

LEAH – LESS LOVED ONE

Leah is one of the most u_____ -a_____ ladies in the Bible.

SHE IS INTRODUCED S_____ IN THE STORY

While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. 10 When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. 12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father. Genesis 29:9-12 NIV

LESS A_____

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Genesis 29:1-17 NIV

M_____ BY HER FATHER

But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, Genesis 29:23 NIV

25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" 26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. 27 Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." Genesis 29:25-27 NIV

We remember how Jacob felt. But how do you think Leah felt about this marriage to Jacob?

LESS LOVED BY HER H_____

his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. Genesis 29:30b NIV

When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, Genesis 29:31 NIV

- Have you ever felt unloved by a spouse, parents, or someone else?

Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now." Genesis 29:32 NIV

Reuben = see, a s_____.

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon. Genesis 29:33 NIV

Simeon = one who h_____.

Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.
Genesis 29:34 NIV

Levi = a _____

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When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!" Genesis 30:1 NIV

14 During wheat harvest, Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrake plants, which he brought to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But she said to her, "Wasn't it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son's mandrakes too?"

"Very well," Rachel said, "he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes." Genesis 30:14-15 NIV

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35 She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children. Genesis 29:35 NIV

Judah = P_____

I like to think that somehow it was e_____ to praise the Lord and have His blessing.

*The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his.* Genesis 49:10 NIV

LOVED BY HER H_____

Bury me with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre in Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite. 31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried, and there I buried Leah. Genesis 49:29b-31 NIV

Leah is best known for what she d_____ n_____ have.
But think about what she d_____ have.