



MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

Character Study

ABSTRACT

Mothers throughout the Bible play a key role. There are many things we can learn from the mothers in the Bible. This study is designed to walk you through a biographical Study of the mothers in scripture.

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Gathering Together



Biographical Study



Various types of Scriptures



Various Time Frames



Mothers

BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY-MOTHERS

SELECT PERSON TO STUDY

Below is a list of mothers found in Scripture and a brief summary of each along with a brief summary of each. Select one or more of these individuals that you either can relate to or have a strength you would like to develop. You may also choose those that you feel will give you the most insights into how God has used mothers in your life.

Person	Description	Scriptures
Eve	She is known as the "Mother of mankind" because she was the very first mother.	Creation and the FallGen 1:1-4:25 CreationGen 1:1-2:25 God Creates WomanGen 2:18-25 The FallGen 3:1-24 The Serpent Tempts Eve and AdamGen 3:1-7 Adam and Eve Hide from GodGen 3:8-13 God Judges Adam and EveGen 3:14-24 Eve Gives Birth to SethGen 4:25; 5:3
Sarah	She is the wife of Abraham and gave birth to Isaac when she was over 100 years old. Isaac was the father of Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.	Life of AbrahamGen 11:31-25:10 Abram Is CalledGen 11:31-12:7 Terah Settles in HaranGen 11:31-32 God Calls AbramGen 12:1-5 Abram TravelsGen 12:8-13:18 Abram and Sarai Go to EgyptGen 12:10-20 Sarai Gives Hagar to AbramGen 16:1-6 Sodom and Gomorrah Are DestroyedGen 18:1-19:29 Three Men Appear to AbrahamGen 18:1-16 Abimelech Tries to Marry SarahGen 20:1-18 Isaac Is BornGen 21:1-7 Abraham Sends Hagar and Ishmael AwayGen 21:8-14 Sarah's DeathGen 22:19-23:20 Sarah DiesGen 23:1-2 Abraham Buries SarahGen 23:19-20
Rebekah	She ensured that the more righteous son, Jacob, receive the patriarchal blessing from his father, as the Lord intended	Abraham's Later LifeGen 21:8-25:10 Abraham Finds a Wife for IsaacGen 24:1-67 Abraham's Servant Meets RebekahGen 24:15-28 Laban Brings Abraham's Servant HomeGen 24:29-32 Rebekah's Family Allows Her to Marry IsaacGen 24:33-54 Abraham's Servant Leaves With RebekahGen 24:54-61 Isaac and Rebekah MarryGen 24:62-67

		<p>Life of Isaac Gen 25:11–28:9</p> <p>Isaac’s Sons Gen 25:19–34</p> <p>Rebekah Conceive Jacob and Esau Gen 25:19–23</p> <p>Rebekah Gives Birth to Jacob and Esau Gen 25:24–26</p> <p>Isaac Tells Abimelech Rebekah Is His Sister Gen 26:6–11</p> <p>Esau’s Marriages and Jacob’s Blessings Gen 26:34–28:9</p> <p>Isaac Blesses Jacob Gen 27:1–29</p> <p>Jacob Flees to Haran Gen 27:42–28:5</p>
Jochebed	<p>Mother of Aaron, Moses, and Miriam</p> <p>When the Pharaoh gave order to kill all the baby boys of the Hebrews, she hid Moses for three months. “By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict”</p>	<p>Moses Is Saved as a Baby Exod 2:1–10</p> <p>Moses Is Hidden for Three Months Exod 2:1–2</p> <p>Moses Is Hidden in a Basket Exod 2:3–4</p> <p>Pharaoh’s Daughter Finds Moses Exod 2:5–10</p>
Hannah	<p>She was the wife of Elkanah. She was childless for many years, but after much prayer, became mother to Samuel the prophet. She dedicated him to the Lord and brought him a linen ephod every year. After Samuel, she became mother to three more sons and two daughters.</p>	<p>Hannah Promises Her Son to the Tabernacle 1 Sam 1:9–2:11</p> <p>Hannah Prays for a Son 1 Sam 1:9–18</p> <p>Hannah Gives Birth to Samuel 1 Sam 1:19–20</p> <p>Hannah Stays at Ramah Until Samuel Is Weaned 1 Sam 1:21–23</p> <p>Hannah Brings Samuel to Shiloh 1 Sam 1:24–2:11</p> <p>God Blesses Hannah With More Children 1 Sam 2:21</p>
Elizabeth	<p>She was the Mother of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Lord. She was Mary’s cousin and a godly woman who in her old age, God allowed her to give birth.</p>	<p>Jesus’ Life Before Ministry</p> <p>Matt 1:18–3:12; 21:32; Mark 1:2–8; Luke 1:8–3:18; John 1:6–8, 19–28</p> <p>The Births of Jesus and John the Baptist Are Foretold</p> <p>Matt 1:18–24; Luke 1:8–38</p> <p>Gabriel Appears to Mary</p> <p>Luke 1:26–38</p> <p>Mary and Elizabeth Become Pregnant</p> <p>Luke 1:39–56</p> <p>Mary Visits Elizabeth</p> <p>Luke 1:39–55</p> <p>Mary Stays With Elizabeth</p> <p>Luke 1:56</p> <p>Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Matt 1:25; Luke 2:1–20</p>

