

**Genesis 18:11-15**

וַאֲבִרְהֶם וְשָׂרָה זְקֵנִים בָּאִים בַּיָּמִים חֲדָל לְהַיּוֹת לְשָׂרָה אַרְחַ פְּנֵשִׁים: וַתִּצְחַק שָׂרָה  
בְּקִרְבָּהּ לֵאמֹר אַחֲרַי בְּלִתי הֲיִתְּהָ לִי עֲדָנָה וְאֵדְנִי זָקֵן: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אֲבִרְהֶם לְמָה זֶה  
צִחְקָה שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר הֲאֵף אֲמַנָּם אֵלֶּד וְאֲנִי זְקֵנָתִי: הֲיִפְּלֵא מִיְהוָה דָּבָר לְמוֹעֵד אֲשׁוּב  
אֲלֶיךָ כְּעֵת חַיָּה וּלְשָׂרָה בֵּן: וַתִּכְחַשׁ שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר לֹא צִחְקָתִי כִּי יִרְאָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא כִּי  
צִחְקָתִי:

11. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well advanced in age; and it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
12. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am grown old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?
13. And the Lord said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?
14. Is any thing too hard for the Eternal One? At the time appointed I will return to you, at this season, and Sarah shall have a son.
15. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, No; you did laugh.

**Genesis 25:21**

וַיַּעֲתֶר יִצְחָק לַיהוָה לְנֹכַח אִשְׁתּוֹ כִּי עֲקָרָה הִוא וַיַּעֲתֶר לוֹ יְהוָה וַתֵּהָר רֵבֶקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:

21. And Isaac prayed to the Eternal One for his wife, because she was barren; and God granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

**Genesis 30: 1-2**

א וַתֵּרָא רָחֵל כִּי לֹא יֵלְדָה לְיַעֲקֹב וַתִּקְנֶא רָחֵל בְּאֲחוֹתָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הֲבָה לִי בָנִים  
וְאִם־אֵין מִתָּה אֲנֹכִי: ב וַיַּחַר־אֵף יַעֲקֹב בְּרָחֵל וַיֹּאמֶר הֲתַחַת אֱלֹהִים אֲנֹכִי אֲשֶׁר־מָנַע  
מִמֶּנּוּ פְּרִי־בֶטֶן:

1. And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.
2. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?

**Genesis 30:22-23**

וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־רָחֵל וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלֹהִים אֶת־רָחֵל וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת־רַחְמָהּ: וַתֵּהָר וַתֵּלֶד בֵּן וַתֹּאמֶר  
אֶסָף אֱלֹהִים אֶת־חַרְפָּתִי:

22. And God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and opened her womb.
23. And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, God has taken away my reproach.

**I Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Song** *Taken as the pattern for the Magnificat in the New Testament*

וַתִּתְפַּלֵּל חַנָּה וַתֹּאמֶר עָלַץ לִבִּי בַיהוָה רָמָה קַרְנֵי בַיהוָה רָחַב פִּי עַל־אוֹיְבֵי כִי שָׂמַחְתִּי  
בִישׁוּעַתְּךָ: אֵין־קָדוֹשׁ כַּיהוָה כִּי־אֵין בַּלְתָּדָּ וְאֵין צוּר כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ: אֶל־תִּרְבוּ תִדְבְּרוּ גְבוּהָ  
גְבוּהָ יֵצֵא עֲתָק מִפִּיכֶם כִּי אֵל דַּעוֹת יְהוָה וְלוֹ נִתְכַּנּוּ עַלְלוֹת: קִשָּׁת גְּבוּרִים חֲתִים  
וְנִכְשָׁלִים אֲזוּר־חַיִל: שְׁבַעִים בִּלְחָם נִשְׁכְּרוּ וִרְעִבִים חָדְלוּ עַד־עֲקָרָה יִלְדָּה שְׁבַעָה וְרַבַּת  
בָּנִים אֲמַלְלָה: יְהוָה מִמִּית וּמְחִיָּה מוֹרִיד שָׁאוֹל וַיַּעַל: יְהוָה מוֹרִישׁ וּמַעֲשִׂיר מִשְׁפִּיל  
אֶף־מְרוֹמָם: מְקִים מַעֲפָר דָּל מֵאֲשַׁפֵּת יָרִים אָבִיוֹן לְהוֹשִׁיב עִם־נְדִיבִים וְכִסָּא כְבוֹד  
יִנְחֹלֵם כִּי לִיהוָה מִצְקֵי אֲרָץ וַיִּשֶׁת עֲלֵיהֶם תִּבְּל: רַגְלֵי חֲסִידָיו יִשְׁמֹר וְרִשְׁעִים בַּחֲשָׁד  
יִדְמוּ כִי־לֹא בָכַח יִגְבֵּר־אִישׁ: יְהוָה יַחַתּוּ מְרִיבָיו עָלוּ בְשָׁמַיִם יָרַעַם יְהוָה יָדִין  
אֶפְסֵי־אֲרָץ וַיִּתֵּן־עֹז לְמַלְכוֹ וַיָּרֶם קֶרֶן מְשִׁיחוֹ:

1. And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoices in the Eternal One, my horn is exalted in the Eternal One; my mouth is enlarged over my enemies; because I rejoice in your salvation.
2. There is none holy as the Eternal One; for there is none beside You; nor is there any rock like our God.
3. Talk no more so very proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth; for the Eternal One is a God of knowledge, by whom actions are weighed.
4. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength.
5. Those who were full have hired out themselves for bread; and those who were hungry ceased to hunger; the barren has borne seven; and she who has many children has become wretched.
6. The Eternal One kills, and returns to life; [God] brings down to Sheol, and brings up.
7. The Eternal One makes poor, and makes rich; [God] brings low, and lifts up.
8. [God] raises up the poor from the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are the Eternal One's, who has set the world upon them.
9. [God] will keep the feet of [God's] pious ones, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
10. The adversaries of the Eternal One shall be broken to pieces; from heaven shall he thunder upon them; the Eternal One shall judge the ends of the earth; giving strength to [God's] sovereign, and exalting the horn of [God's] anointed.