

Plot sequence in 1 Samuel 2-4

2.1-10: Hannah's prayer

2.11-17: Eli's corrupt priestly sons

2.18-21: Hannah is blessed with more children while Samuel grows up

2.22-25: Eli upbraids his corrupt sons

2.26: Samuel grows in stature and favor with YHWH and the people

2.27-36: Eli is upbraided by a man of God

3.1-14: YHWH calls Samuel and reveals the judgment against the house of Eli

3.15-18: Samuel reveals YHWH's judgment to Eli

3.19-21: Samuel continued to grow as a "trustworthy prophet of YHWH"

4.1-11: In battle against the Philistines, the ark of God is captured and Eli's sons are killed

4.12-18: Eli gets the news and falls over dead.

4.19-22: Eli's daughter-in-law dies giving birth to a son, Ichabod, "glory has departed"