

~**HANNAH (222)**  
**(Han'nah) [Favor, Grace]**

- **Mother of the prophet Samuel. Hannah lived with her Levite husband Elkanah and his other wife Peninnah in Ramathaim-zophim in the mountainous region of Ephraim.**
- **In spite of Hannah's long barrenness, contrasted with Peninnah's bearing several children, Hannah was still Elkanah's more beloved wife. Peninnah taunted Hannah because of her barrenness, notably when Elkanah took his family for their yearly appearance at the tabernacle in Shiloh.**
- **Now there happened to be a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the mountainous region of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. (1 Samuel 1:1)**
- **And he had two wives, the name of the one being Hannah, and the name of the other being Peninnah. And Peninnah came to have children, but Hannah had no children. (1 Samuel 1:2)**
- **And that man went up out of his city from year to year to prostrate himself and to sacrifice to Yehowah of armies in Shiloh. And there is where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to Yehowah. (1 Samuel 1:3)**
- **And there came to be a day when Elkanah proceeded to sacrifice, and he gave to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters portions. (1 Samuel 1:4)**
- **But to Hannah he gave one portion. Nonetheless it was Hannah that he loved, and, as for Yehowah, he had closed up her womb. (1 Samuel 1:5)**
- **And her rival wife also vexed her sorely for the sake of making her feel disconcerted because Yehowah had closed up her womb. (1 Samuel 1:6)**
- **And that was the way she would do year by year, as often as she went up into the house of Yehowah. That was the way she would vex her, so that she would weep and not eat. (1 Samuel**

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- And Elkanah her husband proceeded to say to her; **Hannah**, why do you weep, and why do you not eat, and why does your heart feel bad? Am I not better to you than ten sons? (**1 Samuel 1:8**)
- On one visit to Shiloh, **Hannah** vowed to Yehowah that if she could bear a son, she would give him to Yehowah, for His service. Seeing her lips move as she prayed inaudibly, High Priest Eli at first suspected that she had overindulged in wine and was drunk.
- But on learning of her sober fervor and sincerity, he expressed the wish that Yehowah God would grant her petition. Indeed, she soon became pregnant.
- After giving birth to Samuel, she did not go to Shiloh again until Samuel was weaned. Then she presented him to Yehowah as she had promised, bringing an offering consisting of a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a large jar of wine.
- Then **Hannah** got up after they had eaten in Shiloh and after the drinking, while Eli the priest was sitting upon the seat by the doorpost of the temple of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 1:9**)
- And she was bitter of soul, and she began to pray to Yehowah and to weep greatly. (**1 Samuel 1:10**)
- And she went on to make a vow and say; O Yehowah of armies, if you will without fail look upon the affliction of your slave girl and actually remember me, and you will not forget your slave girl and actually give to your slave girl a male offspring, I will give him to Yehowah all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head. (**1 Samuel 1:11**)
- And it occurred that while she prayed extendedly before Yehowah, Eli was watching her mouth. (**1 Samuel 1:12**)
- As for **Hannah**, she was speaking in her heart, only her lips were quivering, and her voice was not heard. But Eli took her for drunk. (**1 Samuel 1:13**)
- So Eli said to her; How long will you behave drunk? Put away your wine from upon you. (**1 Samuel 1:14**)