		<p>Caesar Decrees a Census Luke 2:1-5 Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem Matt 1:25; Luke 2:6-7 Shepherds Visit Jesus Luke 2:15-20 Mary and Joseph Present Jesus at the Temple Luke 2:22-38 The Wise Men Arrive Matt 2:1-12 Wise Men Come to Bethlehem Matt 2:9-12 Jesus, Mary and Joseph Flee to Egypt Matt 2:13-20 Flight to Egypt Matt 2:13-15 Young Jesus Visits the Temple Luke 2:41-50 Beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry Matt 3:13-4:12; 14:3-5; Mark 1:9-14; 6:17-20; Luke 3:19-22; 4:1-14; John 1:29-3:36; 4:1-42 Jesus Turns Water into Wine John 2:1-11 Jesus Stays in Capernaum John 2:12 Jesus Is Crucified Matt 27:35-36, 38; Mark 15:24-25, 27; Luke 23:33-34; John 19:18, 23-27 Matthias Replaces Judas Acts 1:12-26</p>
<p>Mary</p>	<p>She is the Mother of Jesus and it often remembered for her answer faith when she answered the angel Gabriel.</p>	<p>Jesus' Life Before Ministry Matt 1:18-3:12; 21:32; Mark 1:2-8; Luke 1:8-3:18; John 1:6-8, 19-28 The Births of Jesus and John the Baptist Are Foretold Matt 1:18-24; Luke 1:8-38 Gabriel Appears to Mary Luke 1:26-38 Mary and Elizabeth Become Pregnant Luke 1:39-56 Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-55 Mary Stays With Elizabeth Luke 1:56 Birth of Jesus Matt 1:25; Luke 2:1-20 Caesar Decrees a Census Luke 2:1-5 Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem Matt 1:25; Luke 2:6-7</p>

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Hagar		<p>Hagar Gives Birth to Ishmael Gen 16:1–16</p> <p>Sarai Gives Hagar to Abram Gen 16:1–6</p> <p>Hagar Runs Away Gen 16:6–14</p> <p>Ishmael Is Born Gen 16:15–16</p> <p>Ishmael Is Sent Away Gen 21:8–21</p> <p>Abraham Sends Hagar and Ishmael Away Gen 21:8–14</p> <p>God Protects Hagar and Ishmael Gen 21:15–19</p>
Rachel		<p>Life of Jacob Gen 28:10–38:30</p> <p>Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel Gen 28:10–29:30</p> <p>Jacob Meets Rachel at a Well Gen 29:1–12</p> <p>Jacob Agrees to Work Seven Years for Rachel Gen 29:15–20</p> <p>Laban Gives Leah to Jacob Instead of Rachel</p>

