

THE SONG OF HANNAH

1 Samuel 1 - 2

At the very end of the era of the Judges, another beautiful piece of literature was written. Read below about its author, and the events which caused it to be written:

A. Hannah's Problems: Read 1 Samuel 1:1-8

1. Who is the man in this story? 1 Samuel 1:1

2. Where did he live? 1 Samuel 1:1a, 19 (Locate this city of Ramah on the map, page 25).

3. What was peculiar about his family, in contrast to families of our culture? 1 Samuel 1:2a

4. What was the first great problem of his wife Hannah? 1 Samuel 1:2b

5. Where did this man go every year? 1 Samuel 1:3a (Locate this city on a map)

6. When he made his sacrifices, why did he always give Hannah more than he gave his other wife and her children? 1 Samuel 1:4, 5

7. What was Hannah's second great problem? 1 Samuel 1:6

8. What did Hannah do because of these problems? 1 Samuel 1:7b

B. Hannah's Prayer: Read 1 Samuel 1:9-18

1. After the sacrifices were eaten, what else did Hannah do about her problems? 1 Samuel 1:10

2. For what did she ask the Lord? 1 Samuel 1:11a

3. What did she promise to do if God would grant her request? 1 Samuel 1:11b

4. What did Eli, the priest, think was wrong with Hannah? 1 Samuel 1:12-15

5. When he learned of her true condition, what did he say to her? 1 Samuel 1:17

6. How did Hannah feel after this? 1 Samuel 1:18

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C. Hannah's Purpose: Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28

1. What happened after this family returned to their home? 1 Samuel 1:20

2. How long did Hannah keep her son? 1 Samuel 1:22, 24

3. Then what did she do with him? 1 Samuel 1:24b, 28

D. Hannah's Song: Read 1 Samuel 2:1-11

1. How did Hannah feel as she gave her son to the Lord? 1 Samuel 2:1-2

2. About whom did Hannah speak in her prayer? 1 Samuel 2:3-5

3. What is the main theme of her song in verses 6-10?

E. Hannah's Reward: Read 1 Samuel 2:18-21

1. What did Samuel do as a child? 1 Samuel 2:11, 18

2. What did his mother do for him each year? 1 Samuel 2:19

3. How did the Lord reward Hannah for giving her son to Him 1 Samuel 2:20-21

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How would Hannah have felt if she had not kept her promise to the Lord? What would have been her reward?

2. Have I kept all the promises I have made to the Lord in my times of distress? (See Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)
