

A STRATEGIC WOMB

⁵ *But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁶ And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁷ And [as] he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. ⁸ Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? [am] not I better to thee than ten sons?*

I Samuel 1:5-8 KJV

I. Hannah was barren.

A. The greatest anguish of your life can qualify you as possessing a womb through which God can bring miracles.

B. Barren wombs, opened, produced the greatest characters in the Bible. (Isaac, Joseph, Samson, Samuel, John the Baptist)

C. Satan hates women, wombs, and babies.

II. Hannah was burdened.

* The spirit of peninnah—a spirit of torture assaulted Hannah in an attempt to assassinate her hope, destiny, and happiness

III. Hannah was broken.

* She was driven by her anguish into God's house.

IV. Hannah was blessed.

* Hannah became the vehicle through which God brought the greatest blessing of her age.