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1. Yeshua Calls

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (TLV)

1 Now the boy Samuel was in the service of *Adonai* under Eli. In those days the word of *Adonai* (*Word Adonai*) was rare—there were no visions breaking through.

2 One day, Eli was lying down in his place—now his eyes had grown dim so that he could not see,

3 and the lamp of God had not yet gone out. Samuel was lying down in *Adonai*'s Temple, where the ark of God was.

4 Then *Adonai* called, “Samuel!” So he answered, “Here I am.”

5 Then he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he replied, “I didn't call—go back to sleep.” So he went back and lay down.

6 Then *Adonai* called Samuel yet again. So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”
But he answered, “I didn't call, my son—go back to sleep.”

7 Now Samuel had not experienced *Adonai* yet, since the word of *Adonai* had not yet been revealed to him.

8 *Adonai* called Samuel again for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli, and said “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that *Adonai* was calling the boy.

9 So Eli said to Samuel, “Go back to sleep, and if He calls you, say: ‘Speak, *Adonai*, for Your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back and lay down in his place.

10 Then *Adonai* came and stood and called as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant is listening.”

2. Yeshua Restores

Judges 2:1-5 (TLV)

1 Now the angel of Adonai came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and He said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and took you into the land which I swore to your fathers. I also said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you.’”

2 Now as for you, you must make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land. You must break down their altars.’ But you have not listened to My voice. What is this you have done?

3 Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out from before you, but they will be thorns in your sides, and their gods will be a snare to you.’”

4 Now when the angel of Adonai spoke these words to all *Bnei-Yisrael*, the people lifted up their voice and wept.

5 So they called the name of that place Bochim, and they sacrificed there to *Adonai*.

Judges 17:6 TLV

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

3. Yeshua is with us

Judges 6:11-17, 21-22, 26-30 (TLV)

11 Then the angel of Adonai came and sat under the terebinth that was at Ophrah...while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress—in order to hide it from the Midianites.

12 Then the angel of Adonai appeared to him and said to him, “Adonai is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

13 But Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if Adonai is with us, then why has all this befallen us? So where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about saying ‘Didn’t *Adonai* bring us up from Egypt?’ But now *Adonai* has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

14 Then Adonai turned toward him and said, “Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have not I sent you?”

15 Then he said to him, “Me, my Lord? With what would I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”

16 But *Adonai* said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you will strike down

Midian as if it were one man.”

17 Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your eyes, then please, show me a sign that it is really You talking with me.

21 Then the angel of Adonai put out the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the meat and the *matzah*. Fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the *matzah*. Then the angel of Adonai vanished from his sight.

22 When Gideon realized that He was the angel of Adonai, Gideon said, “Alas, my Lord *Adonai*! For I have seen the angel of Adonai face to face!”

25 Now it came to pass the same night that *Adonai* said to him, “Take the young bull that belongs to your father and a second bull of seven years old, pull down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, cut down the Asherah that is beside it,

26 build an altar to *Adonai* your God on the top of this stronghold...

27 So Gideon took ten of his male servants and did as *Adonai* had spoken to him. But since he was too afraid of his father’s household and the townspeople to do it by day, he did it at night.

28 Now when the townspeople arose early in the morning....

29 ...they said one to another, “Who did this thing?” And when they inquired and asked around, they said: “Gideon son of Joash did this thing.”

30 Then the townspeople said to Joash, “Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has broken down the altar of Baal, and even cut down the Asherah pole that was beside it.”

4. Yeshua Cares

Judges 13:1-3, 6, 8-11, 17-21 (TLV)

1 *Bnei-Yisrael* again did what was evil in *Adonai's* eyes, and *Adonai* gave them into the hand of the Philistines for 40 years.

2 Now there was a certain man from Zorah, from a Danite clan, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren and bore no children.

3 Then the angel of *Adonai* appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have not borne children, but you will conceive and bear a son.

6 Then the woman came and told her husband saying, "A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome! But I did not ask him where he was from, nor did he tell me his name.

8 Then Manoah entreated *Adonai* and said, "My Lord, please let the man of God whom You have sent come to us again and teach us what we will do for the boy to be born."

9 God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field, but her husband Manoah was not with her.

10 So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the man that came to me the other day has appeared to me!"

11 So Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he asked him, "Are you the one who spoke to the woman?" "I am," he said.

17 Then Manoah asked the angel of *Adonai*, "What is your name, so that when your words come to pass we may honor you?"

18 But the angel of *Adonai* said to him, "Why do you ask for my name? It is wonderful."

19 Manoah took the young goat with the meal offering and offered them on the rock to *Adonai*, and He did something wonderful as Manoah and his wife were watching.

20 For it came about when the flame went up from off the altar toward heaven that the angel of *Adonai* ascended in the flame of the altar. Manoah and his wife were looking on, then they fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of *Adonai* appeared no more to Manoah or to his wife.

Hebrews 11:32-34 (TLV)

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me if I tell of
Gideon...Samson...and Samuel...

33 By faith they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises...

34 ...escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness,
became mighty in war, and made foreign armies flee.