PREPARING FOR WAR

HEAVEN IS PREPARING FOR A WEDDING







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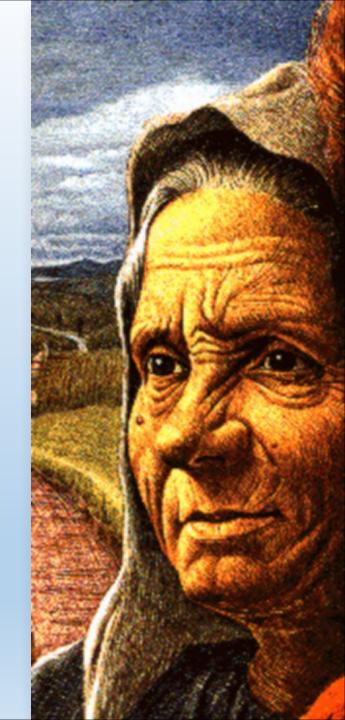
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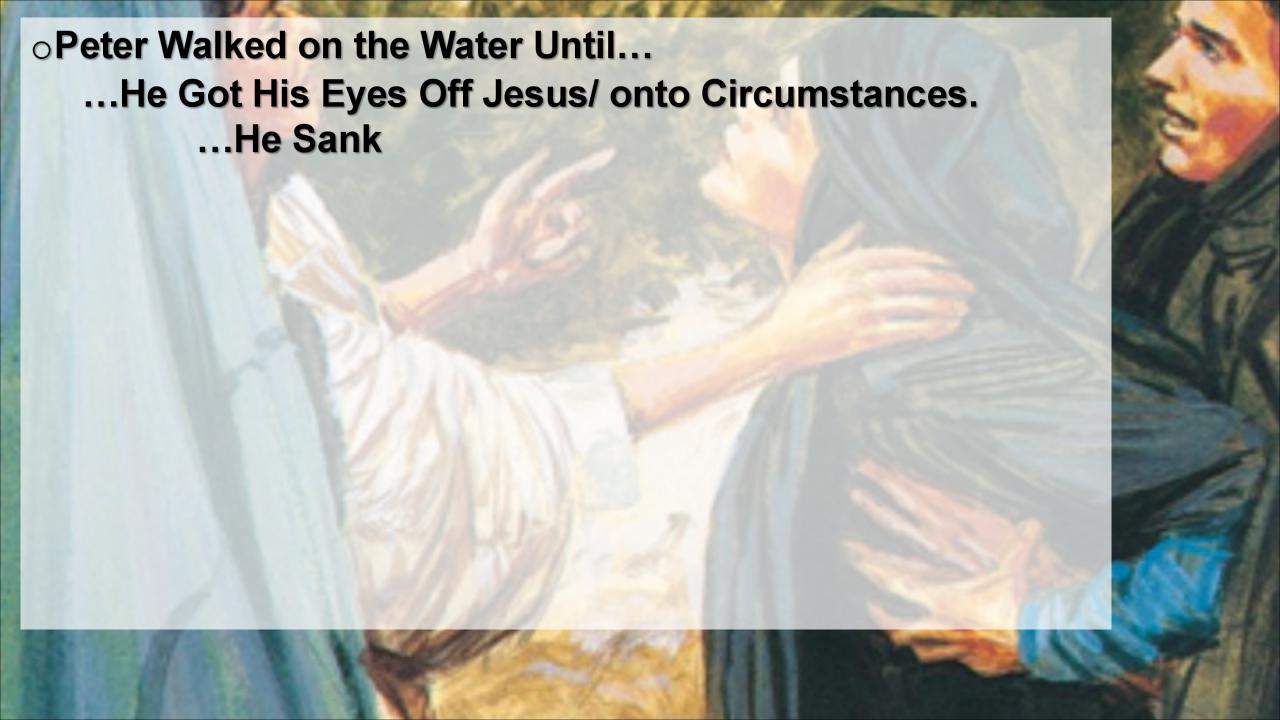
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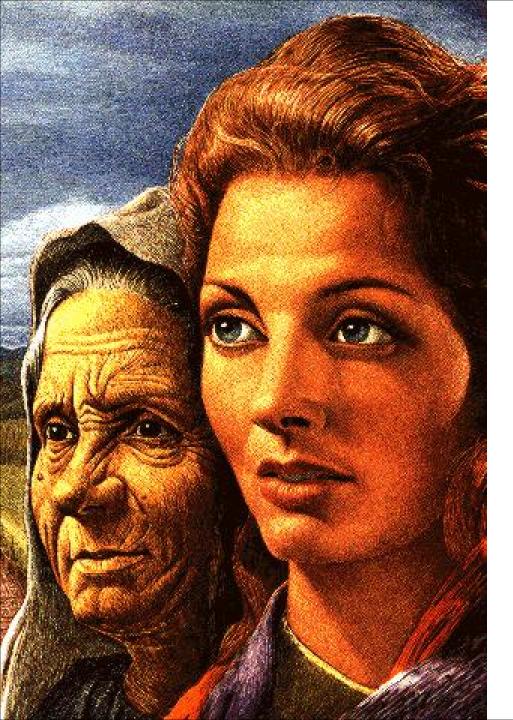






