

**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE:  
A Brief Biographical Genealogy**

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## Preface:

To offset the profusion of fictional books currently published regarding women of the Bible, this book provides a true-life account of their lives and relationships. This reference work delves deeply into the well of scriptural records to produce a bountiful reservoir of the names, meanings, relationships, and anecdotes of every named woman of the Bible. The author hopes that it will not only complement the libraries of Christian homes but those of churches, seminaries, and colleges.

To adequately appreciate and understand the women of the Bible, the author pieced together the origins of these women with their resulting progeny. Ascendants plus descendants equals a richer exploration of past history as recorded on the pages of scripture. The material was painstakingly researched as thoroughly as possible, hopefully without errors. Tedious to say the least, this study has not been without its rewards. It has intrigued, amazed, and encouraged me, and I hope this labor of love will enrich the lives of its readers.

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Dedicated to my dad,  
Virgil (Bill) Southard Webster:  
My mentor and best friend,  
Without whose example,  
Spiritual wisdom,  
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Guidance,  
And understanding,  
I would not be the person I am today.

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# **Chapter 1**

## **Abi-Azubah**

**Abi** (to my father)

*Wife of Ahaz*

- Daughter of **Zachariah**
- Mother of **Hezekiah**, king of Judah
- Grandmother of **Manasseh**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jotham**, king of Judah
- Mother-in-law of **Hephzibah**
- Also called **Abijah**



**Abi** was a daughter of Zachariah. No other ancestral information is revealed. Her marriage to King Ahaz positioned her and her progeny into association with the messianic line.



Abi was married to King Ahaz, one of the more ungodly rulers of Judah. God's judgment for his country's reckless abandonment into idolatry was the intermittent attacks by Syria and Israel. King Ahaz blatantly authorized the worship of any pagan god, even sacrificing some of his own children to these idols and obstructing the doors of the Lord's temple. His conduct was considered so contemptible that, upon his death, the royal family deemed his body unworthy to be buried in the family plot.

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2 Kings 15:38

- 16:1-3
- 18:1-2
- 20:21
- 21:1

2 Chronicles 28:1-4, 19, 23-25, 27

## Abiah

### *Wife of Hezron*

- Mother of **Ashur**
- Grandmother of **Ahuzam, Hephher, Temeni, Haahashtari, Zereth, Jezoar, and Ethnan**
- Daughter-in-law of **Pharez**, of the Messianic line
- Mother-in-law of **Helah** and **Naarah**
- Also called **Abijah**



**Abiah** was a wife of Hezron and gave birth to their son, Ashur, after Hezron had died. (This Ashur is also known as the father of Tekoa.) There is little other information revealed about her in the Bible and no reference to her ancestry.



It appears that Hezron married Abiah late in his life. This union was one of the links that established the line of Judah. Abiah was co-wife with other unnamed women.

Ram, one of Hezron's older sons by another wife, was an ancestor of King David, thus establishing him in the Messianic lineage. His mother's name is not recorded in scripture. (Scripture also mentions another Hezron, but of the line of Reuben.)



Genesis 46:12

Ruth 4:18-22

1 Chronicles 2:5, 9, & 24

- 4:5-7

## **Abigail** (makes joy)

### *1. Wife of **Nabal**; later became wife of **David***

- Mother of **Chileab(Daniel)**, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of **David**
- Co-wife with **Abital, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Eglah, Haggith, Maacah, Michal,** and others.



**Abigail**, a beautiful and wise woman, was the wife of Nabal, a rich herdsman. There is no mention of her ancestry in the scriptures.



She saved Nabal's life following his refusal to feed David and his troops during one of the king's many flights into the wilderness while avoiding Saul's forces. Nabal's inaction quickly invoked David's wrath, putting him and his household in dire jeopardy. Hastily gathering the requested supplies for David, Abigail dissipated David's anger. Shortly thereafter Nabal died suddenly of a stroke possibly brought on by a bout of heavy drinking. Abigail was later offered a marriage proposal from David and accepted it.

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1 Samuel 16:6

1 Kings 11:43

- 12:3-11

1 Chronicles 2:13

2 Chronicles 11:18



## 2. *Wife of Jether*

- Daughter of **Nahash**
- Mother of **Amasa**
- Sister of **Zeruiah**
- Half-sister of **David**



**Abigail** was a wife of Jether, an Ishmeelite.



She became a half-sister of David when Nahash presumably married David's mother after the death of Jesse. The joining of the two families brought about much inter-family hostility. Abigail's son, Amasa, joined Absalom's open rebellion against David, becoming captain of Absalom's forces. After the death of Absalom during a fierce battle, King David pardoned Amasa for his misguided alliance and promoted him a captain, replacing the headstrong Joab. Joab was so enraged by this action that he hunted down and eventually killed Amasa, contrary to David's explicit orders.



1 Samuel 26:6

2 Samuel 2:13, 18

- 14:1
- 16:9-10
- 17:25
- 19:13
- 20:4-5, 8-10, 12

1 Kings 2:5, 32

1 Chronicles 2:16-17

**Abihail** (makes strength)

1. *Wife of Abishur*

- Daughter-in-law of **Shammai**
- Mother of **Ahban** and **Molid**



**Abihail** was a wife of Abishur, the son of Shammai and the brother of Nadab, of the tribe of Judah. There is nothing mentioned of her lineage and only the names of her children are recorded.



1 Chronicles 2:28-29

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2. *Wife and cousin of Rehoboam*

- Daughter of **Eliab**, oldest brother of **David**
- Mother of **Jeush**, **Shamariah**, and **Zaham**
- Daughter-in-law of **Naamah** and **Solomon**
- Niece of **David**
- Co-wife with **Maachah** and **Mahalath**



**Abihail** was a wife and cousin of Rehoboam. One has to search through the line of Eliab to piece together the few fragments that link to her.



King Rehoboam was ruler over Judah. His subjects hated him more so than his father, Solomon, because of his harsh rule. This dissention evolved into the division of Judah into two separate lands, with Jeroboam ruling Israel. This separation lasted until both countries were enslaved during an ensuing Babylonian captivity.



1 Samuel 16:6

1 Kings 11:43

- 12:3-11

1 Chronicles 2:13

2 Chronicles 11:18

**Abishag** (cause of error)

*Companion of David*



**Abishag** was a young, beautiful Shunamite virgin. There is no reference to her lineage.



She was procured for King David in his old age to keep him warm while he suffered from an ailment which made him sensitive to cold temperatures. Abishag cherished her king and delighted to minister to him wholeheartedly. After David's death, Adonijah, his son, plotted to take Abishag for his wife. After beseeching his mother, Bathsheba, to carry this request to King Solomon, Adonijah presented himself to the king. Immediately Solomon ordered his half-brother to be killed, since this was a threat to his royal position.

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1 Kings 1:1-4  
• 2:13-25

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**Abital** (maker of dew)

*Wife of David*

- Mother of **Shephatiah**
- Co-wife with **Abihail, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Eglah, Haggith, Maacah, Michal,** and others



**Abital** is merely mentioned as a wife of David and mother of Shephatiah. Nothing is written of her lineage.

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2 Samuel 3:4  
1 Chronicles 3:3

## **Achsah** (anklet)

*Wife and first cousin of **Othniel**, first judge of Israel*

- Only daughter of **Maachah** and **Caleb**
- Daughter-in-law of **Kenaz**



**Achsah**, daughter of Caleb, was given in marriage to Othniel as a reward for his capturing the city of Debir. Caleb's dowry to her consisted of large sections of the Negev and springs to water the land.



Joshua 15:16-19

Judges 1:11-16

- 3:9

1 Chronicles 2:49

- 4:13
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## **Adah** (beauty)

*1. First wife of **Lamech**, great-great-great grandson of **Cain***

- Daughter-in-law of **Methusael**
- Mother of **Jabal** and **Jubal**
- Co-wife with **Zillah**



**Adah**'s son, Jabal, became the "father of tent dwellers and cattle herders," and her son, Jubal, became the "father of all who play the harp and organ." It has been proposed that Adah and Zillah jointly bore Lamech a grand total of seventy-seven children!



Genesis 4:18-21, 23

## 2. *Wife of Esau*

- Daughter of **Elon**, a Hittite
- Mother of **Eliphaz**
- Grandmother of **Amalek, Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz**
- Daughter-in-law of **Rebekah** and **Issac**
- Sister-in-law of **Jacob**
- Co-wife with **Aholibamah, Anah, Bashemath, and Judith**



**Adah** was Esau's Hittite wife. Rebekah and Issac disapproved of Esau's marriages to pagan women, promoting little interaction among this family. Adah's contact with Jacob and his family was also minimal, considering the long-standing feud between Jacob and Esau.



Genesis 25:19-25

- 36:2, 4, 12, 16

1 Chronicles 1:36

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## **Ahinoam** (joy)

### 1. *Wife of Saul*

- Daughter of **Ahimaaz**
- Mother of **Jonathan, Abinabab, Malchishua, Merab, and Michal**



**Ahinoam** was a wife of King Saul, yet nothing is written of her ancestry. It is accepted that she was the mother of all Saul's children.



1 Samuel 14:49-50

## 2. *Wife of David*

- Mother of **Amnon**, firstborn son of **David**
- Co-wife with **Abihail**, **Abital**, **Bathsheba**, **Eglah**, **Haggith**, **Maacah**, **Michal**, and others



**Ahinoam**, a Jezreelites, was one of David's first wives, along with Michal and Abigail. During a surprise Amalekite raid on David's camp, Ahinoam and Abigail were taken captive, causing David much grief. He later rescued them during an unsuspecting maneuver against this enemy.



1 Samuel 14:49

- 25:43
- 27:3
- 30:5

2 Samuel 2:2

- 3:2

1 Chronicles 3:1

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## **Aholibamah** (tent of high places)

### *Wife of Esau*

- Daughter of **Anah**
- Mother of **Jeush**, **Jaalam**, and **Korah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Rebekah** and **Issac**
- Sister-in-law of **Jacob**
- Co-wife with **Adah**, **Anah**, **Bashemath** and **Judith**
- Also called **Oholibamah**



**Aholibamah** was a wife of Esau, thus suffering the same treatment as Adah in regards to family interaction.



Genesis 36:2, 5, 14, 18, 25

## **Anah** (talking)

### *Wife of Esau*

- Daughter of **Zibeon**
- Mother of **Aholibamah**
- Co-wife with **Adah, Aholibamah, Bashemath, and Judith**



**Anah** was another pagan wife of Esau, and along with her daughter, lived in distance literally and relationship-wise from Esau's family.



