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Outline

- 1A. Yhwh prepares to deliver Israel by a great change, 1 Sam. 1–7
 - 1B. Yhwh causes Samuel to be born, 1 Sam. 1:1–2:10
 - 2B. Yhwh orchestrates the collapse of the old order [Eli], 1 Sam. 2:11–4:22
 - 1C. Yhwh's first announcement to judge the arrogance of the old order, 1 Sam. 2:11–36.

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 - 2C. Yhwh calls the first prophet of the new order, 1 Sam. 3:1–4:1a
 - 1D. Yhwh trains Samuel through Eli, 1 Sam. 3:1–10
 - 2D. Yhwh calls Samuel to begin his prophetic ministry, 3:11–18
 - 3D. Yhwh validates Samuel's prophetic ministry, 3:19–21

Biographical Contrast in 1 Sam. 1–12

1:1–2:11 Hannah & Samuel 2:18–2:21 But ... Samuel 3:1–4:1a Samuel

7:3–12:25 Samuel

2:12–2:17 Eli's Sons

2:22–2:36 Eli & Sons

4:1–7:2 Eli & Sons (and consequences)

6 Movements in 1 Sam. 2:11-36

- 1. Yhwh is served by Samuel, 1 Sam. 2:11
- 2. Yhwh is treated contemptuously by the sons of Eli, 1 Sam. 2:12–17
- 3. Yhwh blesses the family of Hannah and blesses Samuel, 1 Sam. 2:18–21
- 4. Yhwh determines to judge the house of Eli, 1 Sam. 2:22–25
- 5. Yhwh's blessing of Samuel is evident to all, 1 Sam. 2:26
- 6. Yhwh sends a prophet to announce the judgment upon the house of Eli, 1 Sam. 2:27–36

"Recent studies have shown an increasing trend among evangelicals that are moving back into mainline denominations. This shows how deep the apostasy is penetrating our supposed Bibleteaching churches. Why is this happening?

"Simple. After 50 years of Bible churches, they are in decline, expository preaching is beginning to be less popular, and people prefer something other than Bible teaching. The recent emphasis on application apart from in-depth exposition has left people without the ability to think critically, so they are opting for a new social Christianity."

~Robby Dean, 1 Samuel 3, 1988

Division of 1 Samuel 3

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רְזָזוֹן *chazon* comm masc sing abs vision; revelation **Prov. 29:18**,

"Where there is no vision [revelation], the people perish ["run wild"]: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." 1 Sam. 3:2, "And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see,

1 Sam. 3:3, "and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down," As long as a person has a notion that he is guided by immediate direction from heaven, it makes him incorrigible and impregnable in all his misconduct.

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