

~BILHAH 1 (71)
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- One of the maidservants of Laban's household whom he gave to his daughter Rachel to be her maidservant at the time of her marriage to Jacob.
- Besides, Laban gave **Bilhah** his maidservant to Rachel his daughter as her maidservant. (**Genesis 29:29**)
- That occurred in Paddan-aram, which was in the northern plateau region of Mesopotamia. When, with the passing of time, Rachel proved to be barren, she gave **Bilhah** to Jacob as a secondary wife, that by means of her maidservant Rachel might have children, even as Sarah had done.
- Hence Sarai said to Abram; Please now! Yehowah has shut me off from bearing children. Please, have relations with my maidservant. Perhaps I may get children from her. So Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. (**Genesis 16:2**)
- In this way **Bilhah** had the privilege of becoming the mother of two sons, Dan and Naphtali, whose descendants formed 2 of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- So she said; Here is my slave girl **Bilhah**. Have relations with her, that she may give birth upon my knees and that I, even I, may get children from her. (**Genesis 30:3**)
- With that she gave him **Bilhah** her maidservant as wife, and Jacob had relations with her. (**Genesis 30:4**)
- And **Bilhah** became pregnant and in time bore Jacob a son. (**Genesis 30:5**)
- Then Rachel said; God has acted as my judge and has also listened to my voice, so that he gave me a son. That is why she called his name Dan. (**Genesis 30:6**)
- And **Bilhah**, Rachel's maidservant, became pregnant once more and in time bore a second son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:7**)

- Then Rachel said; With strenuous wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister. I have also come off winner! So she called his name Naphtali. (**Genesis 30:8**)
- And the sons by **Bilhah**, Rachel's maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali. (**Genesis 35:25**)
- The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel and Guni and Jezer and Shallum, the sons of **Bilhah**. (**1 Chronicles 7:13**)
- When Jacob returned to the land of Canaan, **Bilhah**, together with her children, was personally introduced to Jacob's twin brother Esau. After the death of Rachel, the oldest son of Jacob, Reuben, committed fornication with Bilhah.
- And it came about while Israel was tabernacling in that land that once Reuben went and lay down with **Bilhah** his father's concubine, and Israel got to hear of it. So there came to be twelve sons of Jacob. (**Genesis 35:22**)
- Reuben, you are my firstborn, my vigor and the beginning of my generative power, the excellence of dignity and the excellence of strength. (**Genesis 49:3**)
- With reckless license like waters, do not you excel, because you have gone up to your father's bed. At that time you profaned my lounge. He went up to it! (**Genesis 49:4**)