

***Advancing the Kingdom***  
**“Transforming a Nation”**  
**1 Samuel 3, 4, 7**

*The glory of Israel had departed, but God still had plans for Samuel and for His people. This episode from Old Testament history has clear application to the churches of America today: God reveals Himself to desperate people.*

## **1. Decline of a Nation**

- **No powerful, visionary preaching (3:1)**
  
- **Presumptuous spirituality (4:2-4)**
  
- **Visible defeat (4:10, 11)**
  
- **Departure of God (4:19-22)**

## **2. Healing of a Land**

- **God selects a leader (3:20)**
  
- **Widespread repentance, prayer (7:2-8)**
  
- **Divine forgiveness (7:9)**
  
- **Memorable victory (7:10-13)**