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## 1 SAM 1:1-7

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup> And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.





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<sup>3</sup> This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

<sup>4</sup> And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters.





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<sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.



**IF ONLY SHE CAN HAVE A SON,  
IT WILL PROVIDE RELIEF, PEACE,  
SECURITY AND SATISFACTION  
THAT SHE IS LOOKING FOR.**

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**HOW OFTEN IN OUR LIVES DO WE LOOK TO SOMETHING OR SOMEONE EXTERNAL TO BE THAT SOURCE OF COMFORT AND SATISFACTION?**





**HANNAH**  
**WANTED A SON**

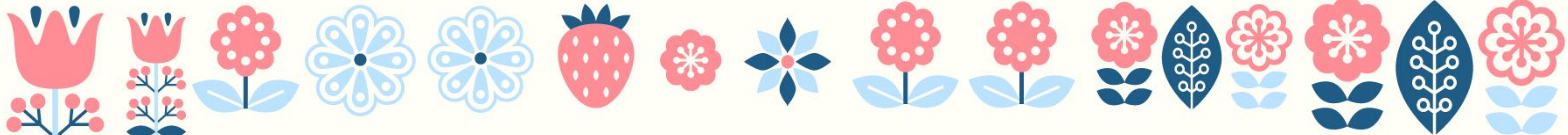
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**GOD WANTED**  
**A PROPHET.**



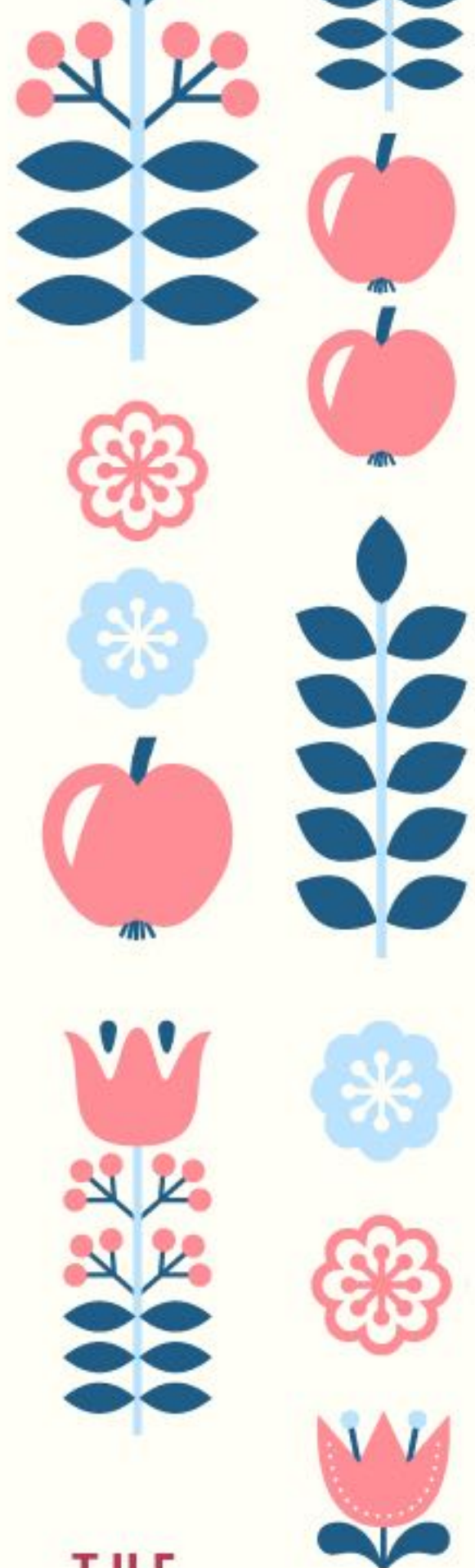
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# THE DESIRE OF OUR **HEARTS**

