

I Samuel 2-7

When the word of God was rare (3:1 and the back-story)



Hophni



Phinehas



When the word of God was there (3:2- 4:1)



Samuel

The unbearable wait for “and Samuel said” (4:2 – 7:17)

| Chapter 4 | Chapter 7 |
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| A battle at Ebenezer (4:1) | A stone called Ebenezer (7:12) |
| Philistines afraid of Israel (4:7) | Israel afraid of Philistines (7:7) |
| Israel “struck down” by Philistines (4:2, 10) | Philistines “struck down” by Israel (7:10) |
| A naming of a child: “the glory has departed from Israel” (4:22) | The naming of a stone: “the Lord has helped us” (7:12) |

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|  (4:3-4) |  (7:3-6) |
| God’s word is ignored in favour of Lucky Rabbit’s Foot Religion (4:3-4) | God’s word brings repentance and faith |

So in which chapter was God’s word fulfilled?

When God’s word was obeyed... (7:3 ⇒ 7:13)

When God’s word was ignored... (3:11-14 ⇒ 4:11, 18)

Compare Acts 13:27