Genesis 36:2, 14, 18, 25

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## **Anna** (favor)

A Jewish prophetess

Daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher



**Anna**, a widow of many years, was greatly devoted to God. She overheard Simeon, the high priest, bless the young Christ-child for Mary and Joseph. She believed that this child was the Savior, the anointed One. Departing from her worship at the temple, she went her way telling many people that the Messiah had come.



Luke 2:36-38

**Apphia** (endearment)

*Probable wife of Philemon*

- A Christian convert

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Philemon 2

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**Asenath**

*Only wife of Joseph*

- Egyptian daughter of **Potipherah**
- Mother of **Mannasseh** and **Ephraim**
- Grandmother of **Machir** and **Shuthelah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jacob**

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Genesis 41:45, 50-52

- 46:20

Numbers 26:28, 35

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**Atarah** (crown)

*Wife of Jerahmeel*

- Mother of **Onam**
- Grandmother of **Shammai** and **Jada**
- Daughter-in-law of **Hezron**

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1 Chronicles 2:9, 26, 28



## **Athaliah** (Jehovah is strength)

*Wife of **Jehoram**, king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Jezebel** and King **Ahab** of Israel
- Mother of **Ahaziah**, king of Judah
- Grandmother of **Joash**
- Granddaughter of **Omri**, king of Israel
- Daughter-in-law of **Jehoshaphat**, king of Judah



**Athaliah** was a daughter of Jezebel and Ahab. Her marriage to Jehoram linked Israel and Judah together in this royal relationship; Judah suffered greatly from this union.



Athaliah reigned as Queen of Judah for six years, taking over the throne after her son was killed. She decreed that all her grandsons were to be slain, but Joash was hidden by his half-sister, Jehosheba, and thus spared. Athaliah was a very tyrannical ruler and reintroduced idolatry into Judah. She was eventually slain by the temple guards when she went to inquire about the secret anointing of Joash by Jehoiada, the high priest. Crying, “Treason!” she was dragged outside the temple and killed. Joash was then officially installed as king of Judah.



2 Kings 8:16, 25, 26

11:1-20

2 Chronicles 22:10-13

23:1-21

## **Azubah** (forsaken)

### *1. Wife of Asa*

- Daughter of **Shilhi**
- Mother of **Jehoshaphat**
- Grandmother of **Jehoram**
- Daughter-in-law of **Abijam**



**Azubah** was a daughter of Shilhi and married into the Messianic line. Her husband, Asa, was the grandson of Maachah and King Rehoboam.



Asa was a godly king throughout the first part of his reign but faltered later when relying upon himself after abandoning God's strength and wisdom. The prophet Hanani rebuked him for this great sin, and Asa imprisoned him for this censure. Later Asa contracted a foot disease and died after consulting the local doctors for relief.



1 Kings 22:41, 42, 50

2 Chronicles 16:1-12

- 20:31

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### *2. First wife of Caleb of Hezron*

- Mother of **Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon**
- Co-wife with **Jerioth and Ephrath**



**Azubah**, by marrying Caleb, became a member of the tribe of Judah. The scriptures have no information concerning her ancestry. It is believed that this Caleb was the son of the "Caleb" who crossed into the Promised Land with Joshua. Azubah had died prior to Caleb taking Ephrath as his wife.



1 Chronicles 2:18, 19

# **Chapter 2**

## **Bashemath-Bithiah**

## **Bashemath** (sweet-smelling perfume)

### *Wife of Esau*

- Daughter of **Ishmael**
- Mother of **Reuel**
- Grandmother of **Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah**
- Granddaughter of **Hagar** and **Abraham**
- Co-wife with **Adah, Aholibamah, Anah, and Judith**
- Also called **Mahalath**



Genesis 26:34

- 28:9
  - 36:3, 4, 10, 13, 17
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## **Basmath**

### *Wife of Ahimaaz*

- Daughter of **Solomon**
- Daughter-in-law of **Zadok**, the high priest
- Half-sister of **Rehoboam**



**Basmath** was a daughter of Solomon and grew up amidst a palace of stepmothers and their children. Solomon had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines! Her mother's name is not mentioned.



Basmath's father-in-law, Zadok, was one of the priests who carried the ark of God into Jerusalem under orders from King David during the king's hasty retreat. Absalom posed an imminent danger, so David had ordered it to be taken to safety. Basmath's husband, Ahimaaz, was one of David's counselors who told him to cross over the River Jordan to escape from Absalom.



2 Samuel 15:27

1 Kings 4:15

## **Bathsheba** (promised)

*Wife of **Uriah**; later became wife of **David***

- Daughter of **Eliam**
- Mother of **Solomon, Shimea, Shobab, and Nathan**
- Grandmother of **Taphath, Basmath, and Rehoboam**
- Granddaughter of **Ahithophel**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jesse**
- Co-wife with **Abihail, Abital, Ahinoam, Eglah, Haggith, Maacah, Micah,** and others



**Bathsheba** was a wise and beautiful daughter of Eliam. She was married to Uriah but later became a wife to David.



One day King David observed her from his rooftop as she bathed, whereupon he became desirous of her. He sent for her and they became intimate, during which time she conceived a child. Desiring Bathsheba for his wife, David plotted to remove Uriah from the scene. He ordered his captain to place Uriah in the front line during the next battle, knowing full well Uriah would most certainly be killed. God's judgment for this evil was the death of Bathsheba's firstborn child, a son. David married Bathsheba shortly thereafter. Her grandfather, Ahithophel, one of David's chief advisors, joined Absalom's rebellion against David but hanged himself when Absalom rejected his advice.



2 Samuel 11:2-27

- 12:1-24
- 15:12
- 17:23

1 Kings 1:11-17

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1:6

## **Bernice** (gift)

*Wife of many husbands*

- Wife of **Marcus**
- Wife and niece of **Agrippa**
- Wife of **Agrippa II**, her half-brother
- Wife of **Polemo**
- Sister of **Drusilla**



**Bernice** was a woman with very loose morals. Involved with the jet-set personalities of her era, she and her sister, Drusilla, were most debased.



Acts 24:24

- 25:13, 23
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## **Bilhah** (unconcerned)

*Concubine of **Jacob***

- Handmaid of **Rachel**
- Mother of **Dan** and **Naphtali**
- Grandmother of **Hushim, Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem**
- Co-concubine with **Zilpah**



**Bilhah** was Rachel's handmaid and Jacob's concubine.



Hoping to gain greater affection from Jacob than her sister Leah, Rachel used Bilhah as a pawn to provide more children. This envious battle continued for years between the two sisters. Bilhah's union with Jacob placed her and her offspring into the ancestral line of Judah.



Genesis 30:3-8

- 35:25
- 46:23-24

## **Bithiah**

*Wife of Mered*

- A Jewess
- Daughter of **Pharoah**
- Mother of **Jered, Heber, and Jekuthiel**
- Daughter-in-law of **Ezra**
- Co-wife with **Hodiah** and **Jehudijah**



**Bithiah** was a daughter of Pharoah, and her marriage to Mered was quite an honor to his Judean family.

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1 Chronicles 4:18

# **Chapter 3**

## **Candace-Cozbi**



## **Candace** (queen)

*Queen of Ethiopia*



**Candace**'s chief eunuch had journeyed to Jerusalem to worship, and while returning home to Ethiopia, he had become engrossed in reading the writings of Isaiah.

Co-incidentally, an angel of the Lord directed Philip, a disciple of Christ, to go to a desert road leading from Jerusalem to Gaza. Philip obeyed and came upon the eunuch sitting in his chariot struggling to understand the prophet Isaiah. Expounding upon the scripture, Philip witnessed to him of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. The eunuch believed his words and was baptized.

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Acts 8:26-40

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## **Chloe** (young seedling)

*A Christian convert at Corinth or Ephesus*



**Chloe**'s household told Paul about some inter-squabbling in the church at Ephesus that was negatively affecting its membership. It is unknown if Chloe was married or had children, and nothing is mentioned of her ancestry.

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1 Corinthians 1:11

## **Claudia** (limping)

*A Christian convert at Rome*



**Claudia** was a co-worker with Paul, and one of the few Christians, along with Eubulus, Pudens, and Linus, who remained in Rome to comfort Paul as he awaited his execution. Her ancestry is unknown, and no mention of any marriage or children.



2 Timothy 4:21

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## **Cozbi** (lying and deceitful)

*Daughter of Zur*

- Concubine prospect of **Zimri**



**Cozbi** was a daughter of Zur, a prince of Median.



Cozbi was the classic case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. God had warned Moses that His wrath would fall upon Israel if they did not stop mingling with the nearby Moabites encamped at Shittim. Moses immediately ordered the Israelite judges to kill every man who disobeyed God's edict.

Onto this scene enters Zimri with Cozbi in tow, strolling by the congregation of people lamenting their sins in front of the temple. Phinehas, a grandson of Elisheba, saw the couple from his place in the crowd. Enraged with holy anger, he grabbed his javelin and threw it towards Zimri and Cozbi, killing them as they entered Zimri's tent. This action by Phinehas stayed God's wrath and its resulting plague.



Numbers 25:6-18

# **Chapter 4**

## **Damaris-Drusilla**

## Damaris

*Athenian convert of Paul during his Mars' Hill preaching*



**Damaris** converted to Christianity after hearing Paul preach the news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Mars' Hill. Among the other converts with her was Dionysius the Areopagite, a member of the Athenian Supreme Court.



Acts 17:34

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## Deborah (bee)

*1. Life-long nurse to **Rebekah***



**Deborah** lived during the pre-Egyptian era and served as Rebekah's nurse from the time Rebekah was very young. She was included in the servants that journeyed with Abram from Mesopotamia to Canaan. Deborah died at Bethel, a place that Jacob memorialized with a thanksgiving altar to God for His protection. Deborah probably also cared for Jacob and Esau. Not a word is mentioned of her ancestry or any progeny.



Genesis 24:59

- 35:8

## 2. Wife of **Lapidoth**

- A prophetess
- Judge and army commander of Israel



**Deborah** was the fifth and only female judge of Israel. No ancestral facts are mentioned or any progeny.



As a leader of Israeli's armed forces, Deborah enlisted the aid of Barak to win a victory over the Canaanites. Bursting out with a song of thanksgiving, Deborah glorified God for His protection during the battle. In this beautiful song, she cited Jael's bravery in slaying Sisera, the Canaanite commander, when he sought refuge in her tent.



Judges 4:4-24

- 5:1-12

Hebrews 11:32

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## **Delilah** (languishing)

*A Philistine woman*



**Delilah** was a daughter of a Philistine. Scripture does not mention her parent's names. She became infamous as the seducer of Samson.



