

# Hannah The Mother of Samuel



Now there was a<sup>1</sup>  
cer-tain man  
from the hill  
count-ry of  
E-phraim, and his  
name was  
El-ka-nah.

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He had two wives:  
the name of one  
was Han-nah and  
the name of the  
other Pen-in-nah;  
and Pen-in-nah  
had child-ren, but  
Han-nah had no  
child-ren.

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Now this man  
would go up from  
his cit-y year-ly  
to wor-ship and  
to sac-ri-fice to  
the Lord of  
hosts in Shi-loh.

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When the day  
came that  
El-ka-nah  
sac-ri-ficed, he  
would give  
por-tions to  
Pen-in-nah his  
wife and to all  
her sons and her  
daugh-ters;

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but to Han-nah  
he would give a  
dou-ble por-tion,  
for he loved  
Han-nah, but the  
Lord had closed  
her womb.

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Her ri-val, how-  
ev-er, would  
pro-voke her  
bit-ter-ly to  
ir-ri-tate her,  
be-cause the  
Lord had closed  
her womb.

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It hap-pened  
year af-ter year,  
as of-ten as she  
went up to the  
house of the  
Lord, she would  
pro-voke her; so  
she wept and  
would not eat.

8 Then Han-nah  
rose af-ter  
eat-ing and  
drink-ing in Shi-loh.  
Now E-li the priest  
was sit-ting on  
the seat by the  
door-post of the  
tem-ple of the  
Lord.

9 She, great-ly  
dis-tressed,  
prayed to the  
Lord and wept  
bit-ter-ly.

10 She made a vow  
and said, "O Lord  
of hosts, if You will  
give Your  
maid-ser-vant a  
son, then I will give  
him to the Lord all  
the days of his life,  
and a ra-zor shall  
nev-er come on his  
head."

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Now it came  
a-bout, as she  
con-tin-ued  
pray-ing be-fore  
the Lord, that E-li  
was watch-ing  
her mouth.

12

As for Han-nah,  
she was speak-ing  
in her heart, on-ly  
her lips were  
mov-ing, but her  
voice was not  
heard. So E-li  
thought she was  
drunk.

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Then E-li said to  
her, "How long will  
you make  
your-self drunk?  
Put a-way your  
wine from you."

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But Han-nah  
re-plied, "No, my  
lord, I am a  
wo-man  
op-pressed in spir-  
it; I have drunk  
neith-er wine nor  
strong drink, but I  
have poured out  
my soul be-fore  
the Lord.

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Do not con-sid-er  
your  
maid-ser-vant as  
a worth-less  
wo-man, for I  
have spok-en  
un-til now out of  
my great  
con-cern and  
pro-vo-ca-tion."

Then E-li  
an-swered and  
said, "Go in peace;  
and may the God  
of Is-ra-el grant  
your pe-ti-tion  
that you have  
asked of Him."

She said, "Let  
your  
maid-ser-vant  
find fa-vor in  
your sight." So  
the wo-man went  
her way and ate,  
and her face was  
no long-er *sad*.

18 It came a-bout in  
due time, af-ter  
Han-nah had  
con-ceived, that  
she gave birth to  
a son; and she  
named him  
Sam-u-el, *say-ing*,  
"Be-cause I have  
asked him of the  
Lord."

19 She brought the  
boy to E-li. She  
said, "Oh, my lord!  
I am the wo-man  
who stood here  
be-side you,  
pray-ing to the  
Lord.

For this boy I  
prayed, and the  
Lord has giv-en  
me my pe-ti-tion  
which I asked of  
Him.

So I have also  
ded-i-ca-ted him  
to the Lord; as  
long as he lives he  
is ded-i-ca-ted to  
the Lord.”