

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 1

HISTORY: WHERE WE ARE IN BIBLICAL NARRATIVE

CREATION/FALL (GENESIS) → ABRAHAM (GENESIS) →
EXODUS/MOSES (PRIESTS, TABERNACLE) (EXODUS-DEUTERONOMY) →
JOSHUA → JUDGES, CONQUEST OF LAND, DISTRIBUTION OF LAND
BY TRIBES

1 SAMUEL 1:1-8 - HANNAH

V. 3 - SHILOH - THE MODERN KHIRBET SEILUN, IS 20 MILES NORTH OF JERUSALEM, TOWARD THE EASTERN BORDER OF EPHRAIM. THE TENT OF MEETING WAS SET UP THERE IN JOSHUA 18:1. (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 1 SAM 1:3). ITS WHERE IT REMAINED DURING THE TIME OF JUDGES (JUDGES 18:31)

V. 3 - "THE LORD OF HOSTS" - 1ST USAGE IN SCRIPTURE. THIS IS GOD'S BATTLE TITLE. HE IS "YAHWEH OF HOSTS", THE COMMANDER OF ALL OF THE ARMIES (HOSTS) OF HEAVEN.

V. 7 - AS HANNAH WOULD GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD PENINNAH WOULD "PROVOKE HER"

- "CHILDLESSNESS WAS STIGMA ENOUGH FOR HANNAH, BUT HAVING IT RUBBED IN WAS INTOLERABLE.

PENINNAH APPARENTLY USED SPECIAL WORSHIP OCCASIONS FOR GETTING HANNAH'S GOAT." (DALE RALPH DAVIS, "1 SAMUEL", PG 17)

V. 8 - ELKANAH IS WELL MEANING, BUT INEFFECTIVE IN COMFORTING HANNAH

1 SAMUEL 1:9-18 - HANNAH'S VOW. HANNAH & ELI

V. 11, 15 - HANNAH PRAYS WITH GREAT HUMILITY AND REVERENCE (LORD OF HOSTS) BUT ALSO WITH A INTIMACY THAT WE DO NOT OFTEN ASSOCIATE WITH "OLD TESTAMENT" BELIEVER'S PRAYERS.

- "THERE IS A MYTH...THAT BELIEVERS IN THE OT PERIOD DIDN'T HAVE THE FREEDOM AND PERSONAL APPROACH IN PRAYER THAT WE DO. THEIR WORSHIP CONSISTED OF A VERY EXTERNAL, FORMAL, CUT-AND-DRIED SACRIFICIAL PROCEDURE IN WHICH RITUAL KILLED OFF ANY SPONTANEITY OR INTENSE SPIRITUALITY. HANNAH WOULD SAY THAT IS HOGWASH." (DAVIS, PG 19)

V. 11 - HANNAH'S VOW IS RELATED TO A NAZARITE VOW - NUMBERS 6:1-8 (9-21)



NAZARITE: MEANS CONSECRATION, DEVOTION AND SEPARATION. A NAZARITE WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS BOUND BY A VOW OF CONSECRATION TO GOD'S SERVICE FOR EITHER A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME, OR FOR LIFE. A NAZARITE'S DEVOTION TO GOD WAS EVIDENCED OUTWARDLY BY NOT CUTTING THE HAIR, ABSTAINING FROM WINE AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, AND AVOIDING CONTACT WITH THE DEAD. VIOLATION OF THESE BROUGHT DEFILEMENT AND NEED OF PURIFICATION. (NEW INDUCTIVE STUDY BIBLE, NASB, PG 449)

1 SAMUEL 1:19-20 - HANNAH HAS A SON!

V. 19 - "THE LORD REMEMBERED HER" CP. V. 11 - "REMEMBER ME, AND NOT FORGET YOUR MAIDSERVANT"

V. 20 - THE NAME "SAMUEL" SOUNDS LIKE THE HEBREW VERB TRANSLATED "ASKED." (NET BIBLE NOTE, 1 SAM. 1:20). HIS NAME LITERALLY MEANS "NAME OF GOD"

1 SAMUEL 1:21-28 - SAMUEL GIVEN TO THE LORD'S SERVICE

V. 26 - CAN YOU IMAGINE THE EXCITEMENT, JOY AND ANTICIPATION OF HANNAH TO BRING SAMUEL BACK TO ELI, AND CELEBRATE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND GOODNESS?!

V. 27 - HANNAH WAS VERY MINDFUL OF THE SPECIFIC PROMISE OF THE LORD

1:17 - "MAY THE GOD OF ISRAEL GRANT YOUR PETITION THAT YOU HAVE ASKED OF HIM"

1:20 - "SHE NAMED HIM SAMUEL, SAYING, "BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED OF THE LORD"

1:27 - "THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME THE PETITION WHICH I ASKED OF HIM"

- THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A STRANGE PRACTICE FOR A NEW MOTHER TO OBSERVE. BUT HANNAH KNEW HER CHILD WAS A GIFT FROM, AND THUS A GIFT FOR THE LORD. SHE STILL SAW HIM AT LEAST 1X YEAR WHEN SHE WOULD VISIT SHILOH TO WORSHIP (1 SAMUEL 2:19-20) AND SHE ACTUALLY WAS BLESSED WITH MORE CHILDREN (2:21). BUT IN THIS WE SEE THAT HANNAH PRIORITIZES "GODLINESS" OVER TEMPORAL BLESSINGS AS A MOTHER.

1 SAMUEL 2:1-11 - HANNAH'S PRAYER

V. 1, 10 - **HORN**: HORNS OF ANIMALS HAVE ALWAYS FUNCTIONED AS BOTH OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPONS FOR THEM. AS A FIGURE OF SPEECH THE HORN IS THEREFORE OFTEN USED IN THE BIBLE AS A SYMBOL OF HUMAN STRENGTH. THE ALLUSION IN V.1 TO THE HORN BEING LIFTED HIGH SUGGESTS A PICTURE OF AN ANIMAL ELEVATING ITS HEAD IN A DISPLAY OF STRENGTH OR VIRILITY. (NET BIBLE 1 SAM. 2:1) ESV 2:1 - "MY HEART EXULTS IN THE LORD; MY STRENGTH IS EXALTED IN THE LORD."

- THE PEOPLE OF GOD OFTEN FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF PRAYER (REQUEST) → RESPONSE FROM GOD → PRAYER (PRAISE, THANKSGIVING). EXAMPLES: EXODUS 15, MIRIAM'S SONG AFTER RED SEA OR LUKE 1, MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE (MAGNIFICAT)
- THE THEME OF THIS PRAYER OF PRAISE IS THE REVERSAL OF FORTUNES. GOD DOES NOT DO THINGS LIKE MAN DOES. THE WEAK ARE MADE STRONG. THE STRONG ARE MADE WEAK. THOSE WITH GREAT ABILITIES ARE USELESS TO HIM AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOTHING ARE USED BY HIM FOR GREAT THINGS. THIS IS TRUE ABOUT HANNAH'S SITUATION AND ALSO IS PROPHETIC ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HER SON (SAMUEL) WILL ANOINT AS KING OF GOD'S PEOPLE (DAVID).

V. 10 - PROPHETIC PRAISE