

1 Samuel 1:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The repetitive nature of Peninnah's provocation ('year by year') reveals sustained cruelty rather than isolated incidents. The sacred feast days that should have brought joy became occasions of deepest sorrow for Hannah. Her response of weeping and refusing food indicates profound depression. Yet this annual cycle of suffering prepared Hannah's heart for the prayer that would change Israel's history. God often uses prolonged trials to deepen our prayers from casual requests to desperate, faith-filled petitions.

Historical Context

The annual pilgrimage to Shiloh likely coincided with one of the three major festivals. Given the timing of Samuel's birth and Hannah's subsequent visits, scholars suggest this may have been the Feast of Tabernacles, a seven-day autumn celebration of ingathering.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How can recurring seasons of difficulty become opportunities for spiritual growth?
2. What does Hannah's perseverance in attending worship despite her pain teach about faithful endurance?

Interlinear Text

וְכִן	יַעֲשֶׂה ה'	בְּשָׁנָה ה'	בְּשָׁנָה ה'	מִיָּד י'	עָלָתָהּ	בֵּית יִתְ
H3651	And as he did	by year	by year	when	she went up	to the house
	H6213	H8141	H8141	H1767	H5927	H1004
יְהוָה ה'	כִּי	תִכְעֹס נָהּ	וַתִּבְכֶּה ה'	וְלֹא א'	תֹאכַל:	
of the LORD	H3651	so she provoked	her therefore she wept	H3808	and did not eat	
H3068		H3707	H1058		H398	

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