

Portion: Chayei Sarah (The Life of Sarah)  
Berēshith (Genesis 24:16-51)

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16 And the young woman was very good-looking, a maiden, no man having known her. And she went down to the fountain, filled her jar, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar."

18 And she said, "Drink, my master." And she hurried and let her jar down to her hand, and gave him a drink.

19 And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "Let me draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking."

20 And she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the fountain to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And watching her, the man remained silent in order to know whether יהוה had prospered his way or not.

22 And it came to be, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a sheqel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten sheqels of gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please inform me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"

24 And she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethu'el, Milkah's son, whom she bore to Nahor."

25 And she said to him, "We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to spend the night."

26 And the man bowed down his head and worshipped יהוה.

27 And he said, "Blessed be יהוה Elohim of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His loving-commitment and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, יהוה led me to the house of my master's brothers."

28 Then the young woman ran and informed those of her mother's house these matters.

29 And Ribqah had a brother whose name was Laban, and Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain.

30 And it came to be, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Ribqah, saying, "Thus the man spoke to me," that he went to the man and saw him standing by the camels at the fountain.

31 And he said, "Come in, O blessed of יהוה! Why do you stand outside? I myself have prepared the house, and a place for the camels."

32 So the man came into the house, while he unloaded the camels and provided straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him,

33 and set food before him to eat. But he said, "Let me not eat until I have spoken my word." And he said, "Speak on."

34 And he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

35 "And יהוה has blessed my master exceedingly, and he has become great. And He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

36 "And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has given to him all that he has.

37 "And my master made me swear, saying, 'Do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anites, in whose land I dwell,

38 but go to my father's house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

39 And I said to my master, 'What if the woman does not follow me?' "

40 "But he said to me, 'יהוה, before whom I walk, sends His messenger with you and shall prosper your way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house.

41 Then, when you go to my relatives, you are to be released from this oath. And if they do not give her to you, then you are released from my oath.'

42 And this day I came to the fountain and said, 'יהוה, Elohim of my master Abraham, please, if You are prospering the way in which I am going,"

43 see, I am standing by the fountain of water, and when the young woman comes out to draw water, and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,"

44 and she says to me, "Drink, and let me draw for your camels too," let her be the woman whom יהוה has appointed for my master's son.'

45 "I had not yet ended speaking in my heart, then see, Ribqah was coming out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain and drew water. And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

46 "And she hurried and let her jar down from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and let me water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels too.

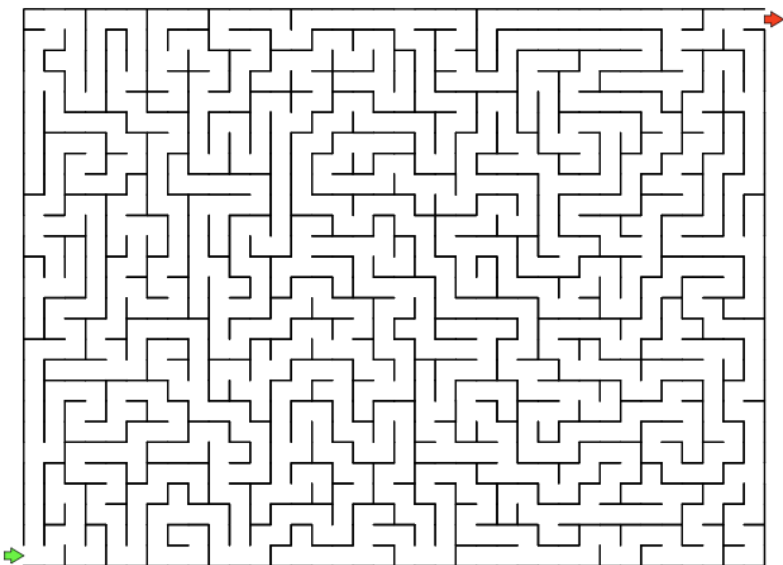
47 "And I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethu'el, Nahor's son, whom Milkah bore to him.' Then I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.

48 And I bowed my head and worshipped יהוה, and blessed יהוה, Elohim of my master Abraham, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son."

49 And now, if you are going to show loving-commitment and truth to my master, let me know, and if not, let me know, so that I turn to the right or to the left.