Delilah was encouraged by the Philistine lords to beguile Samson in hopes of gaining his trust and thus learn the source of his tremendous strength. So intent upon capturing Samson, the lords promised Delilah 1100 pieces of silver to learn his secret. Samson fell for her charms and eventually revealed the origin of his strength. Delilah then waited until he fell asleep and sheared off his long locks of hair. Waking to the sounds of shuffling feet, Samson quickly realized he had been betrayed. The Philistines bound him, put out his eyes, and carried him triumphantly to Gaza.



Judges 16:4-21

## **Dinah** (acquitted)

*Daughter of Leah and Jacob*



**Dinah** was raped by Shechem, a Hivite. While Jacob and Shechem's father struggled to resolve this matter, Dinah's brothers plotted to avenge her honor. Jacob and Hamor soon reached an agreement that the Hivite males would be circumcised, and Shechem would be allowed to marry Dinah by paying Jacob a large dowry. However, Levi and Simeon, her brothers, felt more regress was necessary.

While the Hivite males were healing from their surgical wounds, Levi and Simeon took their swords and killed every male of the family. After snatching Dinah from Shechem's house, they then plundered the house and city. Jacob was incensed at this sharp breach of contract and became fearful that the Canaanites and Perizzites would kill him and his family. However, God intervened and instructed Jacob to leave Bethel.



Genesis 30:21

- 34:1-31

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## **Dorcias** (gazelle)

*A Christian convert at Joppa*



**Dorcias** was a woman full of good works and charitable deeds. No word is mentioned of her ancestry, possible marriage, or children.



Dorcias was well known as a maker of fine coats and garments in Joppa. One day she became quite ill and died suddenly. Her friends washed her body and laid it in an upper chamber in her dwelling. Upon hearing that Peter was nearby, they called for him. Peter hastened to the upper chamber and saw many people weeping over her body. Casting them all out of the room, he prayed over Dorcas and restored her to life. (She was also called Tabitha.)



Acts 9:36-43

**Drusilla** (watered by the dew)

*Wife of **Felix**, governor of Judea*

- Daughter of **Agrippa II**
- Half-sister of **Bernice**



**Drusilla** was a daughter of Agrippa II and gained fame by her association with her half-sister, Bernice. They shared many passions, especially loose living and moving from country to country.

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Acts 24:24

# **Chapter 5**

## **Eglah-Gomer**



## Eglah

*Wife of David*

- Mother of **Ithream**
- Co-wife with **Abigail, Abital, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Haggith, Maacah, Michal,** and others



2 Samuel 3:5

1 Chronicles 3:3

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## Elisabeth (God is my oath)

*Wife of Zechariah*

- Mother of **John**, the Baptist



**Elisabeth** and her husband, Zechariah, were descendants of Aaron.



Elisabeth was without children and entering old age when God intervened and opened up her womb. She conceived and became the proud mother of John, who later became known as “the one preaching in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Messiah.”

Mary, the espoused virgin of Joseph, visited Elisabeth, and the moment they saw one another, Elisabeth’s unborn baby jumped within her, as if to welcome the Christ-child that Mary would soon be carrying. Elisabeth sensed the significance of this moment and realized Mary was to be the mother of the Messiah.



1 Chronicles 24:1, 10

Luke 1:5-25, 39-46, 57-80

## **Elisheba** (fullness of God)

### *Wife of Aaron*

- Daughter of **Amminadab**
- Mother of **Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar**
- Grandmother of **Phinehas**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jochebed** and **Amram**
- Granddaughter of **Ram**
- Sister of **Naashon**
- Sister-in-law of **Moses** and **Miriam**



**Elisheba** was married to Aaron prior to his commitment to assist his brother, Moses, in persuading Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. She probably experienced the exodus and the desert wanderings and later the death of her two sons who died at the hand of the Lord. They were burned up in the “fire of the Lord” for their disobedience to Him.



Exodus 6:20, 23

- 15:20

Leviticus 10:1-2

Ruth 4:19-20

1 Chronicles 2:10

Matthew 1:4

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## **Ephah** (darkness)

### *Concubine of Caleb*

- Mother of **Haran, Moza, and Gazez**
- Grandmother of **Gazez**
- Co-concubine with **Maachah**



1 Chronicles 2:46

## **Ephrath** (fertility)

*Wife of **Caleb**, son of **Hezron***

- Mother of **Hur**
- Grandmother of the **Caleb** who searched Canaan
- Co-wife with **Jerioth** and **Azubah**



1 Chronicles 2:19, 50

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## **Esther** (star)

*Wife and Queen of **Ahasuerus** of Persia*

- Daughter of **Abihail**
- Cousin of **Mordecai**
- Also called **Hadessah**



**Esther**, a daughter of Abihail, was God's person of the hour for the Jewish people. She became a wife of Ahasuerus of Persia after Vashti, his queen, had suffered his rebuke for disobedience and had been banished from the kingdom.

Esther's placement beside Ahasuerus was the key to preserving her people. She had listened to her cousin Mordecai's advice when he revealed the plot of Haman, the prime minister, to massacre the Jews. Esther pleaded with her people to pray and fast for God's protection. Strengthened by God, she boldly told the king of Haman's attempt to extinguish her people. Upon hearing this news, Ahasuerus ordered Haman to be hung and later installed Mordecai as prime minister.



Esther—entire book

**Eunice** (good fortune)

*Jewish mother of Timothy*

- Daughter of **Lois**



**Eunice** was a Christian Jewess who made her faith in Christ most evident in her everyday life. Her example had a great influence on Paul and Timothy. She was greatly inspired by her mother, Lois. Her husband was from Greece, but scripture does not reveal his name or that of her father.

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Acts 16:1-2

2 Timothy 1:5

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**Euodia** (pleasant journey)

*A Christian convert at Philippi*



**Euodia** had apparently quarreled with Syntyche, another member of her church. Both were admonished by Paul to be like-minded and settle their differences. There is no mention of her ancestry, marital status, or children.

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Philippians 4:2

## **Eve** (life)

### *Wife of Adam*

- Mother of **Cain, Abel, and Seth**



**Eve** was created by God from Adam's rib to be a helpmate to him. Adam named her, and she became the mother of the human race. Eve and Adam lived in peace and harmony in the Garden of Eden. One day Eve was tempted by Satan using a serpent for his instrument and allowed herself to be deceived. She believed his lie that no harm would come from eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and evil, and she did eat. And she convinced Adam to partake of the fruit also.

The curse for this disobedience was painful childbirths and submission to their husbands for all women, and men were cursed to labor all their days by the sweat of their brows. This one hasty act set up the first disobedience by mankind towards their Creator, bringing about physical death to all descendants.



Genesis 3:1-24

- 4:1, 2, 25
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## **Gomer** (complete)

### *Wife of Hosea*

- Daughter of **Diblaim**
- Mother of **Jezreel, Loruhamel, and Lo-ammi**
- A harlot



**Gomer** was a daughter of Diblaim and became a wife to Hosea. She was unfaithful to Hosea, prostituting herself and eventually becoming a slave to one of her lovers. Hosea obeyed God's order to redeem her from this slavery. This is an excellent portrayal of Israel's unfaithfulness to God and His unrestricted love for His chosen people.



Hosea 1:2-11

# **Chapter 6**

## **Hagar-Hushim**

## **Hagar** (stranger)

### *Concubine and wife of Abraham*

- Mother of **Ishmael**
- Grandmother of **Nebajoth, Kedar, Admeel, Mibsam, Misham, Dumah, Massa, Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah**
- Egyptian handmaid of **Sarah**



**Hagar** was a daughter of an Egyptian. Through impatience with being barren, Sarai insisted Hagar become Abram's second wife.



Hagar conceived quite readily, which Sarah soon regretted. Seething with resentment, she despised Hagar and made her life utterly miserable. Hagar fled to the desert where she met an angel of the Lord who instructed her to return and submit to Sarah. He promised that her seed would be excessive and numberless, and she would bear a son who was to be called Ishmael. Hagar returned to Abraham and Sarah and soon after gave birth to her son.

Ultimately Sarah conceived and bore Issac, and Hagar again bore the brunt of Sarah's wrath. Instructed by God, Abraham sent Hagar away into the desert. Wandering about in the wasteland, Hagar soon ran out of water. Laying Ishmael under a shrub to die, she cried out to God for help. He sent an angel and provided a well of water in the midst of the wilderness, thus sparing their lives. Later they journeyed to Paran, where Hagar procured an Egyptian woman to be Ishamel's wife.



Genesis 16:1-16

- 21:1-21
- 25:13-15

## **Haggith** (festival)

*Wife of David*

Mother of **Adonijah**

- Daughter-in-law of **Jesse**
- Co-wife with **Abigail, Abital, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Eglah, Maacah, Michal,** and others



**Haggith** is mentioned only in the scriptures listed, with no word of ancestry or activities. Haggith was the mother of Adonijah, David's son who attempted to seize the throne from Solomon after David died. He asked Solomon for permission to take Abishag as his wife and was slain because of this implied threat.

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2 Samuel 3:4

1 Kings 2:13-25

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## **Hammoleketh** (she who reigns)

*Daughter of Machir*

- Mother of **Ishod, Abiezer,** and **Mahalah**
- Granddaughter of **Manasseh**
- Great-granddaughter of **Asenath** and **Joseph**
- Sister of **Gilead**



**Hammoleketh** was a daughter of Machir and a sister to Gilead, thus of the line of Manasseh. The father of her children is not named.

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1 Chronicles 7:17, 18



**Hamutal** (father-in-law's protection)

*Wife of **Josiah**, king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Jeremiah** of Libnah
- Mother of **Jehoahaz** and **Zedakiah**
- Co-wife with **Zebudah**



**Hammutal** was a daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah, a suburb of Hebron. She married into royalty when she became Josiah's wife. Her son, Jehoahaz, became king after Josiah died during a battle against Pharaoh-nechoh, the king of Egypt. He was later captured, taken to Egypt, and died in prison there. Eliakim, Josiah's son by Zebudah, was made king by Pharaoh-nechoh and renamed "Jehoiakim."

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2 Kings 23:28-36

## **Hannah** (gracious)

### *Wife of **Elkanah***

- Mother of **Samuel** and 3 other unnamed sons and many daughters
- Daughter-in-law of **Jeroham**
- Co-wife with **Peninnah**



**Hannah**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. She was a wife of Elkanah and endured constant harassment by Peninnah for being barren. One day while praying at the temple, Hannah was so overcome with desire to have a child that she vowed to God she would offer her son to His service if He would answer her prayer. As she prayed, Eli, the high priest, observed her state and thought she was drunk. Indicating this to her, Eli was informed by Hannah that she was not intoxicated. She cried out that she was in great sorrow because of her barrenness. Eli then blessed her and assured her God would answer her prayer. Hannah soon conceived and faithfully kept her promise. Offering Samuel to the priesthood, she prayed a beautiful song of thanksgiving. Samuel grew up in the Lord's house and became a great prophet and judge of Israel. During his service to God, he anointed Saul and later David as kings of Israel.