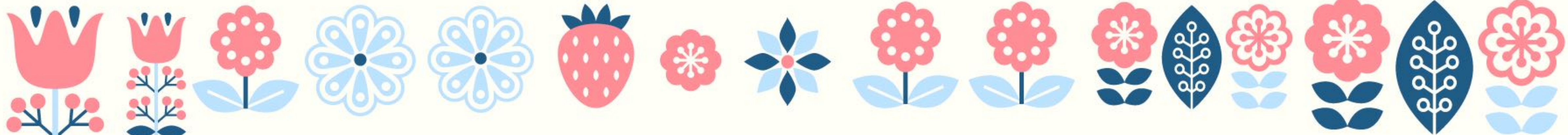
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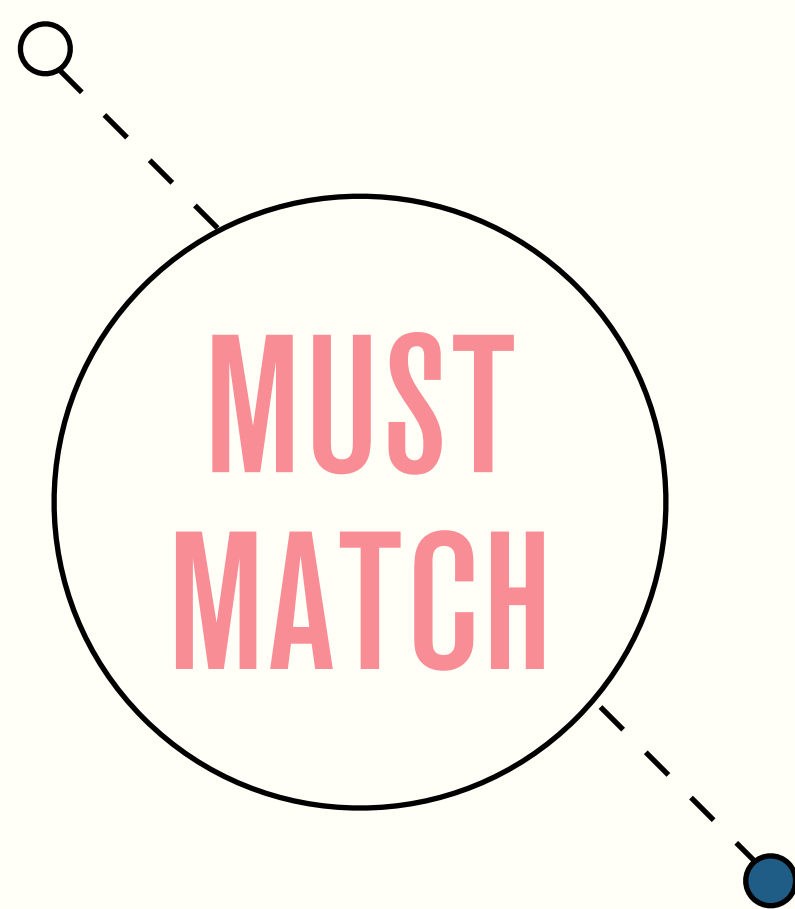
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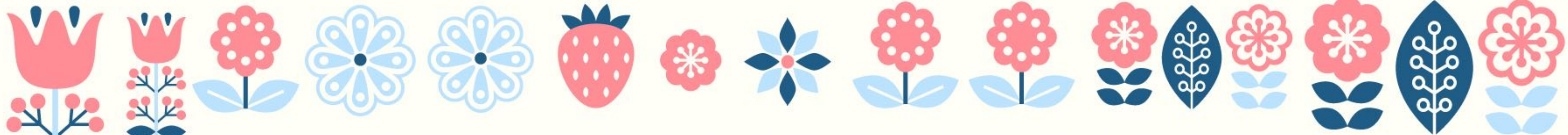


# THE DESIRE OF **HEAVEN** FOR **REVIVAL.**



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**DEUT 4:15-16**

Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup> lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female.





# THE JOURNEY THROUGH BARRENNESS



PREPARED HANNAH TO  
LAY SAMUEL DOWN AT  
THE ALTAR.

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**1 SAM 1:10-11**

And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. <sup>11</sup> Then she made a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”



**1 SAM 19:19-22**

Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."



**1 SAM 19:19-22**

<sup>21</sup> Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow. <sup>22</sup> But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever.”



# THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE

**1 SAM 2:12**

Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord.

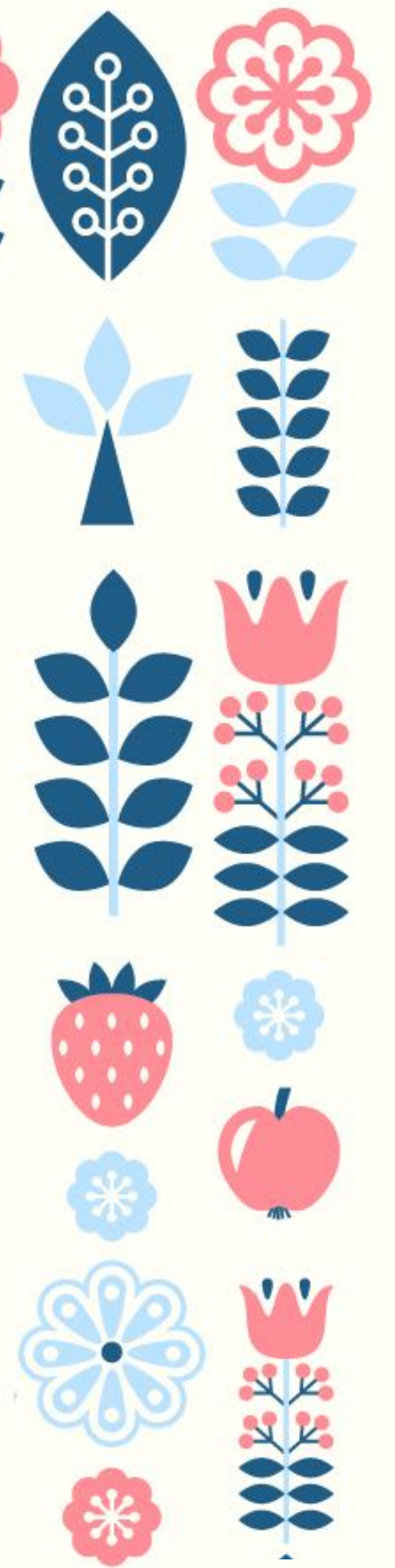
**1 SAM 2:13-17**

The corruption of Eli and his sons.

**1 SAM 2:18**

But Samuel ministered before the Lord, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod.

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# THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE

**1 SAM 3:1**

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.

**1 SAM 3:2-18**

How the child Samuel heard the voice of God for the first time.

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## THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE

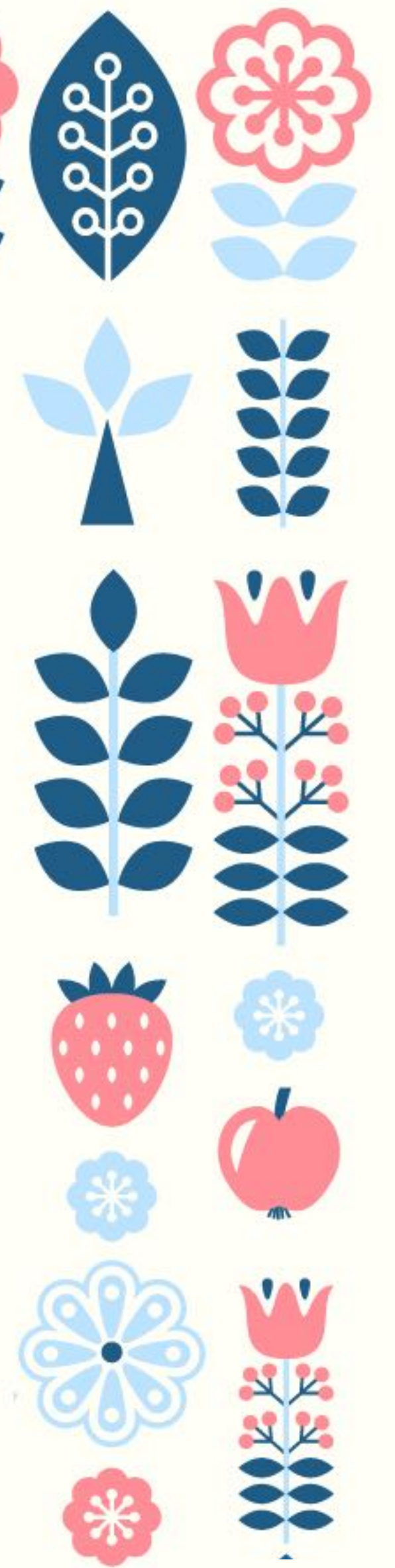
**1 SAM  
3:19-21**

So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

**1 SAM 4:1**

And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

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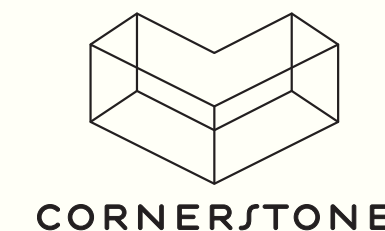


THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE:



**SAMUEL LED A  
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SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP  
OF ISRAEL.**

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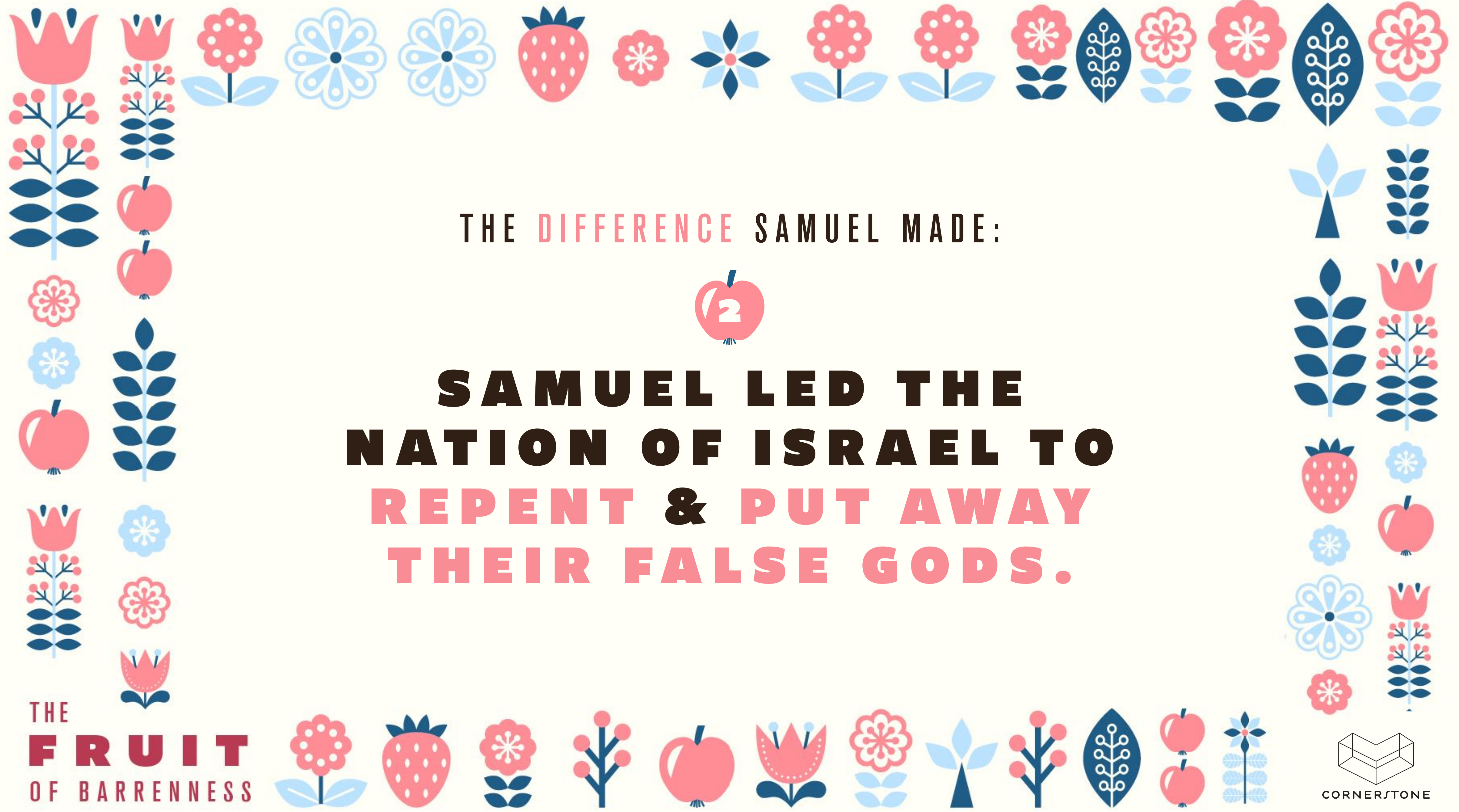
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THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE:



