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(1) And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

(2) And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;

(3) And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;

(4) That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.

(5) And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

(6) And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

(7) Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

(8) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

(9) Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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(3) And when the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel laid down *to sleep*;

(4) That the LORD {Jehovah} called **Samuel**: and he answered, Here *am* I.

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(8) And the LORD {Jehovah} called **Samuel** again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here I *am*; because you did call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD {Jehovah} had called the child.

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(10) And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

(11) And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

(12) In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

(13) For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

(14) And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

(15) And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

(16) Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.

(17) And he said, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

(18) And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; because Your servant is listening.

(11) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Samuel, Indeed, I will do a thing in Israel, that will cause both the ears of everyone who hears it to tingle.

(12) In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

(13) Because I have told him that I will judge his house forever because of the sin which he knows; because his sons made themselves evil, and he did not restrain them.

(14) And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the sin of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever.

(15) And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

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(17) And he said, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* {Jehovah} has said to you? I ask you not to hide *it* from me: God do so to you, and more also, if you hide *anything* from me of all the things that He said to you.

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(19) And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

(20) And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel *was* established to be a prophet of the LORD.

(21) And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

**Chapter 4**

(1) And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

(2) And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

(3) And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

(4) So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

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(4) So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts from there, Who stays *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

4:1a - Ebenezer {אֶבְנֵי הָעֵזֶר} - The Stone of Help – I Sam. 7:12