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**Abstract:**

In the Hebrew narrative of 1 Samuel 4-7 the author provides a parallel vision of two communities who both experience the judgment, forgiveness, and revelation of God. As the narrative unfolds the author draws a poignant comparison between two political enemies, the Israelite and Philistine peoples, as both populations move from a position of disobedience towards one of repentance before the One True God. In the midst of two harsh periods of divine judgment, the Israelites and Philistines are transformed through their encounter with Israel's God. In this paper I will explore God's missional revelation to the Israelite and Philistine peoples in 1 Samuel 4-7 as it relates to the fulfillment of God's universal mission to all nations.