

## Scriptures – November 14, 2021

### Mark 13:1 – 8

<sup>1</sup>As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

<sup>2</sup>“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

## 1 Samuel 1: 1- 20

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite<sup>o</sup> from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

<sup>3</sup>Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. <sup>7</sup>This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Elkanah her husband would say to her, “Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don’t you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don’t I mean more to you than ten sons?”

<sup>9</sup>Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD’S temple.<sup>o</sup> <sup>10</sup>In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>And she made a vow, saying, “O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

<sup>12</sup>As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup>and said to her, “How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine.”

<sup>15</sup>“Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

<sup>17</sup>Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

<sup>18</sup>She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

<sup>19</sup>Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,<sup>o</sup> saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

## 1 Samuel 2:1 - 10

<sup>1</sup>Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
in the LORD my horn<sup>o</sup> is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

<sup>2</sup> “There is no one holy<sup>o</sup> 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.

<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 hunger 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<sup>o</sup> 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;  
upon them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his saints,  
but the wicked will be silenced in darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;  
<sup>10</sup> those who oppose the LORD will be shattered.  
He will thunder against them 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.”