- At this **Hannah** answered and said; No, my lord! A woman hard pressed in spirit I am. Wine and intoxicating liquor I have not drunk, but I pour out my soul before Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 1:15**)
- Do not make your slave girl like a good-for-nothing woman, for it is out of the abundance of my concern and my vexation that I have spoken until now. (**1 Samuel 1:16**)
- Then Eli answered and said; Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of him. (**1 Samuel 1:17**)
- To this she said; Let your maidservant find favor in your eyes. And the woman proceeded to go on her way and to eat, and her face became self-concerned no more. (**1 Samuel 1:18**)
- Then they got up early in the morning and prostrated themselves before Yehowah, after which they returned and came into their house at Ramah. Elkanah now had intercourse with **Hannah** his wife, and Yehowah began remembering her. (**1 Samuel 1:19**)
- So it came about at the rolling around of a year that **Hannah** became pregnant and brought a son to birth and proceeded to call his name Samuel, because, said she, it is from Yehowah that I have asked him. (**1 Samuel 1:20**)
- In time the man Elkanah went up with all his household to sacrifice to Yehowah the yearly sacrifice and his vow offering. (**1 Samuel 1:21**)
- As for **Hannah**, she did not go up, for she had said to her husband; As soon as the boy is weaned, I must bring him, and he must appear before Yehowah and dwell there to time indefinite. (**1 Samuel 1:22**)
- At this Elkanah her husband said to her; Do what is good in your eyes. Stay at home until you wean him. Only may Yehowah carry out his word. So the woman stayed at home and kept nursing her son until she weaned him. (**1 Samuel 1:23**)
- Accordingly just as soon as she had weaned him, she brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a large jar of wine, and she proceeded to enter the house of Yehowah in Shiloh. And the boy was with her. (**1**

## **Samuel 1:24)**

- **Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli. (1 Samuel 1:25)**
- **With that she said; Excuse me, my lord! By the life of your soul, my lord, I am the woman that was standing with you in this place to pray to Yehowah. (1 Samuel 1:26)**
- **It was with reference to this boy that I prayed that Yehowah should grant me my petition that I asked of him. (1 Samuel 1:27)**
- **And I, in my turn, have lent him to Yehowah. All the days that he does happen to be, he is one requested for Yehowah. And he proceeded to bow down there to Yehowah. (1 Samuel 1:28)**
- **Each year thereafter, when she came to Shiloh, Hannah brought along a new sleeveless coat for her son. Eli again blessed her, and Yehowah again opened her womb so that in time she gave birth to three sons and two daughters.**
- **And Samuel was ministering before Yehowah, as a boy, having a linen ephod girded on. (1 Samuel 2:18)**
- **Also, a little sleeveless coat his mother would make for him, and she brought it up to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to sacrifice the yearly sacrifice. (1 Samuel 2:19)**
- **And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife and said; May Yehowah appoint to you an offspring from this wife in place of the thing lent, that was lent to Yehowah. And they went to their place. (1 Samuel 2:20)**
- **Accordingly Yehowah turned his attention to Hannah, so that she had pregnancy and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel continued growing up with Yehowah. (1 Samuel 2:21)**
- **Several desirable qualities are observed in Hannah. She was prayerful and humble, and she had a desire to please her husband. Each year she accompanied him to sacrifice at the tabernacle.**

- She made a great sacrifice of her own, giving up the companionship of her son, to keep her word and show appreciation for Yehowah's kindness. She retained her motherly affection, as shown by her making a new coat for Samuel each year.
- The thoughts expressed in her song of thankfulness, when she and Elkanah presented Samuel for temple service, are quite similar to the sentiments voiced by Mary shortly after learning she was to mother the Messiah.
- And Mary said; My soul magnifies Yehowah. (Luke 1:46)
- And my spirit cannot keep from being overjoyed at God my Savior. (Luke 1:47)
- Because he has looked upon the low position of his slave girl. For, look! From now on all generations will pronounce me happy. (Luke 1:48)
- Because the powerful One has done great deeds for me, and holy is his name. (Luke 1:49)
- And for generations after generations his mercy is upon those who fear him. (Luke 1:50)
- He has performed mightily with his arm, he has scattered abroad those who are haughty in the intention of their hearts. (Luke 1:51)
- He has brought down men of power from thrones and exalted lowly ones. (Luke 1:52)
- He has fully satisfied hungry ones with good things and he has sent away empty those who had wealth. (Luke 1:53)
- He has come to the aid of Israel his servant, to call to mind mercy. (Luke 1:54)
- Just as he told to our forefathers, to Abraham and to his seed, forever. (Luke 1:55)