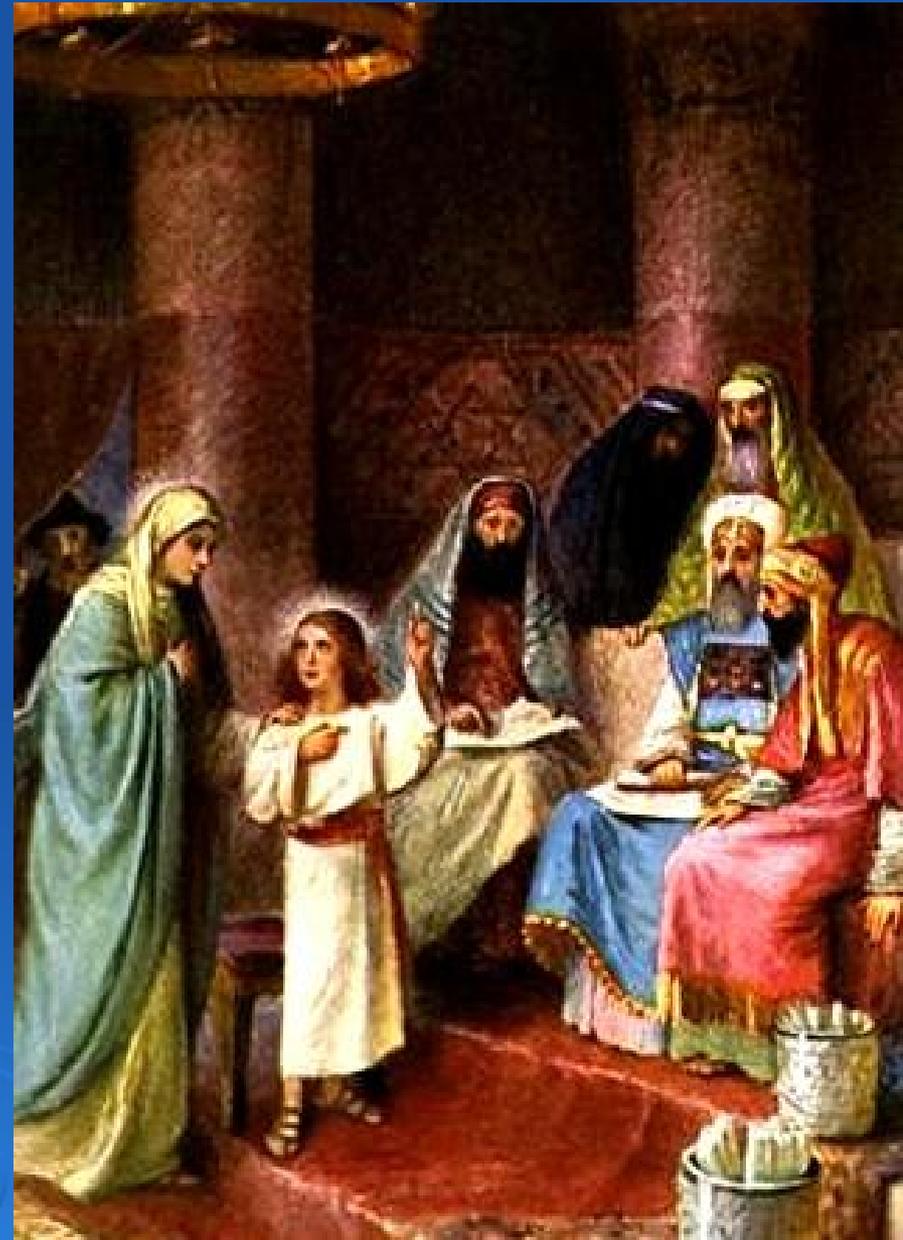


THE DYSFUNCTIONAL PRIESTHOOD

- Eli's sons would harass and steal from the worshippers at Shiloh
- Hophni and Pinchas were stealing God's sacrifices
- Samuel was said to "minister before the Lord" as a contrast to Eli's two sons