		<p>Gen 29:21–27 Jacob Works Seven More Years for Rachel Gen 29:28–30 Jacob's Children Gen 29:31–30:24 Rachel Gives Bilhah to Jacob Gen 30:1–4 Bilhah Has Two Sons Gen 30:5–8 Leah Bargains for Jacob With Mandrakes Gen 30:14–16 Rachel Gives Birth to Joseph Gen 30:22–24 Jacob Flees from Laban Gen 31:1–21 Laban Searches for His Household Gods Gen 31:33–35 Jacob Meets Esau Gen 33:1–16 Rachel Gives Birth to Benjamin and Dies Gen 35:16–20</p>
Leah	<p>The sister to Rachel and the eldest of the two daughters born to Laban (Gen 29:16). The first wife of Jacob</p>	<p>Laban Gives Leah to Jacob Instead of Rachel Gen 29:21–27 Jacob's Children Gen 29:31–30:24 Leah Has Four Sons Gen 29:31–35 Leah Gives Zilpah to Jacob Gen 30:9 Zilpah Has Two Sons Gen 30:10–13 Leah Bargains for Jacob With Mandrakes Gen 30:14–16 Leah Has Three More Children Gen 30:17–21 Jacob Flees from Laban Gen 31:1–21 Jacob Meets Esau Gen 33:1–16</p>
Naomi	<p>She was the Mother-in-law of Ruth. Ruth accompanied Naomi to her homeland saying 'Where you go, I will go, where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.' She guided her daughter in law into a marriage with Boaz.</p>	<p>Story of Ruth Ruth 1:1–4:17 Ruth in Moab Ruth 1:1–5 Elimelech Takes His Family to Moab Ruth 1:1–2 Elimelech Dies Ruth 1:3–4 Naomi and Ruth Return Ruth 1:6–22 Naomi and Ruth Leave Moab Ruth 1:6–18</p>

		<p>Naomi and Ruth Arrive in Bethlehem Ruth 1:19–22 Ruth and Boaz Ruth 2:1–4:17 Ruth Tells Naomi About Boaz Ruth 2:17–23 Ruth Goes to Boaz at the Threshing Floor Ruth 3:1–18 Boaz and Ruth Marry and Have a Son Ruth 4:13–17</p>
Widow with 2 mites		
Bathsheba	<p>She was the mother of Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived. She is mentioned in Jesus' family tree – Matthew 1:6 - 'whose mother had been Uriah's wife.'</p>	<p>Reign of David 2 Sam 2:1–24:25; 1 Kings 1:1–2:11; 11:17–18; 1 Chron 6:31–49; 11:4–19; 13:1–23:6 David and Bathsheba 2 Sam 11:1–12:23; 1 Chron 20:1 David Commits Adultery With Bathsheba 2 Sam 11:1–5; 1 Chron 20:1 David Marries Bathsheba 2 Sam 11:26–27 Solomon Is Born 2 Sam 12:24–25 Adonijah Attempts to Take the Throne 1 Kings 1:1–27 Nathan Confers With Bathsheba 1 Kings 1:11–14 Nathan and Bathsheba Appear Before David 1 Kings 1:15–27 David Chooses Solomon as His Successor 1 Kings 1:28–37 Solomon Becomes King 1 Kings 2:12–25; 1 Chron 29:28; 2 Chron 1:1 Adonijah Asks Bathsheba for Abishag 1 Kings 2:13–18 Solomon Kills Adonijah 1 Kings 2:19–25</p>
Jedidah	<p>She was the mother of Josiah who succeeded his father as king when he was only eight years old. He reigned for almost 31 years. Josiah's father was a wicked king but Josiah was godly</p>	<p>2 Ki 22:1–2</p>

OBSERVATION / ANALYSIS

Write out a time line of the persons behavior and activities in chronological order. This should be in your own words, include what you think they may have been feeling or thinking? If there is not a lot about the person in the Bible, check out some of the references you are able to find on the person. *(See the recommended references list)*

Mother	Behavior / Activity

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES

Write down the key character qualities the person had. This is both the good and the bad.

Mother	Character Quality

PERSONAL APPLICATION/THOUGHTS

Did you see anything of yourself in this persons life? Did the person show weakness of any kind?

Did you see some of your strengths in the persons life? What impressed you most about the persons life? What can others learn from this person life?

What do you think you need to take action on in your life to develop the character qualities of the person?

DEFINITIONS