

# 1 Samuel 1

## *Hannah's Vow*

1. 1:1-8 – Hannah's Grief
  - a. 1 - "*a certain man*" – Significant for heritage "*an Ephrathite*", Levite – 1Chr 6:27-28
  - b. "*Ramathaim-zophim*" – more than one Ramah, this one of the "Zuph's"
  - c. 2 - "*two wives*" -At the time a practice if they provided, notably if one was barren.
    - i. The problem with multiple wives is found in Gen 2:24 and 1 Sam 1:6
  - d. 3 - "*yearly to worship*" – A man faithful to the LORD, perhaps frustrated by priests.
    - i. Law required annual visits to this place to offer and eat – Deu 12:5-7, 16:16
    - ii. "*Shiloh*" - where the tabernacle had been since Josh 18:1, northwest of Jericho
  - e. 4-5 – Everyone in the family got offerings, Hannah received extra due to his love.
  - f. 6 - "*provoked her sore*" – think, friends of Job. She "fret" and wept because...
    - i. "*LORD had shut up her womb*" 2x, you are not told why, and later it is not.
  - g. 8 - "*Why?*" - Her husband expressed love, but her sorrow is in her and with God.
    - i. "*ten sons*" – Elkanah a good man. Ruth was better than 7 in Ruth 4:15
  - h. Hannah's barrenness reflected the covenant condition of Israel – Deu 7:12-14
  
2. 1:9-11 - Hannah's Vow
  - a. 9-10 – Eli witnessed her prayer in bitterness (Naomi?), we now know Isa 54:1-8
  - b. 11 - "*O LORD of hosts*" – all powers, peoples, numbered, armies – Gen 2:1, James 5:4
  - c. "*remember me*" - as Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth - Gen 3:15-16, 30:22, Ruth 4:13-14
  - d. "*if thou wilt ... look, remember, not forget, and give*" – According to promises, purposes.
  - e. "*a man child*" – a woman asking for a son to do God service. (a rare thing then)
    - i. She asked according to God's will not her own. God uses faithful servants.
    - ii. He does not give a Samuel to every woman, but can comfort - Isa 54:1
  - f. "*then I will give him*" – The work she will do, if God does his work.
  - g. "*no razor come upon his head*" – A vow within a vow: Nazarite vow - Num 6:1-8
    - i. Samson, Samuel, John all partook of this vow – Judge 13:5-7, Luke 1:15
  
3. 1:12-18 – Hannah Seeks Grace
  - a. 13 – "*spake in her heart*" as in a silent prayer where she "*poured out my soul*" 1:15
  - b. 14 – "*How long wilt thou be drunken?*" a similar response in Acts 2:13
  - c. 15 – "*wine or strong drink*" – an uncommon woman of prayer, vows, and integrity
  - d. 16 – "*daughter of Belial*" –Wickedness, ungodly, evil. Deu 13:13, 2 Cor 6:15, 1Sam 2:12
  - e. 17 – "*Go in peace*" – this a blessing instead of a curse from the priest. Num 6:23-27
  - f. 18 - "*find grace in thy sight*" – Grace not guaranteed. Seen before in Ruth 2:10,13
  
4. 1:19-28 – Her Vow Fulfilled
  - a. 19 - "*the Lord remembered*" – this is a miraculous intervention.
  - b. 20 - "*his name Samuel*" – meaning 'asked of the Lord'. Before Saul, David/Solomon, Hannah asked the Lord and received –Pro 24:19, Ps 37:1-7,145:17-20, Mtt 7:7, 21:22

- c. 21 – *“yearly sacrifice, and his vow”* – His responsibility for her vows - Num 30:7-15
- d. 22 – *“then will I bring him... for ever”* – Her (God given) son will abide for ever 7:15-17
- e. 23 – *“only the LORD establish his word”* – to bless him - Jer 1:4-6, 1 Sam 3:19-21
- f. 24 – *“she took him... with three bullocks”* – both sacrifices to the Lord.
  - i. *“bullocks... flour... wine”* – as required by Num 15:8-10
- g. 25 - *“brought the child to Eli”* – The priest representing the Lord in his house.
- h. 26-28 - Her vow (1:11) is fulfilled in giving him to the Lord.
  - i. NASB says he is *“dedicated to the LORD”* which does not fulfill 1:11
  - ii. Hannah means ‘grace’ ‘favoured’ ‘that gives’, she asked not for herself Ja 4:3
  - iii. *“he worshipped the LORD there”* - Samuel in Shiloh, something he did for the first time, but had learned from his parents.