

# THE AGE OF SAMUEL

## PART II - AN OPEN WOMB

<sup>28</sup> *“Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign LORD.’ “*

Ezekiel 12:28 NIV

<sup>12</sup> *Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.*

Jeremiah 1:12 KJV

<sup>7</sup> *“Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. <sup>8</sup> Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. <sup>9</sup> Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?” says the LORD. “Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?” says your God.*

Isaiah 66:7-9 NIV

<sup>9</sup> *He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD.*

Psalms 113:9 NIV

I. God’s greatest heroes come from barren wombs.

A. Isaac - Sarah (Genesis 11:30)

<sup>30</sup> *Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.*

B. Jacob - Rebekah (Genesis 25:21)

*<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.*

C. Joseph/Benjamin - Rachel (Genesis 30:1)

*<sup>1</sup> When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"*

D. Leah (Genesis 29:31)

*<sup>31</sup> When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless.*

E. The wife of Menoah - Samson (Judges 13:2,3)

*<sup>2</sup> A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. <sup>3</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son.*

F. Hannah - Samuel (I Samuel 1:5)

*<sup>5</sup> But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.*

G. Shunamite - just for mama (II Kings 4:32- 35)

*<sup>32</sup> When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. <sup>33</sup> He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup> Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. <sup>35</sup> Elisha turned away and walked back and*

*forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.*

#### H. Elizabeth and Zacharias - John the Baptist (Luke 1:36)

*<sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.*

### II. The negative temptations of the barren

**Betrayed, bitter**

**Accursed**

**Rejected**

**Restless**

**Expectations** 😡

**Nature defied**

### III. Three negative reactions to barrenness

A. Desperation

B. Deviation

C. Despondency

### IV. Hannah's reaction to barrenness

A. Her name contradicted her calling.

B. Timing is everything.

C. The proper crowd is being assembled. (Song of Songs 6:1)

*<sup>1</sup> Friends: Where has your beloved gone, most beautiful of women? Which way did your beloved turn, that we may look for him with you?*

- D. Hannahs give to give.
- E. Hannahs are I/ Thou servants
- F. Hannahs receive more than they bargained for, and then some.
- G. The faithful are about to become fruitful.
- H. Paradigm shift /A life of stimulation is about to give birth to one of fruitfulness.
- I. Hannahs take all limits of their vows.
- J. Hannahs have been desperately hurt on holy ground.
- V. Hannah's song of world salvation is sung.

A. Hannah's personal testimony. (I Samuel 2:1-3)

*<sup>1</sup> Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. <sup>2</sup> "There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. <sup>3</sup> "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.*

B. God reigns over every detail of His universe.  
(I Samuel 2:4-8)

*<sup>4</sup> "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. <sup>5</sup> Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry*

*are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. <sup>6</sup>*

*“The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up. <sup>7</sup> The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. <sup>8</sup> He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.*

*“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s; on them he has set the world.*

C. God redeems all things. (I Samuel 2:9-10)

*<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. “It is not by strength that one prevails; <sup>10</sup> those who oppose the LORD will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”*