



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

Rebekah

The Wives of Canaan (and other places)!

How Abraham sent for a wife for his son, Isaac!

Lessons for us today!

There were many outstanding women in the Bible, who loved God and became examples for all succeeding generations of women to imitate or follow in some sense. However the wives of Canaan were not among these ones!

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HOW ABRAHAM SENT HIS CHIEF SERVANT all the way back to his home town of Haran to find a wife for his son, Isaac!

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So, 'Wives of Canaan'! What could that possibly mean and does this have any meaning for us today?

Let's start with the Word of God, of course.

Genesis 24:1-7

- 24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.
- 2 And Abraham said to the eldest servant of his house [Eliezer of Damascus], who ruled over all that he had, I beg of you, put your hand under my thigh;
- 3 And you shall swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I have settled,
- 4 But you shall go to my country and to my relatives and take a wife for my son Isaac.
- 5 The servant said to him, But perhaps the woman will not be willing to come along after me to this country. Must I take your son to the country from which you came?
- 6 Abraham said to him, See to it that you do not take my son back there.
- 7 The Lord, the God of heaven, Who took me from my father's house, from the

land of my family and my birth, Who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, To your offspring I will give this land— He will send His Angel before you, and you will take a wife from there for my son.

Here we see Abraham deeply concerned for the future of his son, Isaac and his continuance in God's ways. Abraham knew that finding God's choice of wife for Isaac was essential.

I have been researching this for a few days and actually am not satisfied with most of the answers and conjectures about this important topic online. So I am going with my own leadings from God, I trust, and also a few things I have found that make sense.

Abraham understood some very important things. Primarily, that God had made a Covenant with him and his seed for eternity. God had also promised him that land, wherein still resided many 'tribes' of people who did not believe in the one true God, but instead were really into Baal and a variety of other idols. Marrying a woman with this mind-set, and her parents being the same or worse, would only make for a complete generation-destroying disaster!

Abraham, the father of faith, had

complete faith that this “plan” would work out and he sent his trusted servant on a long journey back to Haran in Mesopotamia.

Land of Canaan and to Isaac. She became his wife and ultimately bore him the sons Jacob and Esau, of which so much could also be written and has been written!!

couple of reasons, and God had not chosen anyone else.

In a cultural sense though, the other nations or at least some of their peoples were nations who worshipped demons and made images of them. Some of these idols and gods were sacrificed to and in some cases (Moloch) children were given as a sacrifice to be placed in the belly (of fire) of the image of moloch. Possibly the first example of mass infanticide. “Moloch, a Canaanite deity associated in biblical sources with the practice of child sacrifice.” | [Definition & Facts | Britannica](#)

The dangers of marriage to the wives of Canaan. (And other peoples)

In the land of Canaan, there were other tribes or peoples. This is one reason why later the Lord spoke to Moses these dire warnings: In Exodus 34, as well as other places:

Observe what I command you today. See, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Take care not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you are going, or it will become a snare among you. You shall tear down their altars, break their pillars, and cut down their sacred poles (for you shall worship no other god, because the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God). You shall not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to their gods, someone among them will invite you, and you will eat of the sacrifice. And you will take wives from among their daughters for your sons, and



The whole story which is quite beautiful can be found in Genesis 24, which is also the third longest chapter in the Bible! The Ten Longest Chapters in Scripture (by Total Number of Words) | A People for His Name

The final result was that Abraham's servant found (with the help of the Angel of God) a woman called Rebekah, by the well outside the town of Haran. He made a prayer which the Lord immediately answered, and after later explaining his mission to Rebekah's mother and brother, he was able to bring her back, (with her agreement), to the

While not being perfect, Rebekah, was the virgin young woman the Lord chose to be Isaac's wife and to continue the generational promises that God Almighty had made to Abraham. Rebekah had some idiosyncrasies and sins as well, as we see later in her life, as we all do here in the fleshly world, but she was a heaven of a lot better than The wives of Canaan!

And why is that?

In a biblical sense, it was because there was no covenant or agreement between God and the other 'nations' of the world at that time. God had chosen Abraham for a

their daughters who prostitute themselves to their gods will make your sons also prostitute themselves to their gods. (Exodus 34:11–16, emphasis added)

Other examples

Genesis 26: 34

Now Esau (who had sold his birth right, remember) was 40 years old when he took as wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

- 35 And they (the daughters in law, who were both Hittites) made life bitter and a grief of mind and spirit for Isaac and Rebekah [their parents-in-law].

2 Chronicles 8:11

Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh out of the City of David into the house he had built for her, for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy to which the ark of the Lord has come.

1 Kings 9:16

For Pharaoh King of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, burned it with fire, slew the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it (the town/city) as dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

Nehemiah 13: 25

And I (Nehemiah) contended with them and reviled them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.

- 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel act treacherously against God and miss the mark on account of such

women? Among many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; yet strange women even caused him to sin [when he was old he turned treacherously away from the Lord to other gods, and God rent his kingdom from him]. How many wives did Solomon have - Google Search

- 27 Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying strange (heathen) women? (Read the last ten verses of this chapter for the full story).

Nehemiah knew he would not be able to have God's full blessing to rebuild Jerusalem while many of its elders had married foreign wives who worshipped other gods. Therefore he had to radically purge this practice. (Ezra was even more extreme in Ezra chapter 10 (all) . He and many appointed Jewish elders went through the whole population of Judah and Benjamin, and searched out each one who had foreign wives and children! Ezra 10 AMPC - Now while Ezra prayed and made - Bible Gateway (please especially read the footnote at the very bottom of this page!)

