

*Was Eli sleeping in the Holy of Holies in 1 Samuel 3:1-4?*

Eli had poor vision because he was old.

J. Vernon McGee wrote:

It was the duty of the priests to take care of the lamp in the tabernacle. They were to put oil in it and see that it was kept burning. Eli was old, his eyesight dim, and the lamp was about to go out.<sup>1</sup>

Samuel was called to his prophetic ministry replacing Eli.

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<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep [1 Sam. 3:2–3]. McGee, J. V. (1991). *Thru the Bible commentary: History of Israel (1 and 2 Samuel)* (electronic ed., Vol. 12, p. 30). Thomas Nelson.