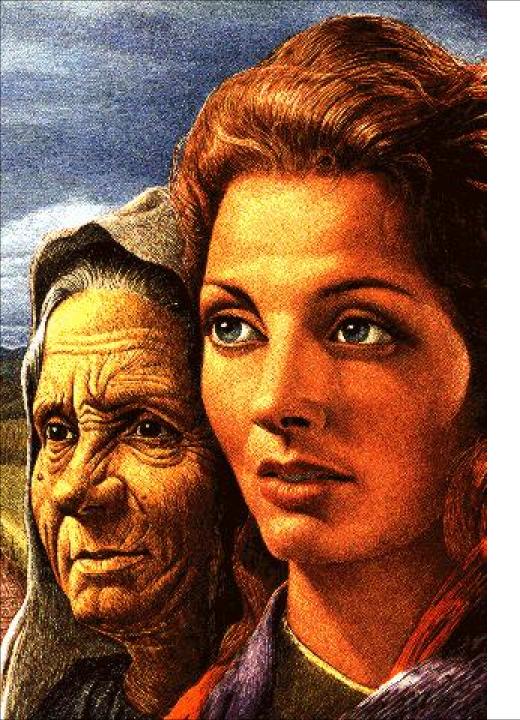
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From Naomi to Mara

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Names Very Important in Hebrew ...Represents

- Picture of Self (Identity)
- ○Potential (Path)
- Prophet of Future (Destiny)



