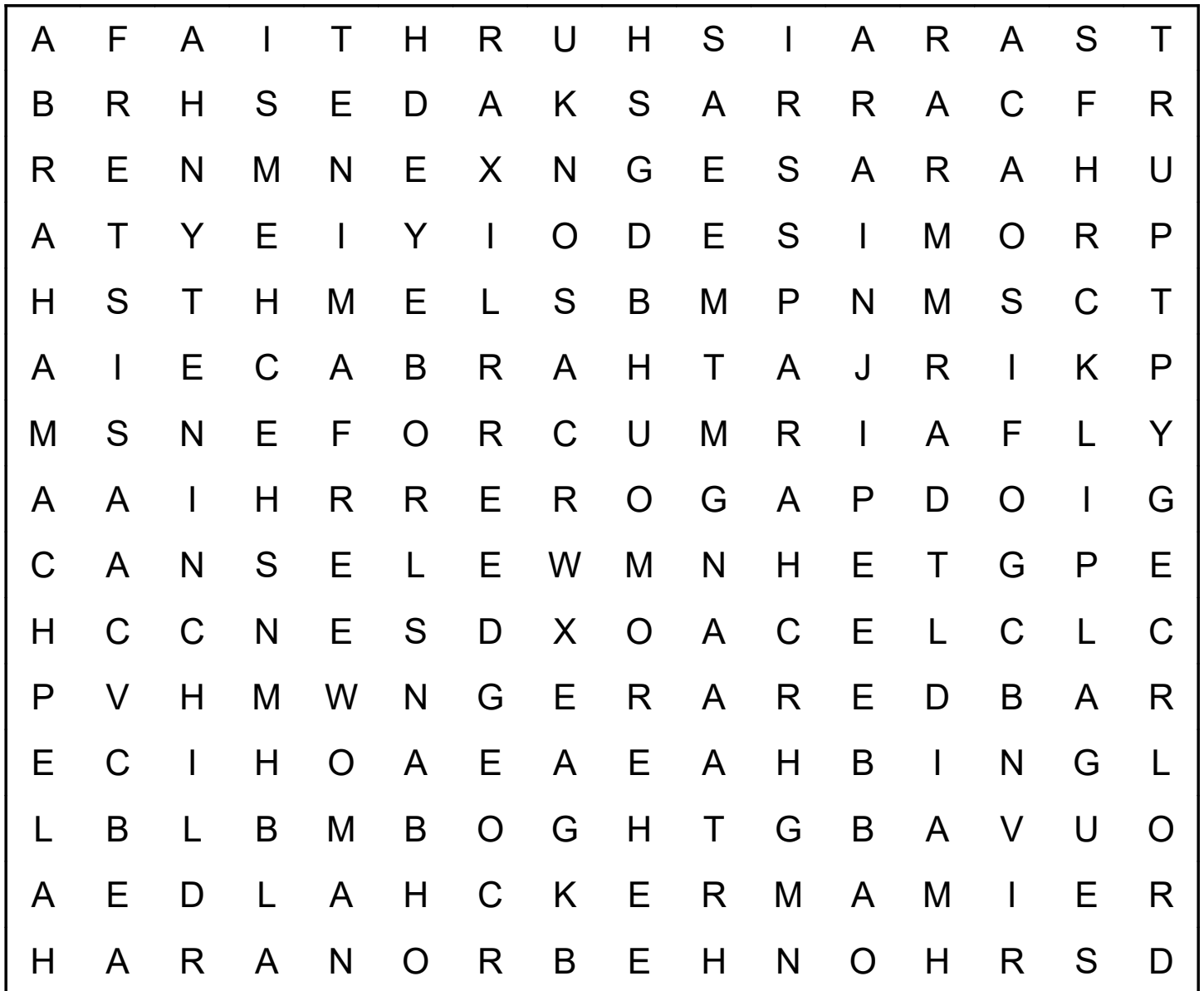


A word-search puzzle from the Bible Pages. Theme: Sarah.

48 words are hidden in this puzzle. They are printed across, or up or down, or diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line, with no letters skipped. Each letter may form a part of more than one word. All letters do not belong to words, and there is no "hidden message". Regarding the choice of words in this maze, see page 2.



