

Burning Bush Blogs Dig Deeper:

What prophecies were fulfilled when King Solomon replaced the banished Abiathar as high priest with Zadok?

This **Dig Deeper** prompt can be found in the post: [The Treacherous Prince Adonijah Exposed](#) :

There's an interesting line in [1 Kings 2:27](#) about fulfilled prophecy. Dive in and figure out how this one action of Solomon fulfilled two priestly prophecies.

- Prophecy one – verse 27 itself gives you background information – the word of the Lord spoken to Eli at Shiloh. What's this about?
- Prophecy two – this one's a bit tougher. It involves Zadok, a descendant of a priest named Phinehas, a grandson of the original high priest Aaron.

Prophecy I

- A Google search for “the word of the Lord spoken to Eli at Shiloh” turned up the passage [1 Samuel 2:27-4:22](#).
- This passage tells the story of the high priest, Eli. His sons did evil in the sight of the Lord, yet he continued to allow them to serve as priests.
- This stirred up the anger of God. He sent a prophet to tell Eli that his descendants would eventually be cut off from the priesthood.

Key verses in passage

1 Samuel 2:33 - *Every one of you that I do not cut off from serving at my altar I will spare only to destroy your sight and sap your strength, and all your descendants will die in the prime of life.*

1 Samuel 2:35-36 - *I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. ³⁶ Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread and plead, “Appoint me to some priestly office so I can have food to eat.*

Do you see the references to Abiathar in verse 33 and to the faithful priest Zadok in verse 35?

The Verdict

Eli was a God-fearing man. But he valued his sons more than the Lord. This prophecy is that his line would be stripped from the priesthood, as seen in Abiathar.

Prophecy II

I came across the reference to Phineas when reading the study guide notes of John MacArthur. It refers to a crazy story during the time of Moses found in [Numbers 25](#).

I'll let you read it for yourself. But due to the courageous act of Phineas, the grandson of Aaron, God made this promise to the man in verse 13: *He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites.*”

God promised the opposite to Phineas than he did to Eli. This promise was kept by the Lord in the form of Phineas' descendant, Zadok.