

Bible Stories for Grown Ups: Women

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Names		Match	Meanings	
1	Bathsheba		2	Bee
2	Deborah		3	Delight
3	Delilah		10	Friend
4	Esther		8	Jewish
5	Eve		9	Joy
6	Jael		5	Life giver
7	Jezebel		6	Mountain Goat
8	Judith		11	Palm Tree
9	Naomi		7	Piece of Trash
10	Ruth		4	Star
11	Tamar		1	Unknown

Review questions:

Answer Numbers (top left)

Which women are murderers? 6,8

Who is the only woman judge in the Bible? 2

Who dresses up as a prostitute to get pregnant by her father-in-law? 11

Who secures a husband by sleeping with him after he is fed, drunk, and asleep? 10

Whose husband is purposely killed to secure her? 1

Which ones are queens? 1,4,7

Who dies by being thrown out of a window? 7

Which ones are widows (during the stories)? 1, 8, 9, 10, 11

Recommended authors for follow up reading regarding the Bible:

Author

Sample title

Elaine Pagels

The Gnostic Gospels

Karen Armstrong

The Bible: A Biography

John Shelby Spong

Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism

Bruce Feiler

Abraham

Richard Elliott Friedman

Who Wrote the Bible

Anita Diamont

The Red Tent (fiction about the Leah, Rachel and Dinah)

Bible Stories for Grown Ups: Matriarchs and Patriarchs

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Names	Match #	Meanings	
1	Aaron	14,15	Bitter(ness)
2	Abraham	16	Drawn Out or Son of
3	Dinah	18	Ewe
4	Esau	2	Father of Multitudes
5	Hagar	5	Flight
6	Isaac	7	God Hears
7	Ishmael	4	Hairy
8	Israel	8	He Who Fights with God
9	Jacob	10	He Who Opens
10	Jephthah	12	He Will Add
11	Jesus	9	Holder of the Heel (or Supplanter)
12	Joseph	3	Justice
13	Leah	6	Laughter
14	Mary	19	Princess
15	Miriam	11	Salvation
16	Moses	17	Small or humble
17	Paul	13	Weak eyed, weary
18	Rachel	1	Unknown
19	Rebecca	19	Captivating
20	Sarah		

Review Questions

Answer Number

- Who killed his daughter? 10
- Who nearly killed two sons? 6
- Who was struck white with temporary leprosy? 15
- Who was raped? 3
- Who were imprisoned? 12, 17
- Who were sold into slavery? 12, 5?
- Who were given to other men by their husbands? 19, 20
- Who tricked his father? 9
- Who was tricked by his father-in-law and his sons? 9