

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

בִּי וּם	הֵהוּא	אֶקֶי יִם	אֶל	עַל י	אֶת	כָּל
In that day		I will perform	concerning	against Eli		
H3117	H1931	H6965	H413	H5941	H853	H3605
אֲשֶׁר	דְּבַר רִתִּי	אֶל	בֵּית ו	לֵה		
all things which I have spoken		concerning	his house	when I begin		
H834	H1696	H413	H1004	H2490		
וְכָלָה:						
I will also make an end						
H3615						

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