1 Samuel 1

- 2:11, 19-21
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## **Hazelelponi** (gives a shade)

### *Daughter of **Etam**, a descendant of **Judah***

- Sister of **Ishma**, **Idbash**, and **Jezreel**



1 Chronicles 4:3

## **Helah** (necklace)

Wife of **Ashur**, of the line of Judah

- Mother of **Zereth, Jezoar, and Ethnan**
- Daughter-in-law of **Abiah** and **Hezron**
- Co-wife with **Naarah**

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1 Chronicles 2:24

- 4:5, 7
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## **Hephzibah** (my delight is in her)

*Wife of **Hezekiah**, king of Judah and descendant of **Solomon***

- Mother of **Manasseh**, king of Judah
- Great-grandmother of **Amon**, king of Judah
- Daughter-in-law of **Abi** and **Ahaz**



**Hephzibah**'s husband, Hezekiah, prohibited the practice of idolatry in Judah during his reign, putting his trust in the Lord God of Israel. He later faltered when facing an overthrow attempt by the king of Assyria. Hezekiah foolishly gave King Sennacherib a large tribute of treasures from his house and all the silver and gold from the house of the Lord. The king decided he wanted more, so he sent his army to besiege Jerusalem. The captain of his army ridiculed the Lord God of Israel in a verbal exchange with several of Hezekiah's men. Aghast at this show of sacrilege, Hezekiah tore his clothes and went into the house of the Lord, where Isaiah the prophet inspired him to take courage. Hezekiah uttered a prayer of repentance which God honored with the retreat of Sennacherib's army.

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2 Kings 18:1-7, 13-37

- 19:1-37
- 21:1-18

1 Chronicles 3:13, 14

## Herodias

*Wife and niece of Herod Philip*

- Mother of **Salome**
- Later wife of **Herod Antipas**, half-brother of **Philip**
- Daughter of **Aristobulus**, brother of **Antipas**



**Herodias** was a daughter of Aristobulus. She was the chief culprit behind the beheading of John the Baptist, because he had openly spoken out against her marriage to Herod Antipas. Herodias encouraged Salome to dance for Herod with the stipulation that he would grant any request she desired. When the dance ended, Salome asked Herod for the head of John. Although he was trembling with fright, Herod followed through with his vow because he had made this vow in the audience of many visiting heads-of-state.



Matthew 14:3-11

Mark 6:16, 17

Luke 3:19, 20

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## Hodesh (new moon)

*Wife of Shaharaim, a Benjamite*

- Mother of **Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcham, Jeuz, Shachia**, and **Mirma**
- Co-wife with **Hushim**
- Also called **Baara**



1 Chronicles 8:8-12

## **Hodiah** (splendor of Jehovah)

*Wife of **Mered**, a descendant of Judah*

- Mother of many unnamed sons
- Sister of **Naham**
- Co-wife with **Bithiah** and **Jehudijah**

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1 Chronicles 4:17-19

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## **Hoglah** (partridge)

*Daughter of **Zelophehad**, descendant of **Manasseh***

- Sister of **Milcah**, **Mahlah**, **Noah**, and **Tirzah**



**Hoglah** was a daughter of Zelophehad. She and her sisters were granted their father's land inheritance when they brought the topic to Moses' attention. Their father had died in the post-exile forty-year wilderness wandering and had no son to inherit the land allotted to him. It is unknown if Hoglah or her sisters had any children.

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Numbers 26:33

- 27:1-7
- 36:2-6, 10-12

Joshua 17:3, 4

1 Chronicles 7:15

## **Huldah** (weasel)

### *Wife of Shallum*

- Daughter-in-law of **Tikvath**
- A prophetess in the times of **Jeremiah**



**Huldah** was a wife of Shallum but nothing is written of her ancestry or if she had children. She was asked by King Josiah to interpret Moses' book of the law found by Hilkiah during renovation of the temple. Convicted by the holiness of the book, Josiah's spirit was alerted to the need for repentance in Judah. He also studied the book to know more fully and exactly what God was saying to him. Huldah's interpretation bore a doom-filled report that Jerusalem would be destroyed. Because of Josiah's love for God and his obedience to Him, God withheld the destruction until after his lifetime.



2 Kings 22:14-20

2 Chronicles 34:22-28

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## **Hushim** (hastily)

### *Wife of Shaharaim*

- Mother of **Abitub** and **Elpaal**
- Grandmother of **Eber**, **Misham**, and **Shamed**
- Co-wife with **Hodesh(Baara)**



1 Chronicles 8:8-12

# **Chapter 7**

## **Iscah-Julia**

## Iscah

*Daughter of Haran*

- Niece of **Abraham**
- Sister of **Milcah** and **Lot**
- Sister-in-law of **Nahor**
- Granddaughter of **Terah**
- Aunt of **Moab, Benammi, Bethuel, Huz, Buz, Kemuel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash,** and **Jidlaph**

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Genesis 11:29

- 22:20-23
  - 24:15, 24, 47
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## Jael (mountain goat)

*Wife of Heber, a Kenite*

- Possible daughter-in-law of **Hobab**



**Jael** was a wife of Heber, a Kenite, but there is no mention of her ancestry or if she had children.



Jael was honored for killing a Canaanite army commander when he sought refuge in her tent during a battle against Israel. Running from the battlefield in defeat, Sisera headed toward Kodesh, a city of refuge. He approached the camp of Heber, who was on good terms with Jabin, the Canaanite king. Going to the tent of Jael and Heber, he begged Jael to hide him. She comforted Sisera with milk, draped her mantle over him and stood watch while he rested. As he slept, weary from the defeat, she drove a tent peg through his head, killing him. Deborah honored her in a victory song for this brave deed.

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Judges 4:11-22

5:6, 24



## **Jecholiah** (Jehovah is able)

*Wife of Amaziah, king of Judah*

- Mother of **Azariah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jehoaddan** and **Joash**



**Jecholiah**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. Her husband killed the palace servants who had murdered his father, King Joash, but spared their children. Jecholiah's son, Azariah, took over leadership when his father was captured and imprisoned for ten years by Jehoash, king of Israel. Amaziah and Azariah reigned together for about 15 years. Conspired against by his own soldiers, Azariah fled to Lachish where he was hunted down and killed.



2 Kings 14:1

- 15:1, 2

2 Chronicles 25:27

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## **Jedidah** (beloved)

*Wife of Amon, king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Adaiah** of Boscath
- Mother of **Josiah**
- Grandmother of **Jehoiakim**
- Daughter-in-law of **Meshullemeth** and **Manasseh**
- Mother-in-law of **Zebudah**



**Jedidah**'s husband offered nothing to his country but the worship of idols. The palace servants conspired against him and killed in his own palace.



2 Kings 21:18-26

- 22:1

## **Jehoaddan** (Jehovah gives delight)

*Wife of **Joash**, king of Judah*

- Mother of **Amaziah**
- Grandmother of **Azariah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Zibiah** and **Ahaziah**
- Mother-in-law of **Jecholiah**



**Jehoaddan**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. Her husband, Joash(Jehoash), king of Judah, was a spiritual leader during the time that Jehoiada was high priest. After Jehoiada died, Joash turned to less spiritual advisors and eventually gave all the hallowed things of his ancestors and of the house of the Lord to Hazael, King of Syria, as tribute. After Joash left Jerusalem, the palace servants sought him out and killed him.

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2 Kings 11:1-21

- 12:1-21
- 13:9
- 14:2

## **Jehosheba** (oath to God)

*Wife of **Jehoiada**, a high priest*

- Daughter of **King Joram** of Judah
- Possible mother of **Zechariah**
- Half-sister of **Ahaziah**, king of Judah
- Aunt of **Joash**



**Jehosheba** was a daughter of Joram. She became a wife of Jehoiada, the high priest, who helped guide Joash's reign for many years.



During a battle, Jehu, king of Israel, killed Ahaziah, Jehosheba's half-brother. Athaliah, his mother, ordered all his sons to be slain so she could be sole ruler. Joash was the sole survivor of this cleansing, due only to Jehosheba's heroic action of hiding him in the palace. When he grew to be seven years old, Jehoiada gathered the captains of hundreds of supporters and revealed that Joash was still alive and the rightful heir of the throne. With hundreds of guards surrounding him for protection from Athaliah's wrath, Joash was anointed king. Learning of the anointing, Athaliah hastened to the temple and attempted to stir the people against it by crying, "Treason!" But Jehoiada had her taken from the temple and killed.



2 Kings 8:16, 24

- 9:21-29
- 11:1, 2

2 Chronicles 22:11

- 23:1-21
- 24:17-22

## **Jemima** (dove)

*Eldest daughter of **Job** after his restoration*

- Sister of **Keren-Happuch** and **Kezia** and 7 unnamed brothers



**Jemima** was the first daughter born to Job and his wife after his restoration. Her mother's name is not mentioned. Job had been tested by Satan to see if he would forsake God. Satan was allowed to take away all Job's possessions and afflict him with sores covering his entire body. Despite these dire circumstances, Job would not curse God and was blessed with the return of all his worldly possessions. Jemima had seven brothers and two sisters. Job was from the land of Uz, possibly early Edom. It is unknown if Jemima married or had children.

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Job 42:12, 14

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## **Jerioth** (tent curtain)

*Wife of **Caleb** of **Hezron***

- Co-wife with **Azubah** and **Ephrath**



**Jerioth** was a wife of Caleb, and the scriptures reveal that this Caleb was a descendant of the Caleb of Judah. Nothing is mentioned of Jerioth's ancestry or if she had children.

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1 Chronicles 2:18

## **Jerusha** (taken in marriage)

### *Wife of Uzziah*

- Daughter of **Zadok**
- Mother of **Jotham**, king of Judah
- Daughter-in-law of **Jecholiah** and **Amaziah**



**Jerusha**'s husband pleased God during the first phase of his reign, but when Uzziah became proud and burned incense in the temple, he was made leprous and cut off from his family until the day of his death.



2 Kings 15:33

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

- 27:1
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## **Jezebel**

### *Wife of Ahab, king of Israel*

- Daughter of **Ethbaal**, king of Zidon
- Mother of **Athaliah**
- Grandmother of **Ahaziah**, king of Israel
- Daughter-in-law of **Omri**



**Jezebel** was a prophetess and an evil queen, feared by many people, including Elijah the prophet. She plotted the death of Naboth, a hard-working man so Ahab could steal his garden. Elijah condemned Ahab and Jezebel, and Ahab soon repented of this evil act. Jezebel did not repent and was killed when she was thrown from a palace window and trampled upon by horses.



