

## **“Hidden Treasures”**

**“Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.” (Psalm 8:2)**

### **Hidden Prophet**

**1 Samuel 3:1-11** – (1) “Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. (2) At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. (3) The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. (4) Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, ‘Here I am!’ (5) and ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. (6) And the LORD called again, ‘Samuel!’ and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ (7) Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. (8) And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. (9) Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (10) And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant hears.’ (11) Then the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.’”

**1 Samuel 3:19-20** – (19) “And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. (20) And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.”

### **Hidden in God’s House**

**2 Kings 11:1-3** – (1) “Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family. (2) But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being put to death, and she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not put to death. (3) And he remained with her six years, hidden in the house of the LORD, while Athaliah reigned over the land.”

## **Hidden in the Womb**

**Luke 1:26-31** – (26) “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ (29) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.’”

## **Hidden in Plain Sight**

**2 Corinthians 4:7** – “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”

## **Closing Thoughts:**

### **Begin the Dedication Process**

**Exodus 13:2** – “Dedicate to me every firstborn among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born, of both humans and animals, belongs to me.” (NLT)

### **Welcome the Little Ones**

**Matthew 19:13-15** – (13) “Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, (14) but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’ (15) And he laid his hands on them and went away.”

### **Cleanup Worth It**

**Proverbs 14:4** – “Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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