

Samuel the Prophet and His Plural Family

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RAMYK'S insights-teaching comments in italics.

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathayim-Zophim, of Mount Efrayim, and *his name was Elchanah*, the son of Yeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephratite:

2 And he had two wives;

Oops...well Elchanah would have been thrown out of most Christian and most Messianic organizations.....religion cannot determine what and who is righteous due to its spirit of rebellion and stupor, along with its audacity to lift itself up against YHWH's revealed and blessed ways.

the name of the one was Channah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Channah had no children.

TWO WIVES LEGALLY MARRIED TO BOTH OF THEM. NO LICENSES NEEDED OR DESIRED, NO BIGAMY LAWS IN EXISTENCE!

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly [Yom Kippur-Day of Atonements] to worship and to sacrifice to YHWH tzeva'oth in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hofni and Pinchus, the Kohanim of YHWH were there.

We see that Elkhana was a true worshiper of Yahuwah in Spirit and in truth keeping His appointed times! Not a heathen and not a sinner, but rather a righteous man! So in Yahuwah's eyes a man with 2 or more Torah honoring wives can be considered, saved, redeemed, forgiven and righteous and a clear heir of the kingdom. Have you broken fellowship with someone like El-chanah-meaning El's favor, you used to respect and are now ASHAMED to be associated with? If so you are to be pitied while they remain blessed.

4 And when the time was that Elchanah made an offering, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

A responsible faithful Israelite man being a set apart and righteous priest over his home not playing favorites but sharing YHWH's love with both wives!

5 But to Channah he gave a double portion; for he loved Channah: but YHWH had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked and aggravated her, to make her anxious, because YHWH had shut up her womb.

Peninah vexed Hannah [meaning favor] due to Hanna's bareness. Elchanah would not have it! It is the husband's job to oversee his home in love and equity, for if a man cannot handle 3-4 wives how will he handle the assembly of YHWH, with perhaps 50 or more bickering brides?

7 And as he did so year by year [Yom Kippur], when she went up to the Bayit-House of YHWH so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

Sister wives are to love each other not cause each other to weep for vexation and competition. You are on the same team remember? Share love and stop complaining that you are called to manifest Messiah's shared love to all of us! It is a high and pure calling.

8 Then said Elchanah her husband to her, Channah, why do you weep? And why do you eat nothing? Also why is your lev-heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

9 So Channah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the kohen-priest sat upon a seat by a post of the Hekal-Meeting Place of YHWH.

We see Eli the appointed religious leader (probably monogamous, his sons were monogamous whore mongers) was not a good priest of his home or his sons, while the polygamist Elkahana was. Again it is religion vs. truth which is manifest.

10 And she was in bitterness of chayim-life, and made tefillah-prayer to YHWH, and wept greatly.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O YHWH-tzevaoth, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your female eved-slave, and remember me, and not forget Your female eved-slave, but will give to Your female eved a male child, then I will give him to YHWH all the days of his chayim-life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Hannah took a biblical Torah vow that not only would Samuel be a full time servant, but would be under a lifetime Nazarite vow of service to YHWH. A son of plural marriage would become Israel's greatest judge and the anointer of kings and leaders! If plural marriage is sinful like some slow of spirit claim, how could YHWH bless this seed, let alone let sin into His presence?

12 And it came to pass, as she continued making tefillah-prayer before YHWH that Eli watched her mouth.
13 Now Channah, she spoke in her lev-hreat; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

[She spoke and sung in the Set Apart Spirit like in the Book of Acts chapter 2]

14 And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunk? Put away your wine from you.

15 And Channah answered and said, No, my master, I am a woman of a heavy ruach-spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my chayim-life before YHWH.

When we stand before the ones who do not grasp the prophetic call of plural marriage, we appear to be drunk to them, when in fact they are the ones drunk with spiritual blindness, while we are drunk with HEAVY revelation.

16 Count not your female eved-slave as a daughter of Beliyaal-s.a.tan:
for out of the abundance of my complaints and grief have I spoken until now.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in shalom-peace: and the Elohim of Yisrael grant you your request that you have asked of Him.

18 And she said, Let your female eved-slave find favor in your sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her appearance was no longer sad.

Only YHWH and His Spirit can change hearts and minds! Weeping may endure for a night ,but JOY comes in the morning to those who agree with YHWH and do not insist that YHWH CHANGE to agree with them! Honestly, are you one of those that have been trying to convince YHWH to see societal behaviors, or things your way?

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshiped shachrit-morning prayer before YHWH, and returned, and came to their bayit-house in Ramah: and Elchanah knew Channah his wife; and YHWH remembered her request.

20 Therefore it came to pass, when the time had come about after Channah had conceived, that she bore a son, and called his name Shmuel-Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him from YHWH.

YHWH indeed does answer the petitions of plural families!

21 And the man Elchanah, and all his bayit, went up to offer to YHWH the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Channah did not go up; for she said to her husband, I will not go up while the child is weaned, after that I will bring him, that he may appear before YHWH and there stay le-olam-va-ed-forever.

23 And Elchanah her husband said to her, Do what seems tov-good to you; stay here until you have nursed him; only YHWH establish His Word. So the woman stayed, and gave her son nursing until she weaned him.

Yahuwah will establish His Word through both submitted monogamists and patriarchs and makes no distinction in these 2 types of biblical marriages, as most of the western and religious world does. There is no Hebrew word for either monogamy, or polygamy just the word for marriage! That ought to tell you something!

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the Bayit-House of YHWH in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they killed a bull, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my master, as your chayim-life lives, my master, I am the woman that stood by you here, making tefillah-prayer to YHWH.

27 For this child I made tefillah-prayer; and YHWH has given me my request which I have asked of Him:

28 Therefore also I have promised him to YHWH ; as long as he lives he shall be given to YHWH. And she worshiped YHWH there.

Both this sister wife and her son Samuel became dynamic servants of the kingdom, while the sons of Eli the monogamist became whore mongers. We have no biblical record of Yahuwah chasing Hannah or El-Channah out of the tent of meeting, because He thought polygamy was gross or disgusting! Now YHWH did do some chasing of Eli and his sons. Eli died, as did his sons, while the sister wife and her prophet son went into the HEBREWS HALL OF FAME OF FAITH; a place you can get to also, if you humble yourself anon, and agree with YHWH and cease from trying to convince YHWH you are right about "polygamy"! SELAH-Stop and meditate!

PS In the book of Hebrews 11:32 we see Samuel listed in the Hall of Fame of faith and amazingly all the others (with the possible exception of Barak) named in that same verse were ALL polygamists!!!