List of words (taken mostly from the book of Genesis): ABIMELECH, ABRAHAM, ABRAM, AI, BARREN, BETHEL, BIBLE, BONDWOMAN, CANAAN, CHALDEA, CHILD, CONCEIVED, EGYPT, FAIR, FAITH, FAMINE, FREEWOMAN, GENESIS, GERAR, HAGAR, HANDMAID, HARAN, HEBRON, ISAAC, ISHMAEL, KADESH, KIRJATHARBA, LAUGHED, LORD, LOT, MACHPELAH, MAMRE, MOREH, NINETY, OBEYED, PHARAOH, PLAGUES, PROMISED, SARAH, SARAI, SARRA, SCRIPTURES, SHECHEM, SHUR, SISTER, SON, TERAH, UR

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On the choice of words in this puzzle

(Below, the first occurrence of each word in this puzzle is highlighted in **bold** style.)

In the **Bible**, the book of **Genesis** tells us that **Sarah** and her husband **Abraham** came from **Ur** in **Chaldea**. Her name was originally **Sarai**, but later, the Lord changed it to **Sarah**. In the Greek text of the New Testament it was written as **Sarra**. Her husband's name was originally **Abram**, but the **Lord** changed it to Abraham.

Sarah and Abraham and his father **Terah** left Ur and moved to a place called **Haran**. They were accompanied by **Lot**, Abraham's nephew. Terah died in Haran. The Lord told Abraham to move to the land of **Canaan**, and he and Sarah did that, together with Lot.

In Canaan, they came to **Shechem**, close to the plain of **Moreh**. Later, they moved to a place close to **Bethel** and **Ai**. But, there was a **famine** in the land, and Sarah and Abraham went to **Egypt**. Sarah was beautiful (**fair** to look upon, as some translations have it), and Abraham was afraid that the Egyptians would kill him, in order to get his wife. So, he told her to say that she was his **sister**. The princes of the **Pharaoh** saw her, and she was taken to the Pharaoh. But, the Lord sent severe **plagues** on the Pharaoh and his house. The Pharaoh came to realise what the cause was, and called Abraham and then sent him and Sarah away. They returned to the place where they had lived in the land of Canaan, between Bethel and Ai.

The **Scriptures** tell us that first, Sarah was **barren** and did not get children. So, she gave her Egyptian **handmaid Hagar** to Abraham, so that she would bear a child for her. (Hagar was a slave – “**bondwoman**” as some translations have it, whereas Sarah was a **freewoman**. The apostle Paul used this fact in an analogy, in his letter to the saints in Galatia.) Hagar gave birth to a **son**, who came to be called **Ishmael**.

When Abraham was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and made a covenant with him, and **promised** that Sarah would bear him a son. Abraham **laughed** at the idea of him and Sarah getting a son (because they were so old), but the Lord told him that so would happen, and that because Abraham had laughed, the son was to be called *Yitschaq* (often interpreted as “laughter” or “he laughs”). *Yitschaq* has then been anglicised into **Isaac**. It was on that occasion, that the Lord changed Sarai's name to Sarah, and Abram's name to Abraham. At that time, they lived in Shechem.

Then the Lord met Sarah and Abraham on the plain of **Mamre** (in **Hebron**) where they had their tent. He repeated the promise regarding a son. Sarah heard that and laughed (inwardly), because she was old. But, the Lord assured them that she would have a son. After that, Sarah and Abraham lived between **Kadesh** and **Shur**, and in **Gerar**. Once again, Abraham lied and said that Sarah was his sister. So, **Abimelech** the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But, God told Abimelech through a dream that he must return Sarah to Abraham.

Around a year after the Lord had met Sarah and Abraham, she **conceived** and bore a **child**, a son, and called him *Yitschaq* (“Isaac”). At that time, Sarah was **ninety** years old. Sarah died in **Kirjatharba**, and Abraham buried her in the cave of the field of **Machpelah**.

In the New Testament, Sarah is commended for her **faith**, and it is mentioned that she **obeyed** her husband. (“Obeyed” – Greek *hupakouô*, “to listen to”, ”to submit to”, 1 Peter 3:6.)

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