SAMUEL WEARS THE EPHOD

- Priests and Levites usually don't begin their service until 25 years old
- As a Nazarite for life Samuel began serving as a child
- Hannah bore 3 more sons plus 2 daughters

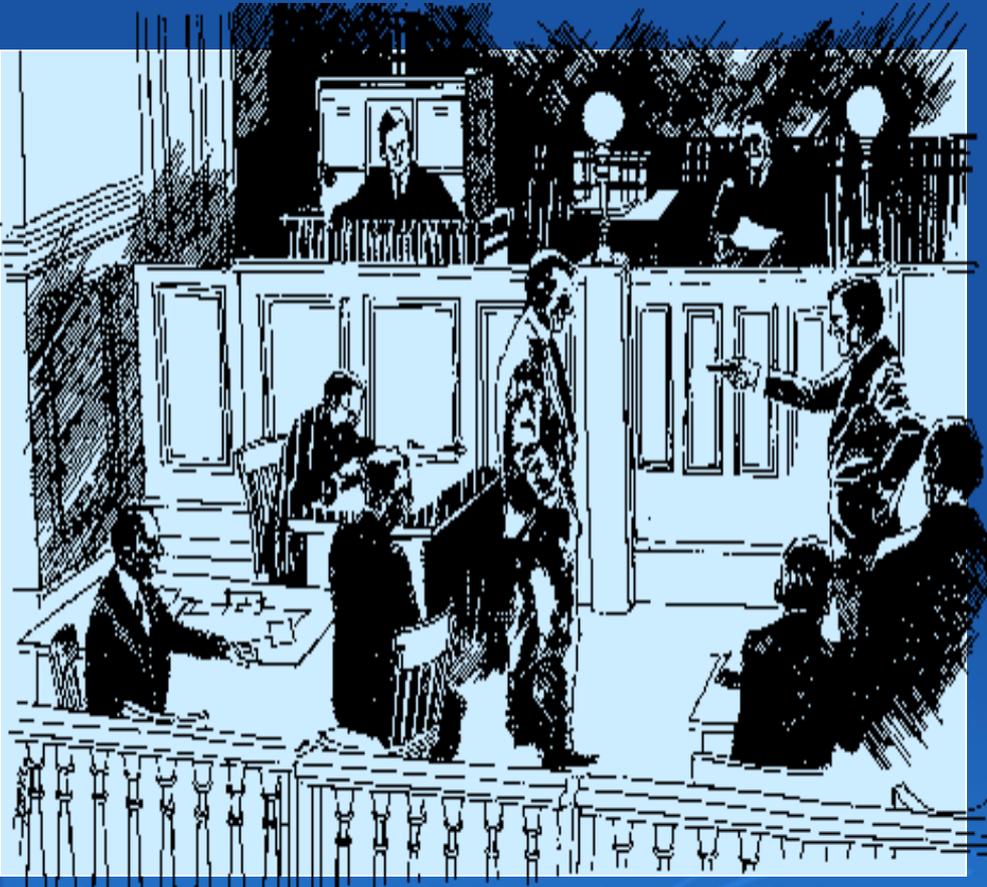


GOD HARDENED THEIR HEARTS

- Hophni and Pinchas having sex with girls at the Tabernacle
- Eli confronts his sons
- Passages say God decided to kill Eli's 2 sons, therefore they wouldn't listen and repent
- Contains elements of Hannah's prayer, God killing some of His own