50 And Laban answered - Bethu'el too - and said, "The matter comes from יהוה, we are not able to speak to you either evil or good.

51 See, Ribqah is before you. Take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as יהוה has spoken.



### Fill In The Blank

- 1) If they do not give her to you, then you are \_\_\_\_\_ from my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The young woman was very good-looking, a \_\_\_\_\_, no man having \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- 3) And she \_\_\_\_\_ and let her jar down from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and let me water your \_\_\_\_\_ too.
- 4) The matter comes from יהוה, we are not able to \_\_\_\_\_ to you either \_\_\_\_\_ or good.
- 5) We have both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ enough, and room to spend the night.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has \_\_\_\_\_ to him all that he has.
- 7) I bowed my head and \_\_\_\_\_ יהוה, and \_\_\_\_\_ יהוה, Elohim of my master Abraham.
- 8) Then the young woman \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those of her mother's house these matters.
- 9) I am the daughter of Bethu'el, \_\_\_\_\_ son, whom she bore to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ be יהוה Elohim of my master Abraham, who has not \_\_\_\_\_ His loving-commitment and His truth toward my master.

### True Or False

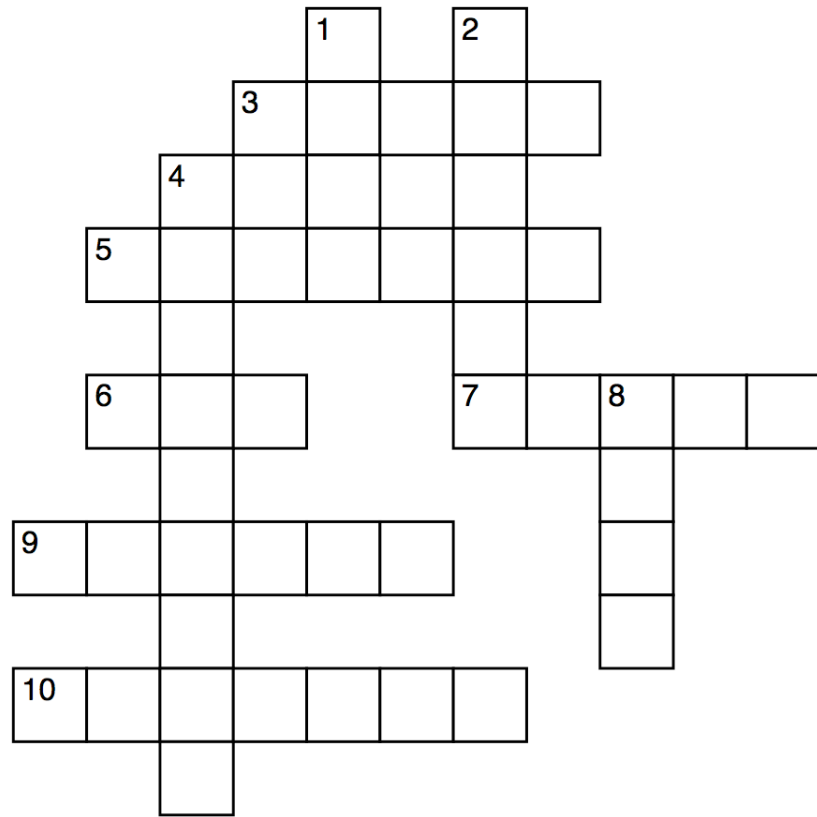
- 1) The servant bowed his head and worshipped יהוה after meeting Ribqah. True/False
- 2) Naḥor was Ribqah's grandfather. True/False
- 3) Laban and Bethu'el believed it was יהוה's will for Ribqah to go with Abraham's servant. True/False
- 4) Laban and Bethu'el were relatives of Abraham. True/False

**Across**

- 3. Ribqah's brother.
- 5. Ribqah's father.
- 6. Used to carry the water.
- 7. The camels were given \_\_\_\_\_ and fodder.
- 9. Ribqah was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. The bracelets weighed ten \_\_\_\_\_ of gold.

**Down**

- 1. Abraham made his servant swear an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The livestock that Ribqah watered.
- 4. Go to my father's house and to my \_\_\_\_\_, and take a wife for my son.
- 8. Abraham's servant gave Ribqah what for her nose?



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