

1-2 SAMUEL

“In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

(Judges 21:25)

In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 1:1-28

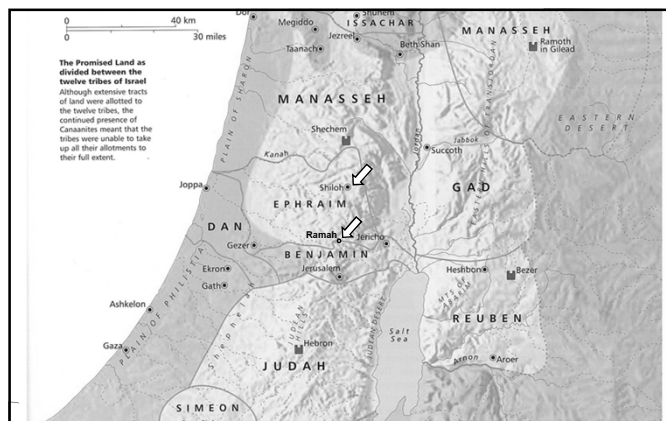
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Now there was a certain man from Ramathaim-zophim from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

²He had two wives: the name of one was Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³Now this man would go up from his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to the LORD there.

(1 Samuel 1:1-3)



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1. Hannah's Pain

- the inability to have children was viewed as a sign of God's displeasure and lack of blessing
- Hannah's pain was ordained by God – "*Yahweh had closed her womb*"

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2. Hannah's Prayer

- her prayer revealed a deep anguish of soul and a fervent faith in the Lord
- her prayer was God-ward and God-honoring, in keeping with God's character and promise

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3. Hannah's Fulfillment

- she named her son Samuel ("name of God") to signify him as a the God-given child she had "asked for" (sha'al)
- she entrusts (sha'al) to Yahweh what she had asked (sha'al) of Him – Samuel!

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4. Hannah's Song

- a song whose theme seems too large for the present answer to Hannah's prayer

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➤ Principles of Application

1. God's deliverance and kingdom promises are brought by His supernatural work and grace
2. God delights to give ultimate hope to the hopeless and helpless who trust in Him