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<p>1 Samuel 10:1-10</p> <p>¹Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance?^a ²When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, "What shall I do about my son?"</p> <p>³"Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. Three men going up to worship God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine. ⁴They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.</p> <p>⁵"After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. ⁶The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. ⁷Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.</p> <p>⁸"Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do."</p> <p>Saul Made King</p> <p>⁹As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. ¹⁰When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying.</p> <p>a. Hebrew; Septuagint and Vulgate <i>over his people Israel? You will reign over the Lord's people and save them from the power of their enemies round about. And this will be a sign to you that the Lord has anointed you ruler over his inheritance:</i></p>	

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<p>Isaiah 44:1-3</p> <p>Israel the Chosen</p> <p>¹ “But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.</p> <p>² This is what the LORD says— he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun,^[b] whom I have chosen.</p> <p>³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.</p> <p>Ezekiel 2:1-8</p> <p>Ezekiel’s Call to Be a Prophet</p> <p>¹ He said to me, “Son of man,^[c] stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.</p> <p>³ He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. ⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”</p> <p>b. <i>Jeshurun</i> means <i>the upright one</i>, that is, Israel.</p> <p>c. The Hebrew phrase <i>ben adam</i> means <i>human being</i>. The phrase <i>son of man</i> is retained as a form of address here and throughout Ezekiel because of its possible association with “<i>Son of Man</i>” in the New Testament.</p>	

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<p>Joel 2:25-29</p> <p>²⁵ “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[d]— my great army that I sent among you.</p> <p>²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.</p> <p>²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.</p> <p>The Day of the LORD</p> <p>²⁸ “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.</p> <p>²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.</p> <p>Zechariah 12:10 Mourning for the One They Pierced</p> <p>¹⁰ “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit^[e] of grace and supplication. They will look on^[f] me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.</p> <p>d. The precise meaning of the four Hebrew words used here for locusts is uncertain. e. Or <i>the Spirit</i> f. Or <i>to</i></p>	

Reflections

We know that in ancient days God endowed certain people with His Holy Spirit, for specific purposes to fulfill His plan. Early believers heard God's Word through the voices of prophets, while post-resurrection believers hear God's Word through the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. How do you discern the leading of the Holy Spirit?

The people of Israel were disobedient and rebellious, and although they had to endure tribulation to come to repentance, God always redeemed His people. Describe a time you felt God's Spirit poured out on you through His mercy and grace, even when you were completely undeserving?

