Word Study H7259 *rivkah* Rebekah

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Introduction

ToDo: This article could use some review. Is there a connection between Rebekah and Yachov?

My commentary on Rebekah

Like so many characters in scripture, she is a mixed bag.

First off

I try to make these commentaries with a humble hard and with an intent of not just being critical, but to give constructive criticism. The constructive criticism of something should leave the reader with a lesson to be learned i.e. something constructive and positive.   With regard to characters in scripture, I do not want to follow the rule of "if you don't have a nice thing to say about something then don't say it", but would rather apply the rule of that Paul articulated in 1Co 10:11

1Co 10:11 [a]

> Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

To be fair, the context of this verse has to do with our ancient fathers who were part of the exodus, and also later gave the evil report.   As a result, they were sentenced to die in the desert and it was their children who entered into the promised land.

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[a] See Moshe-Leads-you-to-Meshiach-Num-10-13#The Greater Exodus, article #<u>229</u>.

Rebekah: "a tie-rope for animals," or, rather, "a noose"; by means of which men are snared or bound; The slang for getting married is 'to be hitched'.

Bethuel = "God destroys" or "man of God" or "dweller in God"

Milcah = "queen"

Nahor = "snorting"

Some Verses

Gen 25:20-23 - Rebekah children struggled together within her

[20] And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. [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.

Gen 25:28 - Isaac loved Esau but Rebekah loved Jacob

And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

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Strong's: From an unused root probably meaning to *clog* by tying up the fetlock; *fettering* [b] (by beauty); *Ribkah*, the wife of Isaac: - Rebekah.

Rebekah comes from an unused root

Most times in scripture a reason is given for the name of a person, but not with Rebekah. Probably because she is not part of the main biblical patriarch and also because, many times the meanings of the names for woman are not given.

So I decided to look up the name to get a better sense of the meaning. I thought it was interesting that they did give a meaning but had to resort to words not found in Scripture, as Strong's says "from an unused root". Anyway, I thought it would be interesting to list the words in Strong's for the words that are before and after. (This is a reasonable thing to do because the Strong's numbers were generated from listing Hebrew words alphabetical ("Aleph-Bet-ically" if you will allow me to use my newly invented language "Hebr-E-nglish").

Hebrew English Hebr-E-nglish

English Hebrew Englis-H-ebrew

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[b] **Fettering** A device, usually one of a pair of rings connected to a chain, that is attached to the ankles or feet to restrict movement.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yiddish

Strong's	Transliteration	Root Letters	Last Letter Ordinal #
H7258	*rehbets*	*resh bet **tsadik***	18
H7259	*rivkah*	*resh bet **qoof***	19
H7260	*rabrab*	*resh bet **resh***	20

Hebrew Letter meanings (symbolic/literal) of Rebekah's name (Resh, Bet, Koof)

Resh: person, head, highest (head)

Bet: household, in (House Tent)

Koof: behind, last, least (back of head)

What stuck out to me…

- An illusion to the head is found in the beginning and the end of the root
    - Using the same to letters, there is an illusion to highest (first?) (head) and last/lease (back of head)
- Tent is the middle root which reminds me of "...Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents." [Gen 25:27]

BDB Definition:

Rebekah = "ensnarer"

1) daughter of Bethuel, sister of Laban, wife of Isaac, and mother of Esau and Jacob

Part of Speech: noun proper feminine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from an unused root probably meaning to clog by tying up the fetlock

Total KJV Occurrences: 30

Rebekah('s), 30 Gen 22:23, Gen 24:15, Gen 24:29-30 (2), Gen 24:45, Gen 24:51, Gen 24:53, Gen 24:58-61 (5), Gen 24:64, Gen 24:67, Gen 25:20-21 (2), Gen 25:28, Gen 26:7-8 (2), Gen 26:35, Gen 27:5-6 (2), Gen 27:11, Gen 27:15, Gen 27:42, Gen 27:46, Gen 28:5, Gen 29:12, Gen 35:8, Gen 49:31

Outline of verses containing the name Rebekah

References to Rebekah

Gen 22[1] – simply introduces   Gen 22:23

Rebekah as a principle player in the story

Gen 24[9] – The whole story of Eliezer getting her to be the wife for Isaac per Abrahams request

Gen 25[2] – Isaac prays for barren Rebekah & the twins are born   Gen 25:20-21

Gen 26[3] – Abimelech déjà vu & Rebekah disappointmented with Esau's wives   Gen 26:7-8, Gen 26:35

Gen 27[6] – the conspiracy and sending Jacob away   Gen 27:5-6, Gen 27:11, Gen 27:15, Gen 27:42, Gen 27:46,

References to Rebekah

Gen-28[1] – Isaac sent away to the brother of Rebekah

Gen 29[1] - Jacob told Rachel that he was son of Rebekah

Gen 35[1] – Deborah died, she was the Rachel nurse

Gen 49[1] – Rebekah buried