

# 1 Samuel 3:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

## Analysis

God confirms that the previously delivered prophecy (2:27-36) will now be fulfilled. The phrase 'when I begin, I will also make an end' emphasizes divine determination to complete announced judgment. This is not threat but settled decree. The reference to 'all things which I have spoken concerning his house' connects Samuel's revelation to the earlier unnamed prophet. Samuel's call validates the prior word while adding urgency - fulfillment is imminent. God accomplishes what He declares, from beginning to end.

## Historical Context

The phrase 'when I begin, I will also make an end' (Hebrew: hachel vegam kallo) emphasizes completed action. Divine judgment, once initiated, proceeds to completion. This principle appears throughout prophetic literature - God's words do not return void (Isaiah 55:11).

## Related Passages

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## 1 John 4:8 – God is love

## Study Questions

1. What does God's commitment to complete announced judgment teach about His faithfulness?
2. How should awareness of certain judgment shape present response?

## Interlinear Text

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