1 Kings 16:30-34

19:1-3

21:1-29

2 Kings 9:30-37

**Joanna** (God has been gracious)

*Wife of **Chuza**, servant of Herod*



**Joanna** was a follower and supporter of Christ. She, along with other women, found the tomb empty after Christ had risen from the dead. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry or if she had children.

Ψ

Luke 8:3

- 24:1-10
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**Jochebed** (God is honor)

*Wife of **Amram***

- Daughter of **Levi**
- Mother of **Moses, Aaron, and Miriam**
- Grandmother of **Nadab, Abihu, Eleazer, Ithamar, Gershom, and Elieza**



**Jochebed** was a daughter of Levi. She became a wife of Amram and lived simply under the Egyptian rule. She gave birth to Moses at a time when Pharaoh had ordered all male babies born to the Jews to be killed at birth. With great distress, Jochebed decided to hide Moses in the bulrushes and kept faith in God to protect him. Found by the servants of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses was reared in the palace as one of royal birth. Through a cunning maneuver, Jochebed became nursemaid to Moses.

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Exodus 1:8-10

- 2:1-10
- 6:20

Numbers 26:59-61

## **Judith** (the praised one)

### *Wife of Esau*

- Daughter of **Beeri**, a Hittite
- Sister of **Aholibamah(Oholibamah)**
- Co-wife with **Adah, Aholibamah, Anah,** and **Bashemath**



**Judith** was a daughter of Beeri and became a wife of Esau. Her marriage to Esau was another grievous insult to Rebekah and Issac because of her pagan descent. Esau married again soon afterwards to Bashemath, a daughter of Ishmael. It is unknown if any children were born of this union.



Genesis 26:34

- 27:1-46
- 28:9
- 36:3, 4, 10, 13, 17

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## **Julia**

### *Gentile woman in Rome*



**Julia** is mentioned in Paul's letter to the Roman church. He honored her, along with others of the faith, both gentile and converted Jews. Nothing is mentioned of her marital status, children, or ancestry.



Romans 16:15

# **Chapter 8**

**Keren-Happuch-Lydia**



## **Keren-Happuch** (antimony)

*Second daughter of **Job** after his restoration*

- Sister of **Jemima** and **Kezia** and seven brothers



**Keren-Happuch** was the second daughter of Job and his wife after God had restored their worldly possessions. Her mother's name is not mentioned. Job had been tested by Satan to see if he would forsake God. Satan was allowed to take away all Job's possessions and afflict him with sores covering his entire body. Despite these dire circumstances, Job would not curse God and was blessed with the return of all his worldly possessions. Keren-Happuch had seven brothers and two sisters. Job was from the land of Uz, possibly early Edom. It is unknown if Keren-Happuch married or had children.



Job 42:14

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## **Keturah** (fragrance)

*Second wife and prior concubine of **Abraham***

- Mother of **Zimran, Johshan, Medar, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah**
- Grandmother of **Sheba, Dedan, Ephah, Epher, Henoah, Abida, and Eldaah**
- Great-grandmother of **Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim**



**Keturah** became a wife of Abraham after Sarah had died. Isaac married Rebekah shortly after this event in the life of his father. Although Keturah gave Abraham seven sons, Isaac was the sole inheritor of his possessions. Keturah's children received only gifts and were sent away out of the land. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry.



Genesis 25:1-6

1 Chronicles 1:32, 33

**Kezia** (cinnamon)

*Youngest daughter of **Job** after his restoration*

- Sister of **Jemima** and **Keren-Happuch** and seven brothers



**Kezia** was the youngest daughter of Job after his restoration. Her mother's name is not mentioned. Job had been tested by Satan to see if he would forsake God. Satan was allowed to take away all Job's possessions and afflict him with sores covering his entire body. Despite these dire circumstances, Job would not curse God and was blessed with the return of all his worldly possessions. Kezia had seven brothers and two sisters. Job was from the land of Uz, possibly early Edom. It is unknown if Kezia married or had children.

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Job 42:14

## **Leah** (gazelle)

### *Wife of **Jacob***

- Daughter of **Laban**
- Mother of **Reuben, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah, Simeon, Levi, and Judah**
- Aunt of **Joseph** and **Benjamin**
- Niece of **Rebekah**
- Co-wife and sister of **Rachel**



**Leah** became the first wife of Jacob through a great work of deception by Laban. Jacob had agreed to work for Laban for seven years to marry Rachel, his true love. But he was given Leah in marriage because she was the oldest daughter. He had no alternative but to work another seven years to gain Rachel.

Leah and Rachel carried on a jealous dispute for years, each offering their handmaids as concubines to enable Jacob to have more children. God made Leah fertile and Rachel barren in consequence of Jacob's partiality for Rachel. Because of this predicament, Rachel had Bilhah lie with Jacob to produce children for her. Leah was busy having one son after another until she experienced a barren spell. During this time, Leah asked Jacob to lie with Zilpah to produce children. Finally Rachel was blessed by God and gave birth to Joseph and later to Benjamin. Leah was again able to bear more children also.



Genesis 29:1-35

30:1-25

46:19-28

Ruth 4:11

**Lois** (desirable)

*Mother of Eunice*

- Grandmother of **Timothy**



**Lois** is mentioned by Paul as having a genuine faith and belief in the Lord and His resurrection. Her example had a lasting effect on Timothy. Her husband's name is not mentioned.

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Acts 6:1, 2

2 Timothy 1:5

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**Lo-Ruhamah** (without pity)

*Daughter of Gomer and Hosea*

- Sister of **Jezreel** and **Lo-ammi**



**Lo-Ruhamah** was named by God for a reminder to Israel that He would no longer have mercy on them and would bring down His judgment upon them. Nothing is mentioned of her marital status or children.

Ψ

Hosea 1:3-11

## Lydia

*Christian convert*

- Merchant of fabrics



**Lydia** was from Thyatira and was living in Philippi when she overheard Paul preach the Gospel beside a river there. She opened her heart to the Lord and committed herself to the things Paul had preached. She later constrained Paul and Luke to stay at her home to rest during their stay in Philippi. It is unknown if she married or had children.

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Acts 16:11-15

# **Chapter 9**

## **Maacah-Miriam**

## **Maacah** (oppression)

### *1. Wife of David*

- Daughter of **Talmi**, king of Geshur
- Mother of **Absalom** and **Tamar**
- Grandmother of three unnamed grandsons and **Tamar**
- Co-wife with **Abigail, Abital, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Eglah, Haggith, Michal,** and others



**Maacah** was a daughter of Talmi, a Geshurite, and a wife to David. She gave birth to the troublemaker of the family, Absalom. He was David's dearest son but also brought much heartache to the family.

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2 Samuel 3:3

- 14:27

## 2. *Wife of Rehoboam*

- Daughter of **Tamar** and **Uriel** of Gibeah
- Mother of **King Abijah, Zizar, Shelomith,** and **Attai**
- Grandmother of **Asa**
- Granddaughter of **Absalom**
- Great-granddaughter of **Maacah** and **David**
- Daughter-in-law of **Naamah** and **Solomon**
- Co-wife with **Mahalath, Abihail,** and fifteen other wives
- Also called **Maachah** and **Michaiah**



**Maacah** was a daughter of Tamar and Uriel of Gibeah and became a wife to Rehoboam, king of Judah. She was a domineering and power-seeking woman yet Rehoboam's favorite wife. This must have been quite an honor, considering he had eighteen wives, sixty concubines, and reared twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters! Maacah wielded power as queen for quite some time, co-reigning with Abijah after Rehoboam died. Asa, her grandson, finally removed her from the throne when he came to power.



2 Samuel 14:27

1 Kings 12:21, 31

- 15:2, 10

2 Chronicles 11:20, 21

- 13:2
- 15:16

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## **Maachah**

### 1. *Concubine to Caleb*

- Mother of **Sheber, Tirhanah, Shaaph, Sheva,** and **Achsa**
- Sister-in-law to **Atarah** and **Jerahmeel**
- Co-concubine with **Ephah**



1 Chronicles 2:48, 49



2. *Wife and half-sister of Machir*
- Mother of **Peresh** and **Sheresh**
  - Grandmother of **Ulam** and **Rakem**
  - Sister of **Huppim** and **Shuppim**

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1 Chronicles 7:16

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3. *Wife of Jehiel*
- Mother of **Abdon, Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, Mikloth,** and **Ner**
  - Grandmother of **Shimean** and **Kish**
  - Ancestor of **Saul**

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1 Chronicles 8:29, 31, 35-38

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## **Mahalath** (mild)

### *Wife of Rehoboam*

- Daughter of **Jerimoth**
- Granddaughter of **David**
- Daughter-in-law of **Naamah** and **Solomon**
- Co-wife with **Abihail, Maacah,** and fifteen other wives



**Mahalath** was a daughter of Jerimoth and became a wife to Rehoboam, king of Judah. There is no mention of offspring from this union. She lived with Rehoboam's other eighteen wives, sixty concubines, and his eighty-eight children.

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2 Chronicles 11:18

**Mahlah** (weak one)

*Daughter of **Zelophehad**, descendant of **Manasseh***

- Sister of **Hoglah, Milcah, Noah, and Tirzah**



**Mahlah** was a daughter of Zelophehad. She and her sisters were granted their father's inheritance after bringing the topic to Moses' attention. Their father had died in the post-exile forty-year wilderness wandering and had no son to inherit his land. It is unknown if Mahlah had any children.

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Numbers 26:33

- 27:1-7
- 36:2-6, 10-13

Joshua 17:3, 4

1 Chronicles 7:15

## **Martha** (lady)

*Daughter of **Simon**, a leper*

- Sister of **Mary** and **Lazarus**
- Believer and supporter of Jesus Christ



**Martha** was a daughter of Simon and lived in Bethany, a few miles from Jerusalem. It is unknown if she married or had children.



She was a worrier over trivial matters which one incidence portrays quite well. Jesus was a guest in her home for a meal when Martha became upset with Mary for not helping serve the meal. Her sister had been so preoccupied with sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to His discourse, she had given no thought to food. Jesus prompted Martha to focus on spiritual matters versus the physical.

When Lazarus became ill one day, Martha summoned Jesus to come help him. Jesus delayed His arrival by two days, during which time Lazarus died. Hearing that He was on His way, Martha hurried out to meet Him on the road, utterly crushed with the thought that Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had only gotten there earlier. However, she assured Jesus that she trusted Him and asked that His will be done, firmly believing in His resurrection teachings. Christ was faithful to His word and restored Lazarus to life.



