

Hannah

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1, 2 Samuel : From Judges to Kings

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Chapter 1 - 7

Samuel = A prophet from God

Chapter 8 - 14

Saul = A king in Gods place

Chapter 15 - 31

David = A man after God's heart

Chapter 1, 2 = The Birth of Samuel

Chapter 1:1-7

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. **2** And he had two wives: the name of one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. **3** This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there. **4** And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. **5** But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb. **6** And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the LORD had closed her womb. **7** So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

Chapter 1:10-11

¹⁰ And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. ¹¹ Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.”

The Affliction of Hannah

1. Why? (purpose)

Exodus 3: 7 – 8

⁷ And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

(i) Gain Christ

Philippians 3:8

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

2. What are the lessons involved? (process)

(i) Pray

(ii) Purify

Job 23:10

But He knows the way that I take;

When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Job 40:4

“Behold, I am vile;

What shall I answer You?

I lay my hand over my mouth.

Job 42:2

“I know that You can do everything,
And that no purpose *of Yours* can be withheld from You.

Job 42:5-6

⁵ “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.

⁶ Therefore I abhor *myself*,
And repent in dust and ashes.”

(iii) Magnify

Luke 1:46

And Mary said: “My soul **magnifies the Lord**”

(iv) Trust

1 Samuel 1:18

And she said, “Let your maidservant find favour in your sight.” So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

(v) Dedicate

1 Samuel 1:20-22

²⁰ So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”

²¹ Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband,

“*Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the LORD and remain there forever.*”

1 Samuel 1:28

Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent (dedicate) to the LORD.” So they worshiped the LORD there.

3. What is the outcome? (result)

The Prayer of Hannah

2 And Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;

My horn is exalted in the LORD.

I smile at my enemies,

Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 “No one is holy like the LORD,

For *there is* none besides You,

Nor *is there* any rock like our God.

3 “Talk no more so very proudly;

Let no arrogance come from your

mouth,

For the LORD *is* the God
of knowledge;

And by Him actions are weighed.

4 “The bows of the mighty
men *are* broken,

And those who stumbled are girded
with strength.

5 *Those who were* full have hired
themselves out for bread,

And the hungry have ceased *to*
hunger.

Even the barren has borne seven,
And she who has many children has
become feeble.

⁶ “The LORD kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and
brings up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes
rich;
He brings low and lifts up.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the beggar from the ash
heap,
To set *them* among princes
And make them inherit the throne of
glory.

“For the pillars of the
earth *are* the LORD’s,
And He has set the world upon them.
⁹ He will guard the feet of His saints,
But the wicked shall be silent in
darkness.

“For by strength no man shall prevail.
¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall
be broken in pieces;
From heaven He will thunder against
them.

The LORD will judge the ends of the
earth.

“He will give strength to His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed.”



(i) Rejoice in the Lord

(ii) Knowing Him

(iii) Longing for the anointed King

1 Samuel 2:21

And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the LORD.