**SAMUEL LED THE NATION OF ISRAEL TO REPENT & PUT AWAY THEIR FALSE GODS.**

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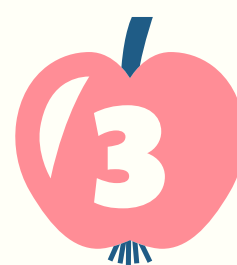


**1 SAM 7:3**

Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.”



THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE:



**THE LORD SUBDUED  
THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL  
DURING THE TIME OF  
SAMUEL'S LEADERSHIP.**

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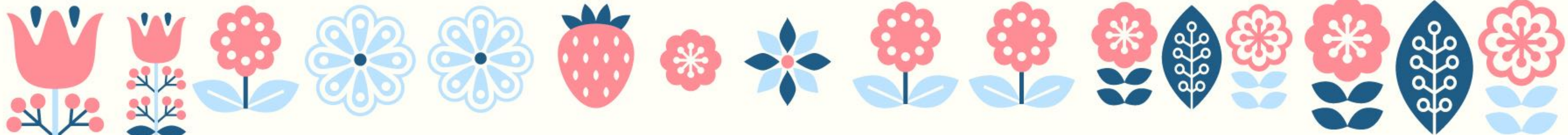


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**1 SAM 7:13-14**

So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. <sup>14</sup> Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory from the hands of the Philistines. Also there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

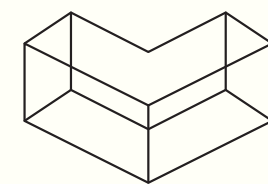


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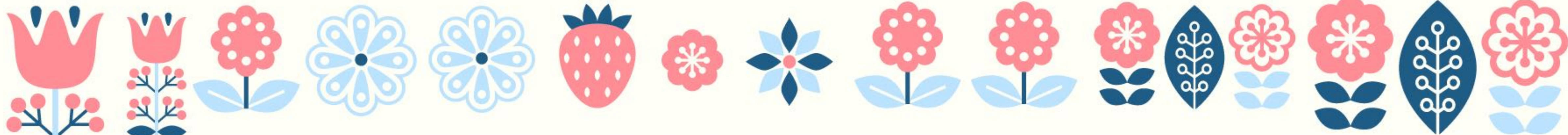


**SAMUEL TAUGHT THE PEOPLE THE WAYS OF ROYALTY.**

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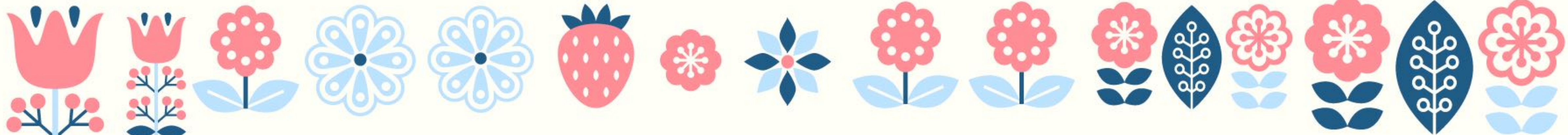


**1 SAM 10:25**

Then Samuel explained to the people the behaviour of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.







THE DIFFERENCE SAMUEL MADE:



**SAMUEL ANOINTED  
DAVID KING OVER  
ISRAEL.**



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**1 SAM 16:12-13**

So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.