Matthew 26:6

Luke 10:38-42

John 11:1, 2, 21-32

- 12:1-3

## **Mary** (rebellious)

### *1. Wife of Cleophas*

- Mother of **James** and **James**



**Mary** was a wife to Cleophas, but her ancestry is unknown. She witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and as His body was carried to the tomb, she followed the small procession, later giving testimony that Christ had risen from the grave.



Matthew 27:55, 56, 61

- 28:1, 7-10

Luke 24:9-11

John 19:25

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### *2. Woman of Magdala*



**Mary** witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and was an eyewitness to His body being placed inside the tomb. She was one of the first to see His resurrected body. It is unknown if she married or had children.



Matthew 27:55, 56, 61

- 28:1

Mark 15:40, 47

- 16:1-9

Luke 8:2, 3

- 24:10

John 19:25

- 20:11-18

### 3. *Wife of Joseph*

- Mother of **Jesus** the Christ



**Mary** was a virgin girl of priestly ancestry.



She became engaged to Joseph just prior to her angelic visitation. The angel awed her with the news that she would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit and give birth to the Messiah. So overwhelmed with this startling revelation, Mary praised God for this honor. She then hastened to visit her cousin, Elisabeth, who had recently become with child. Elisabeth sensed Mary's uniqueness and blessed her with a beautiful dissertation.

Joseph was quite distraught when he heard the news of Mary's pregnancy and was ready to divorce her; however, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, instructing him that Mary had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would bear the Christ-child. This was great comfort to him, and he completely accepted Mary as his wife.

After traveling to Bethlehem to register in the census, Mary gave birth to Jesus in that city. The holy family was warned by an angel to flee to Egypt shortly after this event. Believing that a rival king had been born, Herod ordered that all male children of the Jews who were under the age of two were to be slain.

Mary kept many things in her heart as her baby grew to manhood. Perhaps she sensed some of the horrendous events that must come to her and her family. She witnessed the crucifixion of her son and helped bury Him in the tomb. It is assumed by some sources that Joseph and Mary had other children; however, this is quite debatable.



Matthew 1:16

- 2:13-18
- 27:56, 61
- 28:1

Mark 6:3

- 15:40, 47
- 16:1

Luke 1:26-41, 46-55

- 2:1-52
- 24:10

John 2:1-11

- 19:25

4. *Daughter of **Simon**, a leper*

- Sister of **Martha** and **Lazarus**



**Mary** was a daughter of Simon and lived in Bethany with her sister and brother. There is no mention if she married or had children.



She became devoted to Jesus, often sitting at His feet for hours while learning from Him. She anointed Him with costly perfume in thanksgiving for the return to life of her brother, Lazarus. This gesture was to become Jesus' pre-anointment prior to His crucifixion, death, and burial.



John 12:1-7

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5. *Christian convert of **Paul***



**Mary** possibly traveled with Phoebe to deliver Paul's letter to the churches at Rome. He had entrusted his epistle into Phoebe's care and requested the churches to greet her kindly, as she labored much with him. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry, marital status, or children.



Romans 16:6

## 6. Mother of **John Mark**



**Mary**'s house was frequently used by Jesus' disciples for prayer and fellowship. Mary witnessed the crucifixion of Christ. Years later Peter fled to her home after an angelic-engineered release from prison. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry or the name of her husband.



Luke 24:10

Acts 12:12

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**Matred** (thrusting forward)

*Daughter of **Mezahab***

- Mother of **Mehetabel**
- Mother-in-law of **Hadar(Hadad)**, and Edomite king and descendant of **Esau**



Genesis 36:39

1 Chronicles 1:50

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**Mehetabel** (benefited of God)

*Wife of **Hadar**, king of Edom, a descendant of **Esau***

- Daughter of **Matred**
- Granddaughter of **Mezahab**



Genesis 36:39

1 Chronicles 1:50

## **Merab** (increase)

### *Wife of Adriel*

- Oldest daughter of **Ahinoam** and **Saul**
- Mother of five unnamed sons
- Sister of **Jonathan**, **Ishui**, **Melchishua**, and **Michal**



**Merab** was promised in marriage to David by Saul but instead given to Adriel. Her five sons were hung by the Gibeonites in atonement for the covenant breach between Israel and Gibeon by Saul. David insisted the bones of those slain be buried in Zulah.



1 Samuel 14:49

- 18:17, 18

2 Samuel 21:1-14

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## **Meshullemeth** (restitution)

### *Wife of Manasseh, king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Harez** of Jotbah
- Mother of **Amon**
- Grandmother of **Josiah**, king of Judah
- Daughter-in-law of **Hephzibah** and **Hezekiah**, king of Judah



2 Kings 21:1-26



**Michal** (who is like God)

*Wife of David; briefly wife of Phalti*

- Youngest daughter of **Ahinoam** and **Saul**
- No children
- Sister of **Merab, Jonathan, Ishui, Melchishua**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jesse**
- Co-wife with **Abigail, Abital, Ahinoam, Bathsheba, Eglah, Haggith, Maacah,** and others



**Michal** and David were very much in love, much to Saul's chagrin. He hoped to dismiss this unpleasant situation by offering Michal in marriage on the condition David pay him a dowry of one hundred Philistine foreskins. His hopes were dashed when David returned from the battle unscathed with the required offering.

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1 Samuel 14:49

- 18:17-30
- 19:9-17
- 25:44

2 Samuel 3:12-21

- 6:16, 20-23

1 Chronicles 15:29

## **Milcah** (queen)

### 1. *Daughter of Zelophehad, descendant of Manasseh*

- Sister of **Hoglah, Mahlah, Noah, and Tirzah**



**Milcah** was a daughter of Zelophehad. She and her sisters were granted their father's land inheritance when they brought the topic to Moses' attention. Their father had died in the post-exile forty-year wilderness wandering and had no son to inherit the land allotted to him. It is unknown if Milcah or her sisters had any children.



Numbers 26:33

- 27:1-7
- 36:2-6, 10-12

Joshua 17:3, 4

1 Chronicles 7:15

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### 2. *Wife of Nahor*

- Daughter of **Haran**
- Mother of **Bethuel, Huz, Buz, Kemuel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, and Jidlaph**
- Grandmother of **Rebekah**
- Great-grandmother of **Esau and Jacob**
- Granddaughter of **Terah**
- Sister of **Iscah and Lot**
- Niece and sister-in-law of **Abraham**
- Aunt of **Moab** and **Benammi**



Genesis 11:29

- 22:20-23
- 24:15, 24, 47

## **Miriam** (bitter)

*Daughter of **Jochebed** and **Amram***

- Not married
- Sister of **Aaron** and **Moses**
- A prophetess



**Miriam** was a daughter of Jochebed and Amram. She was chosen by God to be a prophetess.



After the successful crossing of the Red Sea and its resulting devastation of Pharaoh's army, Miriam led the people in a victory song of thanksgiving. Later she and Aaron became jealous of Moses' authority during the long wilderness wanderings, protesting that they were also capable of leadership. God overheard this squabbling and immediately turned Miriam leprous. Moses begged the Lord to heal her, and God relented.



Exodus 15:20-21

Numbers 12:1-15

- 20:1
- 26:59

Deuteronomy 24:9

1 Chronicles 6:3

Micah 6:4

# **Chapter 10**

## **Naamah-Puah**

## **Naamah** (lovely)

1. *Daughter of **Zillah** and **Lamech**, a descendant of **Cain***

- Sister of **Tubalcain**

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Genesis 4:19-22

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2. *Wife of **Solomon***

- Mother of **Rehoboam**
- Grandmother of **Abijam**
- Daughter-in-law of **Bathsheba** and **David**

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1 Kings 11:1-5

14:21, 31

2 Chronicles 12:13

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## **Naarah** (girl)

*Wife of **Ashur**, a descendant of **Judah***

- Mother of **Ahuzam**, **Hepher**, **Temeni**, and **Haabashtari**
- Co-wife with **Helah**

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1 Chronicles 2:24, 26

- 4:5, 6

## **Naomi** (my joy)

*Wife of **Elimelech** of Bethlehem*

- Mother of **Mahlon** and **Chilion**
- Mother-in-law of **Ruth** and **Orpah**



**Naomi**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture.



Naomi and Elimelech journeyed to the country of Moab to avoid a famine in Judah. While there her husband died, and ten years later her two sons joined him in death. These events convinced Naomi to return to Judah and claim Elimelech's land. She encouraged Orpah and Ruth to remain in their homeland, as it would be quite an ordeal to follow her to Judah. Orpah decided to remain in Moab while Ruth insisted on abiding with Naomi no matter what transpired. Finally arriving in Judah, Naomi realized she needed a relative to redeem her inheritance. Formulating a plan, she arranged for Boaz and Ruth to come together in wedlock, and thus her land was redeemed.



Ruth 1-4

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## **Nehusta** (serpent)

*Wife of **Jehoiakim**(**Eliakim**), king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Elnathan** of Jerusalem
- Mother of **Jehoiachin**
- Daughter-in-law of **Zebudah** and **Josiah**



**Nehusta**'s husband was an evil king. He was cursed for mistreating the prophet Jeremiah and, after his death, was buried as befits a donkey.



2 Kings 23:34, 35

- 24:8

2 Chronicles 36:5-8

Jeremiah 22:18, 19

- 26:20-23
- 36:21-31

**Noadiah** (encounter with Jehovah)

*A prophetess*



**Noadiah** was a prophetess who hindered Nehemiah in his efforts to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Her attempts to frighten all those involved in this project were to no avail. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry, marital status, or children.

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Nehemiah 6:14

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**Noah** (to rest or give comfort)

*Daughter of Zelophehad, descendant of Manasseh*

- Sister of **Hoglah, Mahlah, Milcah, and Tirzah**



**Noah** was a daughter of Zelophehad. She and her sisters were granted their father's land inheritance when they brought the topic to Moses' attention. Their father had died in the post-exile forty-year wilderness wandering and had no son to inherit the land allotted to him. It is unknown if Noah or her sisters had any children.

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Numbers 26:33

- 27:1-7
- 36:2-6, 10-12

Joshua 17:3, 4

1 Chronicles 7:15

## Olympas

*Christian convert*



**Olympas** presumably accompanied Phoebe and other women to Rome to deliver Paul's letter to the Christian converts there. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry, marital status, or children.

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Romans 16:15

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## Orpah (forelock)

*Wife of Chilion*

- Daughter-in-law of **Naomi** and **Elimelech**
- Sister-in-law of **Ruth** and **Mahlon**



**Orpah** was a Moabite wife to Chilion. Her husband died ten years after Elimelech's death in the land of Moab. She decided to remain in her own country instead of accompanying Naomi and Ruth to Canaan.

