

St. Jerome Bible Study  
Study Questions  
1 Samuel Chapters 1 – 6

- How does the list of Elkanah's ancestry underscore Hannah's plight? Why is a son so important to her?
- What responses does her not having children evoke in Hannah? In Elkanah, In Peninnah?
- What is Hannah's vow to God if she is given a son?
- Why does Hannah's sorrow disappear so quickly?
- Why did Hannah neglect the annual sacrifice?
- How did she feel giving Samuel to someone else to raise?
- What is the nature of Hannah's and Elkanah's marriage?
- Does Hannah's prayer seem familiar? How is it enlightening?
- In what way were Eli's sons corrupt?
- Apron or Ephad:



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- Why did the Israelites take the Ark to battle? Did it work? Why or why not?
- Regarding Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas, was justice served?
- Dagon is the god of corn. Why did the Philistines take the Ark to it? What happened?
- What the heck is a hemorrhoid?
- If the Ark is so powerful, why was Israel defeated in the first place? And, why did God allow the Ark to be captured?
- Why cows with calves? (1 Sam 6:7)
- Why do the Israelites fear the Ark?