

Top 12 Mothers in the Bible

Purpose: Given this is Mother's Day, I want to honor all mothers by identifying 12 of the Mothers highlighted in the bible that have had a big impact on the history of man, Israel, and the Body of Christ.

1. Eve (Mother of all humanity; Mother of Cain, Abel, Seth)

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name **Eve**; because she was the mother of all living.

H2332 Chavvâh, khav-vaw'; causatively from H2331; life-giver; Chavvah (or Eve), the first woman:—Eve.

Gen 4:1 - And Adam knew **Eve** his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **2** And she again bare his brother **Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Cor 11:3 - But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled **Eve** through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

G2096: Eûa, yoo'-ah; of Hebrew origin (H2332); Eua (or Eva, i.e. Chavvah), the first woman:—**Eve**.

1Ti 2:13 - For Adam was first formed, then **Eve**.

1Ti 2:15 - Notwithstanding she shall be saved in **childbearing**, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Titus 2:14 - And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman** being deceived was in the transgression.

2. Sarah (Mother of Isaac)

Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for **Sarai** thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** shall her name be. **16** And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. **17** Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall **Sarah**, that is ninety years old, bear? **18** And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! **19** And God

said, **Sarah** thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name **Isaac**: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. **20** And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. **21** But my covenant will I establish with **Isaac**, which **Sarah** shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. **22** And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

Gen 21:1 And the LORD visited **Sarah** as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. **2** For **Sarah** conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. **3** And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, **Isaac**. **6** And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so *that* all that hear will laugh with me.

3. Rebecca (Mother of Jacob – Israel)

Gen 25:21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. **22** And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. **23** And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. **24** And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. **25** And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. **26** And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

4. Rachel (Mother of Joseph – Who saved Israel from famine by bringing them to Egypt)

Gen 30:22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. **23** And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: **24** And she called his name **Joseph**; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. **25** And it came to pass, when Rachel had born **Joseph**, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

5. **Jochebed (Moses Mother)**

Exo 6:20 And Amram took him **Jochebed** his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

Num 26:59 And the name of Amram's wife was **Jochebed**, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram **Aaron and Moses, and Miriam** their sister.

6. **Ruth (Mother of Obed Grandfather of David)**

Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took **Ruth**, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

Mat 1:5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and **Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;**

7. **Hannah (Mother of Samuel who anointed Saul and David)**

1Sam 1:2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was **Hannah**, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but **Hannah** had no children.

1Sam 1:5 But unto **Hannah** he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

1Sam 1:19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew **Hannah** his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

1Sam 1:20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after **Hannah had conceived**, that she bare a son, and called his name **Samuel**, saying, **Because I have asked him of the LORD.**

1Sam 2:21 And the LORD visited **Hannah**, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child **Samuel** grew before the LORD.

8. **Bathsheba (Solomon's Mother)**

2Sam 12:24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name **Solomon**: and the LORD loved him.

1Kings 2:19 **Bathsheba** therefore went unto **king Solomon**, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto

her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the **King's mother**; and she sat on his right hand.

9. **Esther (Mother of Cyrus King of Persia)**

Est 2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, **Esther**, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

Est 2:17 And the king loved **Esther** above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and **made her queen** instead of Vashti.

Est 4:8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the **decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them**, to shew it unto **Esther**, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

Est 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and **who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

Est 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and **to stand for their life**, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

Ezr 1:1 Now in the first year of **Cyrus** king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, **2** Thus saith **Cyrus** king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. **3** Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. **4** And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

see p. 610. For the order, see p. 617 and the reasons for it, on p. 618.
 The book of Esther precedes (chronologically) the book of Ezra-Nehemiah.

1 Cyrus. The son of Astyages and Esther. See Ap. 57, 58, on the genealogy of the Persian kings. So named nearly 200 years before he was born (Isa. 44. 28). The book of Esther precedes the book of Ezra-Nehemiah, and Neh. 1. 1-7. † precedes Ezra 1. 1-14. See note on Neh. 1. 2. Est. 3. 8; 10. 3, and Ap. 57, 58.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

mouth. Cp. 2 Chron. 36. 21-23. Jer. 29. 10-14.

spirit. Heb. *rūach*. Ap. 9.

2 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

God of heaven. See note on 2 Chron. 36. 23. Appropriate in the mouth of Cyrus, and in contrast with all heathen inscriptions.

hath given me. The son of Astyages (the venerable king=Ahasuerus) and Esther. Trained by Mordecai and Nehemiah, he was brought up in the knowledge of God and His Word.

charged me to build. Cp. Isa. 44. 24-28; 45. 1-6, 13.

an house. This proclamation put first, as it is the great subject treated of by Ezra.

(see also Appendixes 57 &58)

10. Elisabeth (Mother of John the Baptist)

Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was **Elisabeth**.

Luke 1:7 And they had no child, because that **Elisabeth** was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife **Elisabeth** shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luke 1:24 And after those days his wife **Elisabeth** conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Luke 1:36 And behold, thy cousin **Elisabeth**, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Luke 1:40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted **Elisabeth**.
41 And it came to pass, that, when **Elisabeth** heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and **Elisabeth** was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Luke 1:57 Now **Elisabeth's** full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. **58** And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. **59** And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. **60** And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called **John**.

11. Mary (Mother of Christ Jesus)

Mat 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom was born **Jesus, who is called Christ**. **18** Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother **Mary** was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, **27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was **Mary**.
28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. **29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. **30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, **Mary**: for thou hast found favor with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**.
32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

12. Eunice (Mother of Timothy)

2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother **Eunice**; and I am persuaded that in thee also.