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<sup>1</sup> 1 Sam. 2:12 - 4:1a title - prophecies: Samuel is recognized as a prophet (5030 *nabiy'*) in 1 Sam. 3:20. Abraham = first mention of prophet (Gen. 20:7); explanation of prophet = Aaron as Moses' spokesman - Ex. 7:1; the great prophet (Christ) = Deut. 18:18-19; tests for a prophet = Deut. 13:1-3 (orthodoxy), Deut. 18:20-22 (fulfillment of predicted signs).

<sup>2</sup> 1 Sam. 2:12 title: not knowing Yahweh: If someone doesn't know the Lord, their lives tend to be worthless!

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<sup>3</sup> 1 Sam. 2:13-14 title - greedy custom of Eli's sons: The priests' rightful due from a peace offering was the breast and the right thigh (Lev. 7:29-35).

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<sup>4</sup> 1 Sam. 29:1-5 title - Philistine commanders' refusal: David, going into battle with the Philistine army against Israel, would undoubtedly have come to Israel's aid, turning against the Philistine troops.

<sup>5</sup> 1 Sam. 29:6-11 title - Achish's apologetic sending away of David: This act may have been God's way of ensuring Israel's defeat and Saul's death.

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