

**The “trifurcation” of Hannah, mother of Samuel,  
into Mary, mother of Jesus; Elizabeth, mother of John;  
and the prophet Anna**

ASPECT OF HANNAH	WOMEN IN LUKE 1-2 WHO EMBODY THAT ASPECT
Closed womb (1 Sam 1.5)	Elizabeth
God opens her womb (1 Sam 1.19)	Elizabeth and Mary
Presented her son at the holy shrine (1 Sam 1.24-28)	Mary
Sings a song of praise to God that exults in God’s care for the lowly (1 Sam 2.1-10)	Mary’s Magnificat; Anna’s praise of God
Her son will be a kingmaker	Anna, from Phanuel/Penuel, where Gideon won battles and refused to be made king (Judges 8)