God's exceptions:

Only extremely rarely have we seen an example of an exception of a



foreign woman commended by the Lord.

The whole Book of Ruth celebrates Ruth's remarkable character and love. She also as we know was the great grandmother of King David and in direct lineage to the Messiah. 31 generations later. (Matthew chapter 1!) Which shows again the mercy and kindness of the Lord and to teach us that all things are possible with God.



We also know about Rahab the harlot in Jericho. We don't know her ancestry, but it was not of God's people. Nevertheless she is recorded in the Hall of Fame in Hebrews chapter 11! She became a convert, so to speak, and was 'grafted in' to become one of God's people, a practice even observed and allowed in the Bible among the Jewish nation! Full integration was required. BibleGateway - Keyword Search: Rahab

So what did a Canaanite Wife do to you?

Over time a foreign woman inevitably drew a Jewish man away from obeying God and following His Word. This is a powerful topic which may be covered in a future article. But scripture shows this is true. Anyone with any feminism stuck or lodged inside them, may wince at this sentence; but if we just look at God's Word and believe it, we see this is clear. She also brought the man into her religion of birth, so that he not only left the only True God,

but descended into the demonic culture of the age.

Dalliance with the ungodly females was truly dangerous. Death was also a probable consequence! **Judges chapter 13-16. Mark 6:17-29 and Matthew 14:3-12.**

The prevailing wisdom of the ancient peoples was to worship idols and gods of stone and metal. But it is very likely that those who were purveyors and masters in the religion had direct contact with demons.

This continued into the New Testament era with the gods of the Greeks and the Romans, where there were whole pantheons of them. You will remember the whole city of Ephesus shouted out 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians' for two hours, after the Apostle Paul arrived! **Acts 19:28-31**

So a woman of this background who grew up in significant spiritual darkness and was also possibly spiritually attached to the mind control or influence of demons, was truly a recipe for disaster as we saw in **Genesis 26:35** above.

The Wives of Canaan today!



The reason I am even writing this

article this week, is because for some years it has been very plain to me that there are still multitudes of Wives of Canaan in the world today.

We are in the age of Grace, the whole world is open or at least has been open to the Gospel for 2000 years. During this time, any of the Wives of Canaan or any other human, child, had the opportunity to become a child of God and a wife of God, and the Bride of Christ! This is still possible for all people, male and female, so as I list some of the traits of the modern 'Wives of Canaan,' let us also remember they can surely know Jesus and be saved and transformed into God's people! How wonderful. Let's pray for the global Wives of Canaan today! Whole populations and countries of men and women have already been converted to know Jesus Christ!

I don't know about your country, but here in the UK and also in the USA other variations, we see a TV show called 'The Real housewives of Cheshire'

In America there are several:

[Real Wives of Beverley Hills real wives of beverley hills - Google Search](#)



[also the Real Wives of New Jersey real wives of new jersey - Google Search](#)

not to be outdone, there is also the [Real Housewives of Miami real wives of miami - Google Search](#)

[Real Housewives of Atlanta \(USA\). African American wives of Canaan.](#)

[Real Housewives of Atlanta | TikTok](#)

Having occasionally and briefly come across these shows by channel flipping, I have concluded that....

Modern day Wives of Canaan



believe the following or exhibit the following in their language or behaviour, and for these reasons true Christian men should avoid them at all costs:

- a very strong penchant and desire for material things of a more expensive kind
- an ability to become offended or upset easily
- the power to be cunning and exact revenge on another person at precisely the right moment
- The wisdom of the enemy to persuade other people to their points of view, even though these views may be wrong.
- Strong use of sarcasm and belittling of others
- They are not seeking after God's Kingdom because they have very little knowledge of God.
- They do not actively seek 'humility'.
- using their husbands as a tool for gain while having little personal interest in the husband
- It is possible that some or many of them may be interested in things like 'superstition', 'destiny', 'fate'

and similar words.

- being almost entirely 'me centred'
- negligible spiritual sensitivity to the Spirit of God

And the list truly goes on. Here are a few simple reactions from one of the UK shows to confirm some of these points:

- *I love the show but just watching the Christmas reunion I was so disgusted by Hannahs comment towards Lистра saying go cut off ur dirty nails. I just say that Hannah really made me feel great about myself but tonight watching the episode has really hurt me. Lистра is a beautiful African Queen with an enormous bubbly personality and Hannah starts throwing insults towards Lистра. She can't come off on her like that.*
- *I use to love housewives of Cheshire, until they started getting vile and jealous about Dawn, and omg that Leanne brown woman all that sobbing for a bit of attention, I think if anyone should've been sobbing it was Dawn, she's the one who got accused about some money problem, Not the other one, and Tanya well Watching her makes me cringe she's so false it's unreal, I'm with*

Leanne then aww I'm not falling out with Dawn then you've got that horrible Ampika

- *What an utterly trashy programme this has become. Money clearly doesn't buy class, or dress sense!!!*
- *I would be ashamed to be within a mile of this group, on one of their trips .They continually embarrass themselves whilst purporting to be above others because of their wealth. Lauren in particular needs to get a stylist and stop the cosmetic procedures....grow old gracefully, you are all attractive women, but slowly ruining your looks in the pursuit of youth.....*

That may seem to be a negative point to almost end on, but a woman of Canaan is still around today. As you can see from these comments, the 'fruits' (comments) of watching this show are not good.

Let us close with this inspiring quote which gives us all reason to pray.

Choosing or asking God to choose a life partner for your children or yourself, is about the most important thing, outside of Salvation, that you can choose!

Until next week,
Jerry for the WCF Team

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