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 - Samuel begins by calling the people to repentance.
 - Direct your heart to Yahweh and serve Him only.
 - Put away idolatry.

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- With Eli and his sons dead, Samuel assumed leadership in Israel. 7:3-11
 - Samuel assembled Israel together at Mizpah for worship.
 - Samuel prayed for the people there. Samuel is noted in scripture as a man of powerful prayer. (Psalm 99:6; Jeremiah 12:1)

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 - Mizpah (watchtower) had a storied history as the place where a covenant was established between Jacob and Laban. Genesis 31:46-54
 - Mizpah was a gathering place for battle in the time of the judges as well as the home of the judge Jephthah. Judges 10:17; 11:34; 20:1

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 - Samuel assembled Israel together at Mizpah for worship.
 - Worship included:
 - Pouring out a drink offering. This is the first time we see water used for this. The law provided for drink offerings to be poured out to the LORD, but it was to be wine. The use of water here may indicate the poverty of the land brought about by the oppression of the Philistines.

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 - Fasting would be connected to the Day of Atonement although this would not be practiced without a high priest and the Tent of meeting that had either been abandoned or destroyed.

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 - Samuel assembled Israel together at Mizpah for worship.
 - Worship was interrupted by the approach of the Philistines. They knew the history of Mizpah as a place to gather to stage for war and they were intent on a preemptive strike.
 - Worship had focused them on God so that they immediately turned to Him for help.

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 - Samuel offered a lamb as a burnt offering before he cried out to God on behalf of the Israelites, signifying his awareness that we have no standing on our own to come before God.

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 - True to His promises made in Deuteronomy, God fought for His people and gave them victory over the Philistines. Deuteronomy 20:1-4; 28:1-7

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- Summary of Samuel's tenure as judge over Israel. 7:12-17
 - Immediately commemorated the victory over the Philistines by erecting a stone monument and names it the "stone of help".
 - The Philistines no longer controlled the Israelites and land they had taken was reclaimed.
 - There was peace between Israel and the remaining Amorites in the land.

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 - Samuel traveled a circuit each year that encompassed the cities of Bethel, Gilgal and Mizpah, returning home to Ramah.



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 - He built an altar to Yahweh at Ramah. God had made provision in the Law for building an altar and sacrificing on it. Exodus 20:22-26

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