

# THE BIRTH OF SAMUEL

## 1 SAMUEL 1

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### Introduction

The Old Testament character, Samuel, was a great spiritual leader of Israel. Samuel was born during the time of the judges, a spiritually dark period in Israel's history. His birth is recorded in 1 Samuel 1. On one level, this chapter tells a story about Hannah, a woman who cannot bear children. But on another level, the chapter tells a story about a nation that is spiritually barren. As God heals a woman of her physical barrenness, so does He heal a nation of its spiritual barrenness through Hannah's son, Samuel.

### Observations

#### 1. Hannah and Her Problem (vv. 1-2)

#### 2. Elkanah's Piety (v. 3)

#### 3. Hannah's Pain (vv. 4-8)

#### 4. Hannah's Prayer (v. 11)

She specifically asks for a son and vows to dedicate him to the Lord.

Eli, priest at Shiloh

Hophni and Phineas, sons of Eli and religious leaders at Shiloh

They did not know the Lord (1 Sam 2:12).

They treated the offering of the Lord with contempt (1 Sam 2:17).

They slept with the women who assisted in the place of worship (1 Sam 2:22).

#### 5. Eli's Rebuke of Hannah (vv. 12-14) and Her Response (vv. 15-16)

#### 6. The Lord Answers Hannah's Prayer (vv. 19-20)

"Remember," Noah in the Ark (Gen 8:1); Hebrews in Bondage (Exod 2:24)

#### 7. Hannah Fulfills Her Vow (vv. 21-28)

### What do we learn from this story?

#### 1. God answers His people's prayers.

#### 2. God is faithful to His people.

<sup>3</sup> . . . "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." <sup>4</sup> So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only." (1 Sam 7:3-4)

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