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Ruth 1:4-14



## **Peninnah** (pearl)

*Second wife of **Elkanah***

- Mother of unnamed sons and daughters
- Daughter-in-law of **Jeroham**
- Co-wife with **Hannah**



**Peninnah** was a wife of Elkanah and continually perplexed Hannah because of her barrenness. Hannah was in great distress when God finally looked upon her reproach and opened her womb. She conceived and bore Samuel. Nothing is mentioned of Peninnah's ancestry.



1 Samuel 1-4

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## **Persis**

*Christian convert in Rome*



**Persis** was a dedicated servant of Jesus and traveled to Rome with Phoebe and other women. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry, marital status, or children.



Romans 16:12

## **Phoebe** (radiant)

*Christian disciple at Cenchrea*



**Phoebe** apparently was the chosen one Paul asked to deliver his letter to the Roman Christians. She was accompanied to Rome by a large group of women. Nothing is mentioned of her ancestry, marital status or children.



Romans 16:1-15

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## **Priscilla**

*Wife of Aquilla*

- Christian convert at Corinth



**Priscilla** and her husband worked with Paul in his ministry. Very knowledgeable in Christian doctrine, they helped build many churches. In one recorded incident, they were instrumental in strengthening the doctrine of Apollos, a new convert who later gave great testimony for Christ. Nothing is mentioned of Priscilla's ancestry or if she had children.



Acts 18:1-3, 18, 24-26

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## **Puah** (girl)

*Midwife to Jewish women exiled in Egypt*



**Puah** and Shiphrah were ordered by Pharaoh to kill all sons born to the Jews. But their fear of God far outweighed their dread of Pharaoh, and thus they saved many infant sons.



Exodus 1:15-21

# **Chapter 11**

## **Rachel-Ruth**

## **Rachel** (a ewe)

### *Wife of **Jacob***

- Daughter of **Laban**
- Mother of **Joseph** and **Benjamin**
- Aunt of **Reuben, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah, Simeon, Levi, and Judah**
- Niece of **Rebekah**
- Co-wife with **Leah**



**Rachel's** father tricked Jacob into marrying Leah, his oldest daughter, as a means to marry off both daughters. As a result of this deception, Jacob worked two seven-year stretches in order to marry Rachel, his true love. Leah was able to bear Jacob many children, but Rachel remained barren for many years. Rachel eventually was blessed by God and gave birth to Joseph and later died while giving birth to Benjamin. During her barrenness ordeal, she used her handmaid, Bilhah, to produce offspring for Jacob.

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Genesis 29:1-35

- 30:1-25
- 35:16-26
- 46:19-25
- 48:7

Ruth 4:11

1 Samuel 10:2

1 Chronicles 7:6-12

- 8:1-32

## **Rahab** (spacious)

### *Wife of Salmon*

- Mother of **Boaz**
- Grandmother of **Obed**
- Great-grandmother of **Jesse**
- Great-great-grandmother of **David**
- Harlot of Jericho



**Rahab** lived in Jericho. She brazenly hid the Israeli spies sent by Joshua to explore the Promised Land, in exchange for the lives of her family when the Jews captured Jericho. She was honored by the inclusion of her name in the list of the faithful in the book of Hebrews.



Joshua 2 & 6  
Matthew 1:5  
Hebrews 11:31  
James 2:25

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## **Rebekah** (ensnarer)

### *Wife and cousin of Isaac*

- Daughter of **Bethuel**, son of **Milcah** and **Nahor**
- Mother of **Esau** and **Jacob**
- Daughter-in-law of **Sarah** and **Abraham**
- Sister of **Laban**
- Aunt of **Rachel** and **Leah**
- Niece of **Abraham**



**Rebekah**'s heart was for Jacob, while Isaac's love went to Esau. Her plan for Jacob to steal Esau's birth right worked well, and later she advised Jacob to flee to Haran to escape Esau's wrath.



Genesis 24:1-67  
Romans 9:10

## **Reumah** (coral)

*Concubine of Nahor, brother of Abraham*

- Mother of **Tebah, Gaham, Thahash,** and **Maachah**
- Grandmother of some of **Terah's** grandchildren



Genesis 22:24

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## **Rhoda** (rose)

*Servant girl of Mary, mother of John Mark*



**Rhoda** was a young servant girl of unnamed ancestry who worked for Mary.



Rhoda was frightened one night when Peter knocked at Mary's door pleading to be allowed entrance, because Peter was supposed to be in prison. She didn't know that an angel had helped Peter escape and thought the voice was his ghost. Peter was finally able to convince her of his presence, and Rhoda exuberantly ran and told everyone in the household.



Acts 12:13-15

**Rizpah** (a glowing stone)

*Concubine of Saul*

- Daughter of **Aiah**
- Mother of **Armoni** and **Mephibosheth**



**Rizpah** was claimed by Abner, captain of Saul's army, after Saul had been killed in a battle. Saul's son, Ishbosheth, witnessed this event and asked Abner his reason for doing this, as Rizpah was part of Saul's possessions. Fearing for his life, Abner sought a peace treaty with David and arranged for the return of David's wife, Michal, who had been kidnapped by the Gibeonites. Rizpah's sons by Saul were hung by the Gibeonites to recompense them for the bloodthirsty slaughter of their army by Saul's men.

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2 Samuel 3:6-16

21:8-11

## **Ruth** (friendship)

*Wife of **Mahlon**, later wife of **Boaz***

- Mother of **Obed**
- Grandmother of **Jesse**
- Great-grandmother of **David**
- Daughter-in-law of **Naomi** and **Elimelech**
- Daughter-in-law of **Rahab** and **Salmon**
- Sister-in-law of **Orpah** and **Chilion**



**Ruth** was a Moabitess.



Her husband, Mahlon, had accompanied his family when they fled the famine in Judah and journeyed to the land of Moab. While in Moab, Naomi sons married women from that country. Elimelech died and his two sons died ten years after his death, leaving Naomi without a family. In total despair, Naomi knew she must return to Judah and reclaim her husband's land. She encouraged her two daughters-in-law to remain in their homeland; however, Ruth refused to abandon Naomi and insisted on accompanying her on the long trek to Judah.

Once again in her own country, Naomi set out to find a relative who would claim her land. Singling out Boaz, her husband's nephew, she matched him to marry Ruth, and thus obtained a redeemer for her inheritance.



Ruth 1-4



# **Chapter 12**

## **Salome-Syntyche**

**Salome** (peace)

*Wife of Zebedee*

- Mother of **James** and **John**



**Salome** was one of the many women who ministered to Jesus and His disciples and witnessed the crucifixion.

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Mark 15:40, 41

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**Sapphira** (beautiful)

*Wife of Ananias*



**Sapphira** and her husband became converts to Christianity at a time when Peter was encouraging Christians to live communal lives in order to help support members who were struggling to survive. Sapphira and Ananias sold their land and supposedly donated all the monies to the church; however, they secretly kept some for themselves. Peter was informed of this discrepancy and confronted Ananias regarding this deception, whereupon Ananias fell over at Peter's feet and died. Soon afterwards Sapphira was summoned to answer to this indiscretion, and she too fell over dead upon seeing Peter. Nothing is known of her ancestry or if she had children.

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Acts 5:1-11

## **Sarai** (noble lady)

### *Wife and half-sister of Abraham*

- Daughter of **Terah**
- Mother of **Isaac**
- Grandmother of **Esau** and **Jacob**
- Great-grandmother of **Asher**
- Mother-in-law of **Rebekah**
- Also called **Sarah**



**Sarai** was a daughter of Terah and became a wife of Abram.



Barren for all her childbearing years and approaching the age of eighty, Sarai pleaded with Abram to take Hagar, their Egyptian maid, to be his concubine so they could have some children. Abram agreed to this arrangement, and Hagar soon conceived and bore a son. Following this event, God intervened on Sarai's behalf and promised that she too would conceive and bear a child. Sarai was overcome with disbelief and broke out in laughter upon hearing the news, but soon became pregnant and bore a son.

Soon after Isaac's birth, Sarah grew jealous of Ishmael, Hagar's son, and perplexed Abraham continually to send them away. With God's assurance, Abraham did so, and Hagar and Ishmael were sent out into the desert to die. An angel of the Lord intervened and saved their lives, also promising Hagar that her descendants would bring forth a nation. At Sarah's death, Abraham purchased a field in Machpelah and buried her body near Mamre, in the land of Canaan.



Genesis 11:29

- 17:15-27
- 18:1-15
- 20:12
- 21:1-21
- 23:1-20

## Serah

*Daughter of Asher*

- Granddaughter of **Zilpah** and **Jacob**
- Sister of **Imnah, Isuah, Isshuai,** and **Beriah**
- Aunt of **Heber** and **Malchiel**



**Serah** was a daughter of Asher and accompanied Jacob and his family to Egypt to avoid the famine in Judah. It is unknown if she married or had children.



Genesis 46:17

1 Chronicles 7:30, 31

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**Shelomith** (peacefulness)

*1. Daughter of **Dibri** of the tribe of **Dan***



**Shelomith** was a daughter of Dibri and became a wife to an unnamed Egyptian man. Also unnamed is her son who was killed by God for having cursed an Israeli man.



Leviticus 24:10-23

2. *Daughter of Zerubbabel, governor of Judah*

- Granddaughter of **Pedaiah**
- Sister of **Meshullam, Hananiah, Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed**



**Shelomith**'s father was a descendant of Solomon. He helped rebuild the temple when the Jews returned to Jerusalem from their Babylonian captivity.

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1 Chronicles 3:19, 20

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**Sherah** (blood relationship)

*Daughter of Ephraim, youngest son of Asenath and Joseph*

- Granddaughter of **Asenath** and **Joseph**
- Great-granddaughter of **Jacob**
- Niece of **Manasseh**
- Sister of **Shuthelah** and **Beriah**



**Sherah**'s father was the youngest son of Asenath and Joseph, but Jacob anointed him with his blessing instead of Manasseh, the oldest son. Sherah was involved with building the towns of Beth-horon and Uzzensherah. Her mother's name is not mentioned.

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1 Chronicles 7:20-24

## **Shimeath** (hearing)

*Mother of **Zabad**(**Jozachar**)*

- A woman of the city of Ammon



**Shimeath**'s son, along with the son of Shimrith, was one of the two men who killed Joash, king of Judah. Her husband's name is not mentioned.

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2 Kings 12:21

2 Chronicles 24:25, 26

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## **Shimrith** (God preserves)

*Mother of **Jehozabad***

- Woman of Moab
- Also called **Shomer**



**Shimrith** was a Moabitess. Her son was one of the two men who killed Joash, king of Judah. Her husband's name is not mentioned.