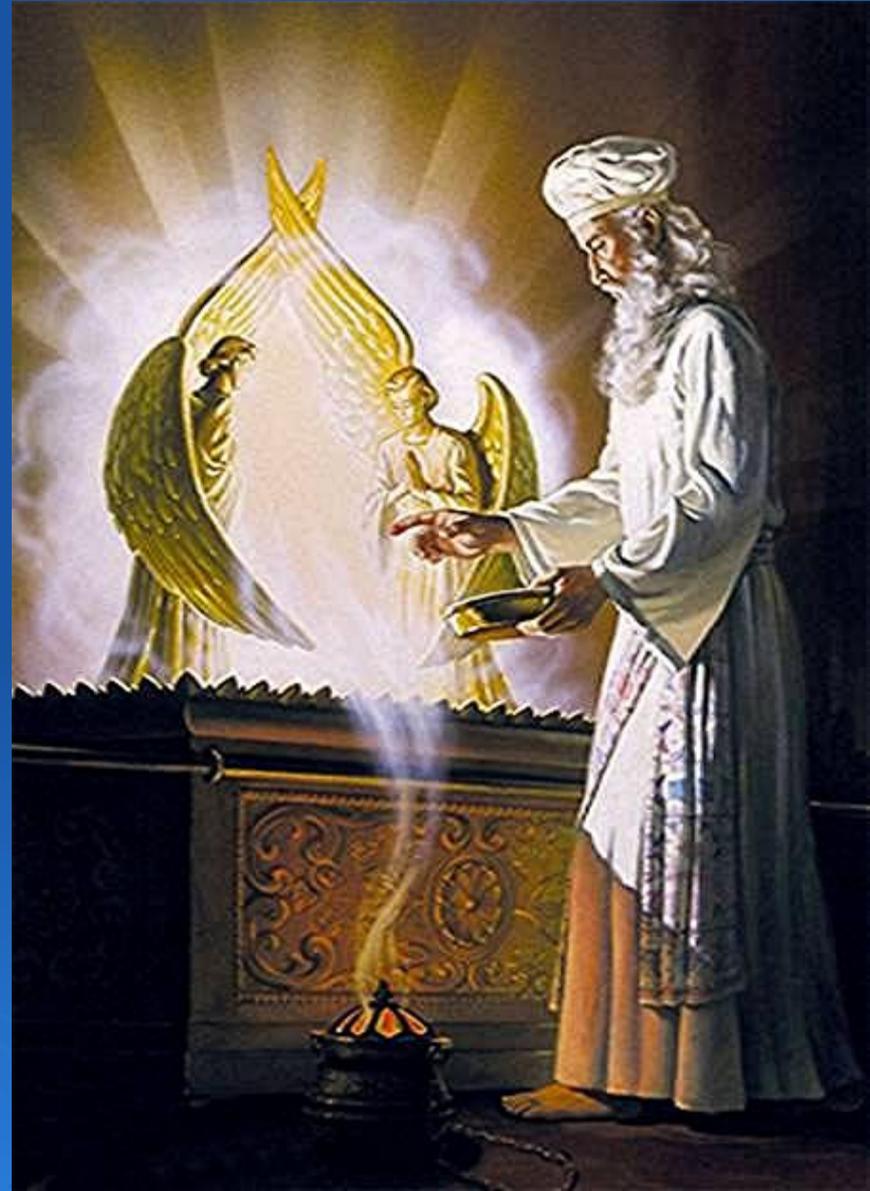
“If a man commits a sin against another man.....”



