

The Life of the Prophet Samuel
Lesson #2
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The Birth of Samuel

Reading: 1 Samuel Chapter One

- **1 Samuel 1:1** Elkanah means *God created*
- **1 Samuel 1:2** Hannah means *grace*; Peninnah means *ruby or pearl*
- **1 Samuel 1:6-7** Elkanah probably married Peninnah because Hannah could not have children. Elkanah's favoritism of Hannah, probably made Peninnah feel jealous
- **1 Sam 1:9-11** Hannah's dedication and consecration of Samuel was Pivotal for her and all of Israel. Samuel became a priest, prophet, and judge. The Nazarite vow is found in Numbers 6:1-21. notice the 5 aspects of the vow. It is voluntary, can be done by either men or women, has a specific time frame, has specific requirements and restrictions, and at its conclusion a sacrifice is offered.

Reading: 1 Samuel 2:11; 1 Samuel 2:19-21

The Lord visited Hannah and she had 5 more children. The # 5 sometimes means grace in the Bible and Hannah means grace. So, let's look at this word grace.

- What does grace mean in the Old Testament?
 - The first mention of grace is found in Gen. 6:8. The Hebrew word is Chen strong # H2580. This word is made of of two letter. Nun and Chet. in the Hebrew you read from right to left. Nun means life and Chet means fence, wall, separation. An Illustration of this word is a sheep fold.
 - Chanan. Strong's # 2603. it means healing, help, being lifted up, strength and salvation (literally rescue). to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favour, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favour by petition) beseech, fair, (be, find, shew) favour (able), deal, give grant. Merciful, have (shew merch (on, upon). have pity upon, pray, make supplication.
- Look at the meaning of Elkanah and Hannah's name combined.
 - **1 Sam 7:2-14** let's look at Chen and Chanan at work.
 - Grace comes from God
 - There is a connection to obedience and grace.
 - We see God using Samuel as an expression of grace, that points to way of grace (**The Chen**)!
 - verse 12 shows thus far God has helped us, which is grace (**Chanan**)

HOMEWORK

- Watch the entire video **GRACE - GRACE HEBREW WORD PICTURE** https://youtu.be/Xq_MFu5WVts?si=xZJtMfgkAamwdVaY (YouTube)