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2 Chronicles 24:25, 26

## **Shiphrah** (splendor)

*Midwife to Jewish women in Egypt*



**Shiphrah** and Puah were ordered by Pharaoh to kill all sons born to the Jews. But their fear of God far outweighed their dread of Pharaoh, and thus they saved many infant sons.



Exodus 1:15-21

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## **Shua** (abundance)

### *1. Daughter of **Heber***

- Sister of **Japhlet**, **Shomer**, and **Hotham**
- Great-granddaughter of **Asher**



1 Chronicles 7:30-32

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### *2. Wife of **Judah***

- Mother of **Er**, **Onan**, and **Shelah**
- Grandmother of **Er** and **Laadah**



**Shua**'s ancestry is unknown. She was a wife of Judah. Her death preceded the event when Tamar deceived Judah and conceived Pharez and Zarah. God killed Shua's sons because of their wickedness.



Genesis 38:1-12

**Susanna** (a lily)

*Disciple of Christ*



**Susanna**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture or her marital status or if she had children. She provided meals and clothing to Christ and His disciples.

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Luke 8:2, 3

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**Syntyche** (good fortune)

*Christian convert of Philippi*



**Syntyche**'s ancestry is unknown or her marital status or children. She was quarreling with Euodias, another woman of the Philippian church. Paul entreated them to resolve their differences.

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Philippians 4:2



# **Chapter 13**

## **Tahpenes-Vasti**

## Tahpenes

*Queen of Egypt*

- Wife of **Pharaoh SheshonqI**
- Sister-in-law of **Hadad**, an Edomite
- Aunt of **Genubath**, son of **Tahpenes'** sister and **Hadad**

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1 Kings 11:19, 20

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## Tamar (a palm)

*1. Wife of Er*

- Mother of **Pharez** and **Zarah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Judah**
- Sister-in-law of **Onan**



**Tamar's** ancestry is unknown. Er was a vile man and died suddenly as God's judgment against his wickedness. Jewish law dictated that a man take as his wife his brother's widow, so Judah ordered Onan to marry Tamar when Er died. Onan did so but refusing to impregnate her, he spilt his seed on the ground. Needless to say, he drew God's wrath for this action and was killed. Judah then promised to marry Tamar to his youngest son when he became of age. But Judah stalled on this pledge. So Tamar, disguising herself as a harlot, seduced Judah and became pregnant. She later gave birth to twins, Pharez and Zarah.

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Genesis 38:6-30

2. *Daughter of Maacah and David*

- Sister of **Absalom**
- Half-sister of **Amnon**



**Tamar** was a beautiful daughter of Maacah and David. Amnon fell in love with her and plotted to seduce her. After sending away his servants, he sent for her and violated her. , Absalom sought to avenge her honor after learning of this evil act. Finally the opportunity presented itself and he murdered Amnon. Quickly fleeing the city, Absalom hid out for months from his father, David, who had been advised to bring him to task. This event forever set this father and son apart



2 Samuel 13:1-39

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3. *Wife of Uriel of Gibeah*

- Daughter of **Absalom**
- Mother of **Maachah**
- Grandmother of **Abijah, Zizar, Shelomith, and Attai**
- Granddaughter of **Maacah and David**
- Niece of **Tamar, Absalom's** sister



2 Samuel 14:27

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**Taphath** (a drop)

*Wife of a son of Abinadab*

- Daughter of **Solomon**
- Granddaughter of **Bathsheba and David**
- Sister of **Rehoboam and Basmath**



1 Kings 4:11

## **Timna** (controlling)

*Concubine of **Eliphaz**, son of **Adah** and **Esau***

- Mother of **Amalek**



**Timna**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. Amalek, her son, was the founder of the Amalekites, an enemy of Moses and Joshua during an armed encounter during the desert wanderings. Aaron and Hur held up Moses' tiring arms to encourage the Israelis during the intense fighting, which resulted in the slaughter of the Amalekites. The Jewish people held this battle and victory in remembrance.



Genesis 36:11-16, 22

Exodus 17:8-16

Numbers 24:20

1 Chronicles 1:36

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## **Tirzah** (happiness)

*Daughter of **Zelophehad**, descendant of **Manasseh***

- Sister of **Hoglah**, **Mahlah**, **Milcah**, and **Noah**



**Tirzah** was a daughter of Zelophehad. She and her sisters were granted their father's land inheritance when they brought the topic to Moses' attention. Their father had died in the post-exile forty-year wilderness wandering and had no son to inherit the land allotted to him. It is unknown if Tirzah or her sisters had any children.



Numbers 26:33

- 27:1-7

- 36:2-6, 10-12

Joshua 17:3, 4

1 Chronicles 7:15

## **Tryphena** (fragile)

*Christian woman at Rome*



**Tryphena** was a woman commended by Paul. Her ancestry, marital status, or children are not mentioned.



Romans 16:12

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## **Tryphosa**

*Christian woman at Rome, possibly converted by Paul*



Romans 16:12

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## **Vashti** (desirable)

*Queen of Ahasuerus, king of Persia*



**Vashti** was presumably a Persian woman, beautiful to behold. She became a wife of Ahasuerus, thus serving as his queen.



Ending a weeklong festival of celebrating his third year of rule, Ahasuerus ordered Vashti to appear before his celebrants to flaunt not only his wealth but also his beautiful queen. Vashti refused to appear and was forthwith banished from the court. This opened the door for Ahasuerus to call for a replacement, which was later presented to Esther, where she was the instrument that God used to save His people.



Esther 1:1-22

# **Chapter 14**

## **Zebudah-Zipporah**

## **Zebudah** (gift)

*Wife of **Josiah**, king of Judah*

- Daughter of **Pedaiah** of Rumah
- Mother of **Jehoiakim**, king of Judah
- Daughter-in-law of **Jedidah** and **Amon**
- Mother-in-law of **Nehusta**
- Co-wife with **Hamutal**



**Zebudah** was a daughter of Pedaiah and became a wife to King Josiah. Josiah was a godly king and directed Judah from its idolatry practices back to God. King Jehoiakim ruled after Josiah was killed by Pharaoh-necho, and Judah relapsed once again to idol worship.



2 Kings 22:1-20

- 23:1-30
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## **Zeresh**

*Wife of **Haman***



**Zeresh**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. She became a wife of Haman and encouraged him in his plot to kill the Jews during Esther's reign with King Ahasuerus. She later warned Haman that Mordecai would thwart his plan and predicted her husband's demise.



Esther 3:1-5

- 5:9-14
- 6:1-14
- 7:1-10
- 8:1, 2

## Zeruah (smitten)

*Wife of **Nebat**, an Ephrathite*

- Widowed
- Mother of **Jeroboam**, first king of Israel and former servant of **Solomon**



**Zeruah**'s son, Jeroboam, became a mighty leader after Solomon appointed him ruler over the kingdom of Joseph. Realizing that Jeroboam would someday rule over all Israel, Solomon threatened him, and Jeroboam fled to Egypt and lived under the protection of King Shishak until Solomon's death. Jeroboam then returned to take control of Israel, with Rehoboam reigning as king over Judah.



1 Kings 11:26-40

- 12:1-16
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## Zeruiah

*Daughter of **Nahash***

- Mother of **Abishai**, **Joab**, and **Asahel**
- Sister of **Abigail**
- Half-sister of **David**
- Aunt of **Amasa**



**Zeruiah**'s sons were faithful to David, unlike Amasa, her nephew, who joined forces with Absalom against David. Zeruiah's sons ruled as commanders in David's army.



2 Samuel 2:13-32

- 8:16
- 16:9-14
- 17:25
- 23:18, 19, 24

1 Chronicles 2:16, 17



## **Zibiah** (gazelle)

*Wife of **Ahaziah**, king of Judah*

- Mother of **Jehoash**, king of Judah
- Grandmother of **Amaziah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Athaliah** and **Jehoram**
- Sister-in-law of **Jehosheba**



**Zibiah**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. Her husband, Ahaziah, was a wicked king whose sinister mother influenced him greatly. The prophet Elisha anointed Jehu as new king over Israel, with specific orders to kill Ahaziah. Jehu carried out his task but, shockingly, Athaliah took over the throne upon her son's death. She ordered that all her descendants be killed and all were except for Zibiah's son, Jehoash. His half-sister, Jehosheba, hid him for many years until he could be crowned king. When Athaliah was dethroned, Jehoash became king, following in the footsteps of his wicked father.



2 Kings 8:25, 26

- 9:1-29
- 11:1-21
- 12:1-20

2 Chronicles 22:1-12

- 23:1-21
- 24:1-27

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## **Zillah** (shadow)

*Wife of **Lamech**(great-great-great grandson of **Cain**)*

Mother of **Tubalcain** and daughter, **Naamah**

Co-wife with **Adah**



Genesis 4:19-23

## Zilpah

### *Handmaid of Leah*

- Mother of **Gad** and **Asher**
- Grandmother of **Ziphion, Haggi, Shaini, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, Areli, Jimnah, Ishuah, Ishui, Beriah,** and **Sarah**
- Co-concubine with **Bilhah**



**Zilpah**'s ancestry is not mentioned in scripture. Leah used Zilpah as a pawn in her attempts to gain greater affection and esteem from Jacob. This was the result of an ongoing jealousy battle with Rachel.

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Genesis 29:1-35

- 30:1-24
- 35:16-20
- 46:19-25
- 48:7

Ruth 4:11

1 Samuel 10:2

Matthew 2:18

## **Zipporah** (little bird)

### *Wife of Moses*

- Daughter of **Jethro(Hobab)**
- Mother of **Gershom** and **Eliezer**
- Grandmother of **Shebuel(Shubael)** and **Rehabiah**
- Daughter-in-law of **Jochebed** and **Amram**



**Zipporah** was a daughter of Jethro, a Midianite. Moses had fled Egypt after killing an Egyptian and as he wandered in the Midian desert, he came near to Jethro's well. Zipporah and her sisters were busy contending with a group of shepherds blocking access to the well. Realizing they needed help, Moses took control of the situation so they could water their flocks. To assure them further, he followed them home to Jethro's camp. After the sisters told Jethro about the event at the well, Moses was offered Zipporah as a wife and given a home within the camp. Zipporah gave birth to Gerhsom and later reluctantly circumcised him because God was about to kill Moses for not having done it himself. She did not accompany Moses to Egypt in his calling to free the captive Jews; she remained at home in Midian with her family. Her in-laws, Jochebed and Amram, were aunt and nephew, with Jochebed being the sister of Amram's father, Kohath.

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Exodus 2:11-22

- 4:24-26
- 6:16
- 18:1-4

1 Chronicles 23:15, 16

- 24:20
- 26:24