



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Samuel 3:8–20 Scripture Handout **English Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(1 Samuel 3:8) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

(1 Samuel 3:9) Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

(1 Samuel 3:10) And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

(1 Samuel 3:11) Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

(1 Samuel 3:12) On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

(1 Samuel 3:13) And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

(1 Samuel 3:14) Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

(1 Samuel 3:15) Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

(1 Samuel 3:16) But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

(1 Samuel 3:17) And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."

(1 Samuel 3:18) So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

(1 Samuel 3:19) And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

(1 Samuel 3:20) And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?