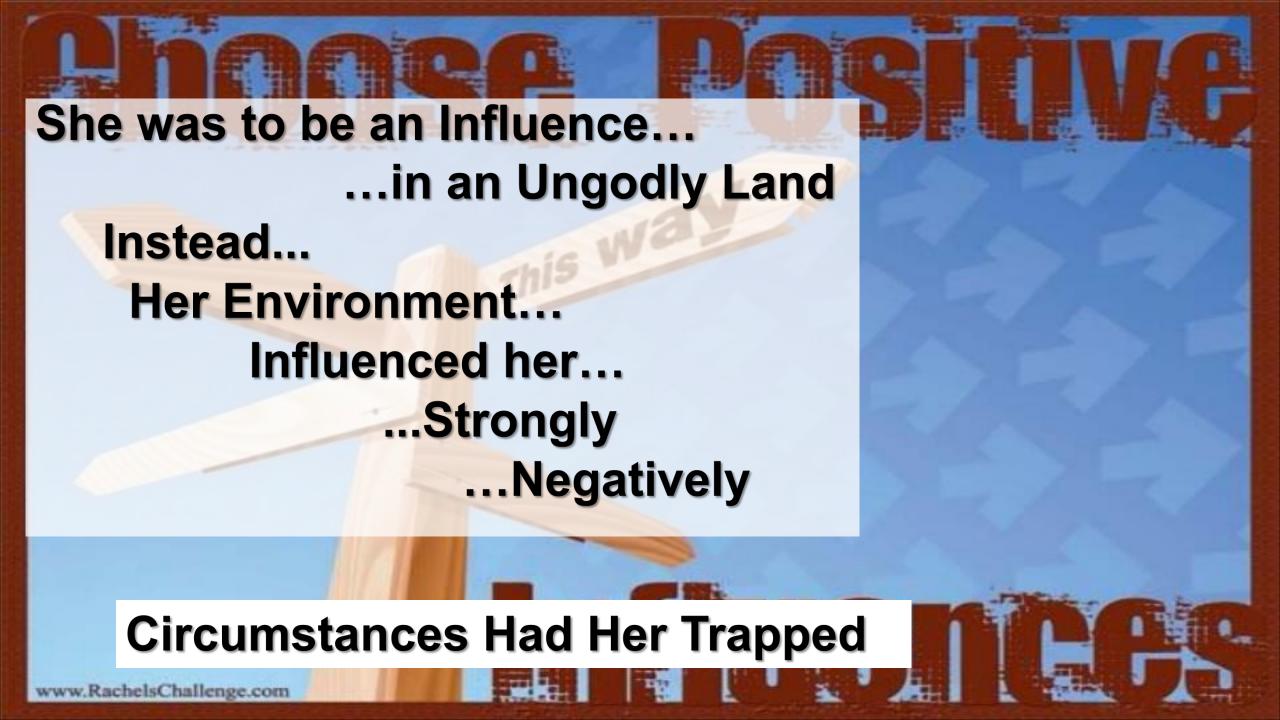
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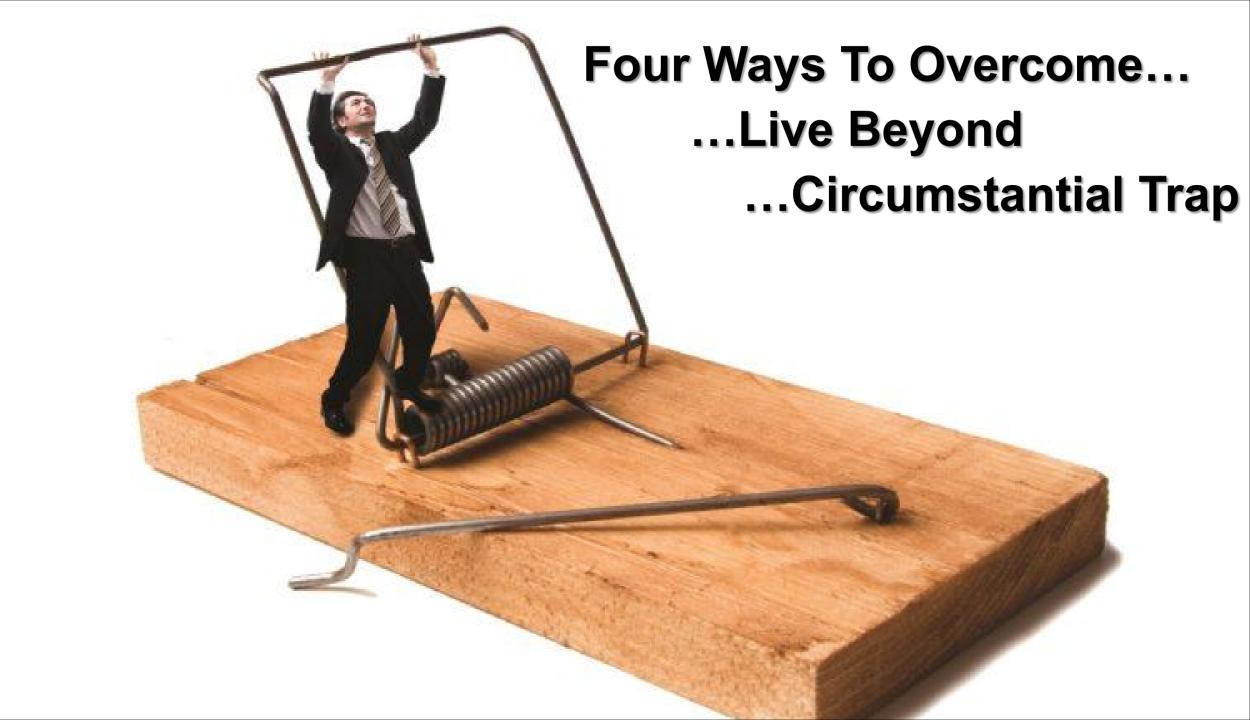
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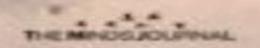
¹⁶ Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also." 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name [a]Ben-Oni; but his father called him [b]Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). Genesis 35: 16-19

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"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine WHERE YOU START."

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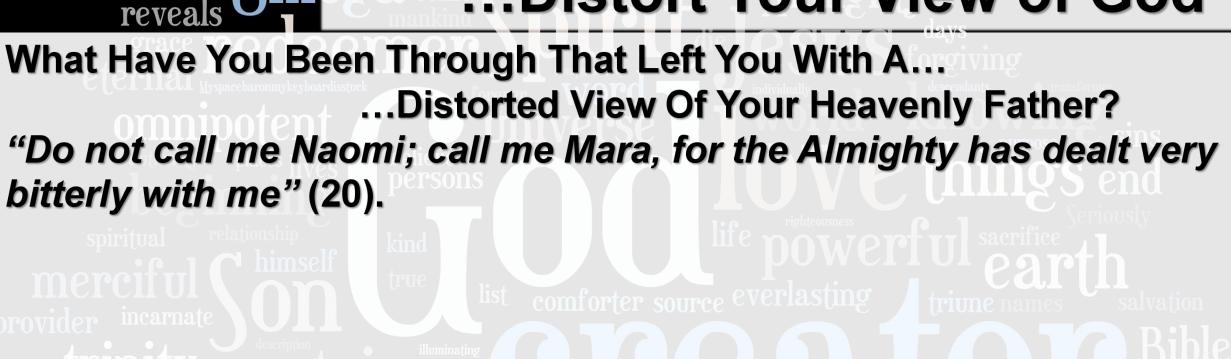
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- She is Blaming God for All Her Misfortunes.
- Do Not Allow the Enemy to Distort Vision of God
- Her Family Took Matters in Their Own Hands
- This was NOT God's Doing but Bad Decisions!





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