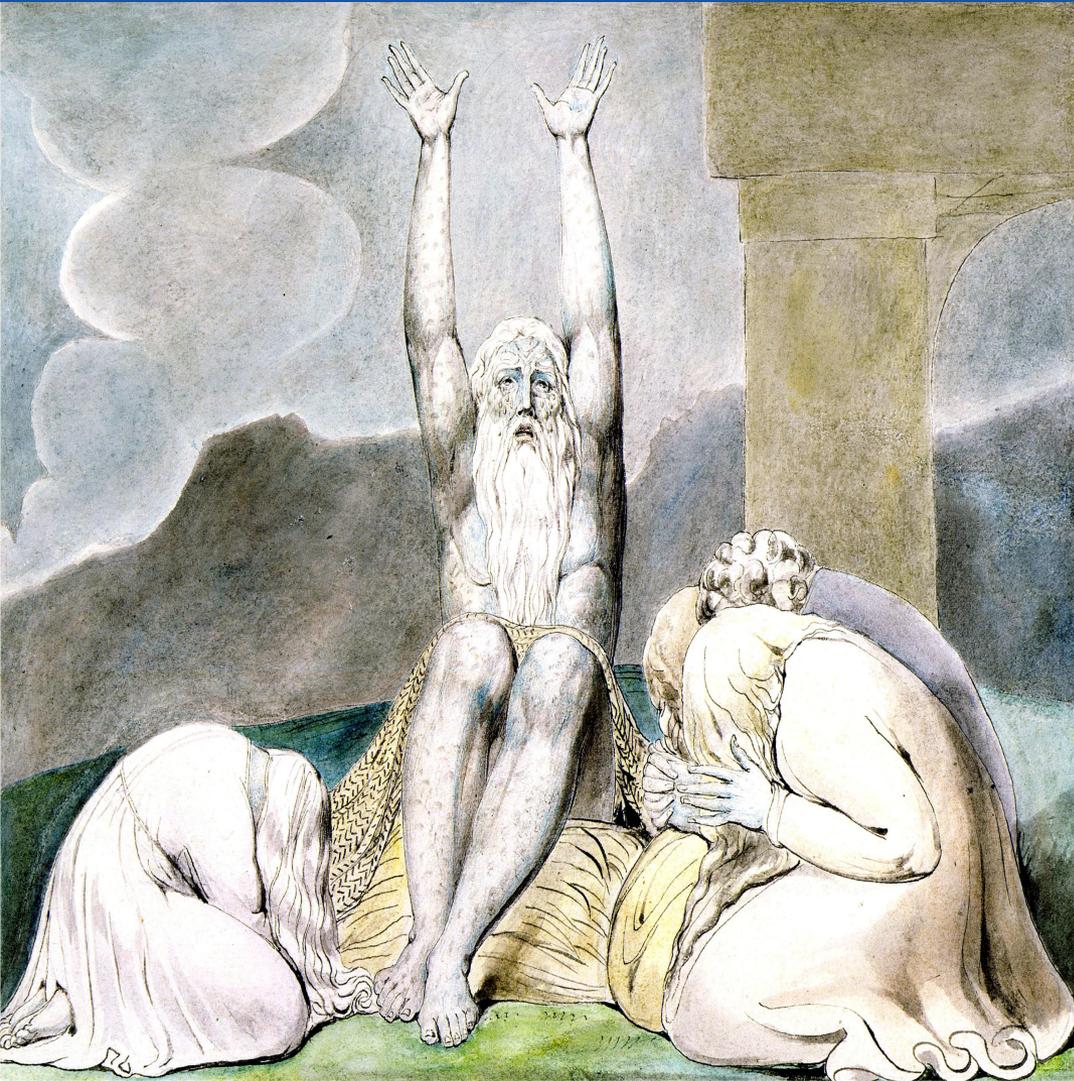
- ***Elohim*** = god, NOT judge
- Referring to civil judicial matters among humans
- The Lord has already established the written Law to deal with men
- Human governments established to administer God's justice
- Physical AND spiritual aspects of crime

WHO CAN MEDIATE BETWEEN GOD AND A MAN?

- Eli asks what human can mediate between a man and God?
- Atonement is NOT mediation
- Aaron atoned
- Moses mediated
- Mankind already tried and convicted, and given the death penalty
- Hophni and Pinchas have sinned against God, so there is no human who can help them



“Even if I washed myself in snow and cleansed my hands in lye..” Job



- The problem of finding a human mediator between man and God was an old one
- Moses was the 1st human mediator, but his scope was limited
- Moses could postpone God's wrath, but could NOT erase sins

“There is but one Mediator between God and humanity, Yeshua...” Paul

- 1 Tim 2:5 -6 ***“..Yeshua the Messiah, himself HUMAN!”***
- It was necessary that the mediator be HUMAN!
- It is in the Old Testament where we find the issue raised for a Savior

