

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

West Peoria, Illinois

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

The Seven Prophetic Decrees

A Prophetic Embrace of A Season of Birthing— 1 Samuel 1–3

Isaiah 66:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ *The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, Who fully repays His enemies!*

⁷ *Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child.*

⁸ *Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children.*

⁹ *Shall I bring to the time of birth and not cause delivery?" says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God.*

Hosea 6:3 (NKJV)

³ *Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.*

Opening Thought: Hannah's journey from barrenness to breakthrough gives shape to this study. Each decree below moves us through her story — from a worshipping heart, through the travail of waiting, into the productivity and prophetic clarity that follow. Read the scripture aloud, sit with the decree, then work through the reflection questions as a group.

PROPHETIC DECREE #1

The Restoration of a Worshipping Heart

1 Samuel 1:3 (NKJV)

³ This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

The Decree

God is restoring the heart of the worshipper to His Church. We will not worship merely because the promise has manifested; we will worship for who He is, while the promise is still developing. Disappointment will not silence our devotion, delay will not cancel our praise, and unanswered questions will not terminate our worship.

PROPHETIC DECREE #2

Strategy Against Demonic Resistance

1 Samuel 1:6–7 (NKJV)

*⁶ And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb.
⁷ So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.*

The Decree

God is releasing strategy against every calculated resistance assigned to distract us from destiny. We will no longer waste spiritual energy fighting people when the real battle concerns purpose. According to Ephesians 6:12, "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood." God is giving us discernment to recognize what deserves a response, what deserves resistance, and what deserves to be ignored.

PROPHETIC DECREE #3

You Will Survive the Travail

1 Samuel 1:9–10 (NKJV)

*⁹ So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the Lord.
¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish.*

The Decree

Endurance is being decreed over the Church in the hour of travail. We will not abort because the contractions are painful. We will not abandon the promise because the process has become uncomfortable. Isaiah 66:9 asks, "Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" God did not bring us this far merely to leave us pregnant with possibility. We will push until prayer becomes manifestation.

PROPHETIC DECREE #4

Productivity That Will Cause You to Rename Your Season

1 Samuel 1:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

The Decree

A supernatural season of productivity, fruitfulness, creativity, multiplication, and manifestation is decreed. You will produce things that force you to rename seasons that once defined you by disappointment. Where you once said, "God has forgotten me," you will testify, "God has heard me!"

PROPHETIC DECREE #5

The Destruction of Systemic Dysfunction

1 Samuel 2:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord.

¹³ And the priests' custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling.

The Decree

I decree that God is confronting and dismantling systems, structures, cultures, traditions, and patterns that have normalized dysfunction in His Church (and your life). I declare we won't carry God's name but contradict His nature.

PROPHETIC DECREE #6

Clarity to the Voice of God

1 Samuel 3:3–4 (NKJV)

³ And before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down,

⁴ that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!"

The Decree

God is bringing clarity to His voice. Confusion is breaking. Spiritual static is clearing. We will distinguish His voice from our preferences, His instruction from our ambition, His conviction from our emotions, and His revelation from religious noise. Jesus declared, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

PROPHETIC DECREE #7

Intimacy Will Produce Prophetic Accuracy

1 Samuel 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The Decree

We are entering a season where intimacy with God will produce accuracy in hearing, speaking, discerning, and declaring His will. We will not be a generation obsessed with having something to say while neglecting the One who speaks. We will rediscover the secret place, because Psalm 25:14 declares, "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him."

Closing Reflection

Hannah's story moves from a closed womb to an open testimony, and from a rare word to a Samuel who let none of God's words fall to the ground.