

Hannah The Mother of Samuel



Now there was a¹
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.

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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*.

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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."

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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.

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

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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.”