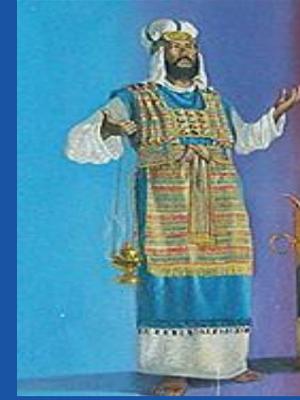


PROPHET BRINGS ORACLE OF DOOM TO ELI



- *Ish Elohim* = man of God = prophet
- This was a HUMAN prophet not an apparition or angel
- Prophets usually quote God word-for-word
- Hierarch of perfection in the Bible:
 - 1) God's direct words
 - 2) Men speaking God's words
 - 3) Men speaking their won words

HIGH PRIEST

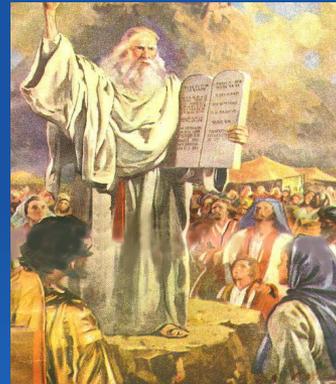


**ORDINARY
PRIESTS**

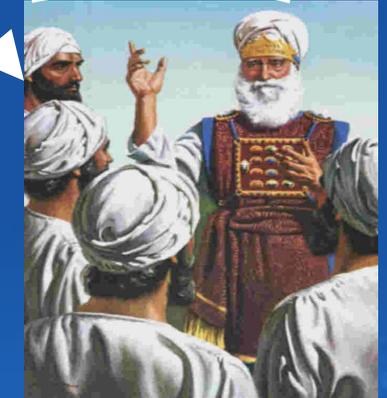


**ELI'S
CLAN**

MOSES



AARON



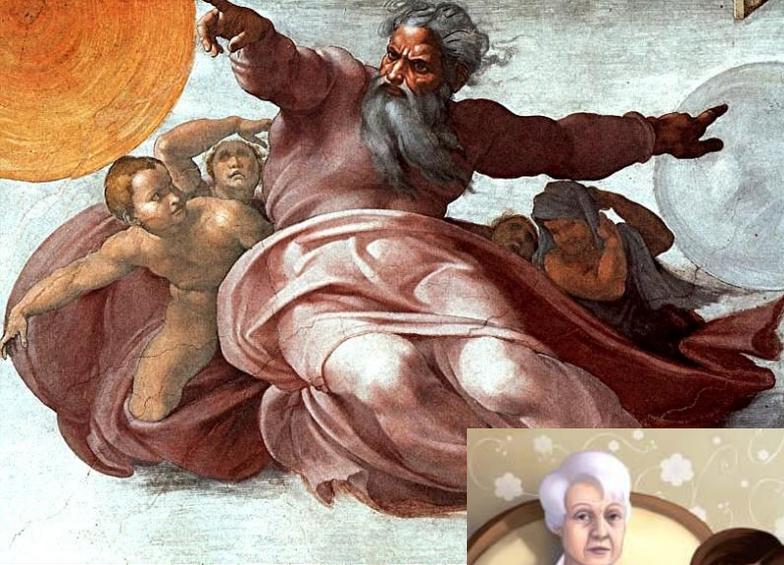
**MUSICIANS
GUARDS
LABORERS
SINGERS
TEND FIRES
FILL WATER BASINS**

ALL OTHER LEVITES



