

# 1 Samuel 1

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1. Samuel's mother and her \_\_\_\_\_ ([1 Samuel 1:1-8](#))
  - A. Samuel is from \_\_\_\_\_ heritage.
  - B. Hannah was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Elkanah is portrayed as a upstanding man of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Hannah's barrenness provided ammunition for her rival to \_\_\_\_\_ her.
2. Hannah's \_\_\_\_\_ ([1 Samuel 1:9-18](#))
  - A. In deep sorrow, Hannah poured out her \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD.
  - B. Hannah vowed her son would be a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. A Nazirite vow was a special vow of \_\_\_\_\_ to Yahweh.
    - ii. Nazirite vow included \_\_\_\_\_ from alcohol, no cutting of hair, and no contact with dead bodies.
    - iii. In normal cases, this vow was for a period of time. In Samuel's case, it would be for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Eli mistook her behavior for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Hannah found \_\_\_\_\_ after bringing her issue before Yahweh.
3. The Birth of \_\_\_\_\_ ([1 Samuel 1:19-20](#))
  - A. God gave Hannah a \_\_\_\_\_ answer to her prayer.
  - B. Characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ narratives in Scripture
    - i. Birth narratives tend to mark a turning point or the \_\_\_\_\_ of a new episode in Israel's history.
    - ii. Birth narratives reveal something about the baby's \_\_\_\_\_ or role in Israel's history.
    - iii. Birth narratives are presented as a \_\_\_\_\_ to a dire problem.
    - iv. Birth narratives always emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ significance of the new character's name.
  - C. Samuel's name means "his name is \_\_\_\_".
4. Hannah fulfills her \_\_\_\_\_. ([1 Samuel 1:21-28](#))

- A. Hannah did not accompany her family on the next \_\_\_\_\_ journey to Shiloh.
- B. When Samuel was probably two or three years old, Hannah fulfilled her \_\_\_\_.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why was Hannah able to shake her sorrow, even though God had not yet positively answered her prayer?
2. Why might God have prevented Hannah from becoming pregnant? In other words, why does God allow pain and difficulty in the lives of faithful people who love him?
3. Why might God wait to give us the solution to our problems?
4. What other times in biblical history does the birth of a child signal the answer to hopelessness and desperate need?
5. What does the story of Hannah and Elkanah teach us about how God works his purposes?
6. What parallels do you see between Israel's situation at the time of Samuel's birth and our situation today in our nation?
7. What does Hannah's response to suffering teach us about how we should respond to difficulty?