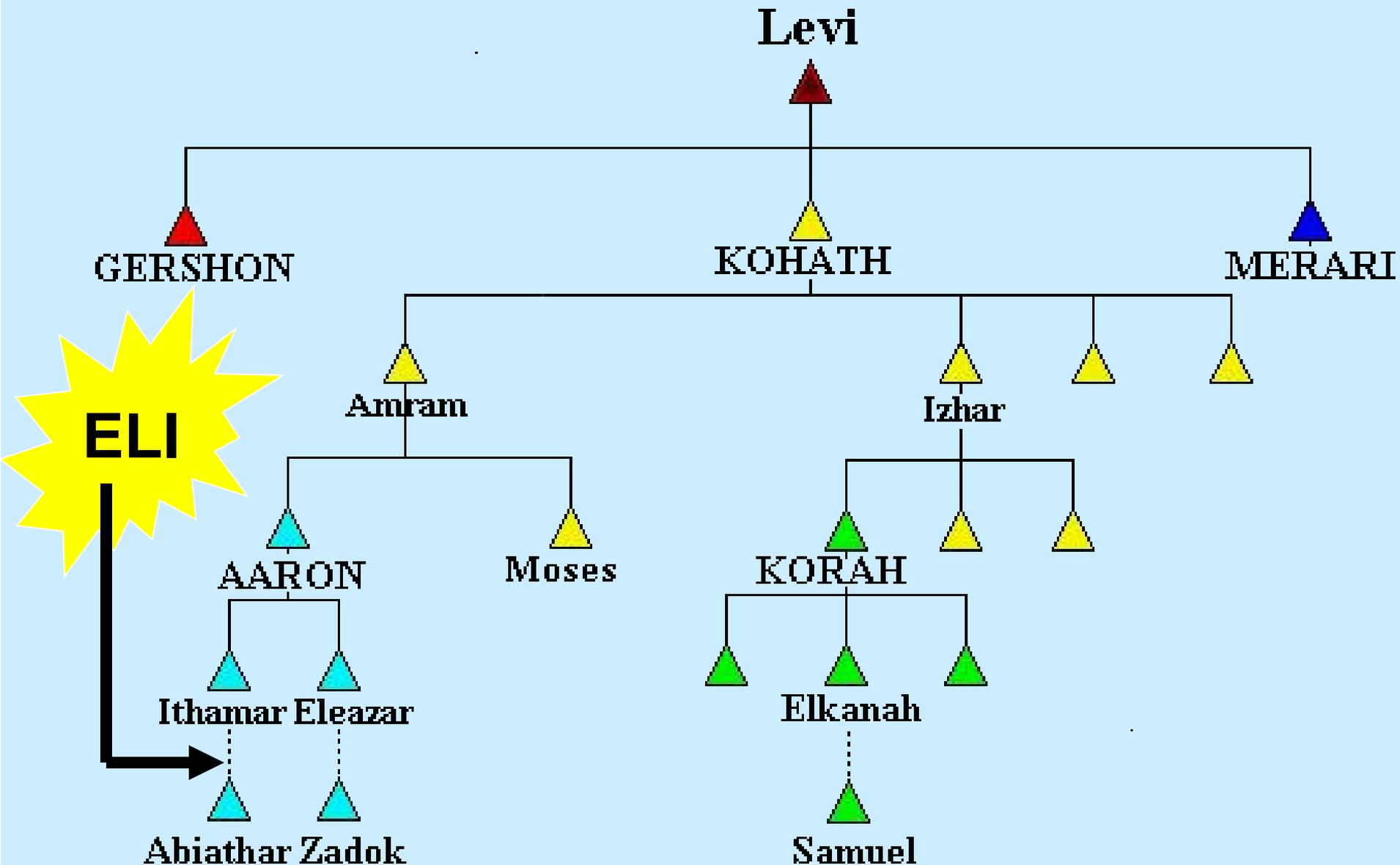
TRIBE OF LEVI

HIEARCHY OF RELATIONSHIPS



- Eli honored his children above YHWH
- Due to Eli's apostasy from the ways of the Lord, Eli's family would essentially be demoted
- All family members would die young
- They would live to see the Ark of the Covenant taken by the Philistines

THE PROBLEM OF LINEAGE



PRIESTHOOD LOSES ALL AUTHORITY

- Eli and his sons lose voracity to officiate the Tabernacle at Shiloh
- Samuel becomes a “hybrid” priest/judge/prophet
- Samuel is NOT the prophesied “faithful priest”
- Per Hannah’s Song, the Lord has reversed the fortunes of men

