



**Women of the Bible  
that shaped history ....**



- **Ruth**

- Moabite (Grandmother of David)
- Daughter-in-law Naomi (Hebrew – Pleasant/Gentle) changed to Mara (Hebrew – Bitter)
- Commits to stay with Naomi till death

- **Esther**

- Young Jewish woman living in Persia.
- Diaspora
- Queen
- Uncle Mordecai becomes aware of plot to kill the king
- Haman decrees to kill all Jews and plunder their goods

**WOMEN IN THE OT**



- **Miriam** – First female prophetess. (Exodus 15:20). Instrumental in saving Moses.
- **Zipporah** – Moses wife (Midianite); saves his life (Exodus 4:24-26)
- **Deborah** – Both prophet and judge. Leader of Israel. (Judges 4 and 5)
- **Hannah** – Samuels mother (1 Samuel 1:2–2:21)
- **Rahab** – Canaanite woman who assisted Israelites in capturing Jericho (Joshua 2)

# WOMEN IN THE OT



- Seems as things became worse (women are not counted)  
Matt. 14:21
- Their testimony had no validity
- What was Jesus interaction with women like
- There were women everywhere that Jesus went

# WOMEN IN THE NT



**16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

**18** Even on my servants, both men and women,

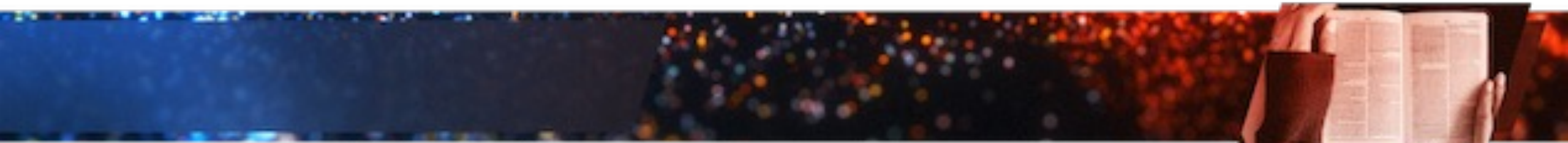
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

**ACTS 2 v 16 – 18**



# Paul on women in ministry....



**34** Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. **35** If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14 v 34 -35**





- <sup>2</sup> I praise you for remembering me in everything and for **holding to the traditions** just as I passed them on to you. <sup>3</sup> But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. <sup>5</sup> **But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her** head—it is the same as having her head shaved. <sup>6</sup> For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, **then she should cover her head.** <sup>7</sup> A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup> neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 11 v 2 – 16





**11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.**

**13** Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? **14** Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, **15** but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. **16** If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11 v 2 – 16**



**13** On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. **14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. **15** When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

**40** After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

## LYDIA – ACTS 16



A businesswoman [Acts 18:1-3], a wife [Acts 18:2], an evangelist [Paul's ministry co-worker Romans 16:3], and a church leader [1 Corinthians 16:19]; Priscilla was a multi-talented woman. Her Christianity was solid, as demonstrated by the fact that she and her husband corrected and instructed the gifted preacher Apollos about the gospel, particularly about baptism [Romans 18:26].

**PRISCILLA**



<sup>1</sup>I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. <sup>2</sup>I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.

**PHOEBE – ROMANS 16**





**11** My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

**CHLOE – 1 COR 1**



Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! <sup>2</sup>I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**PHILIPPIANS 4 v 1 – 3**



# **Jesus' interaction with women.....**



**Mary Magdalene**: First to see Jesus after His resurrection. She was tasked with telling the disciple. The word of a woman had no authority.

**Samaritan woman at the well**: (John 4) It was not acceptable for Jews to associate with Samaritans. Then a woman that was avoiding her own people. He reveals himself to her and it results in the whole coming to see Jesus.

**Mary and Martha**: (Luke 10) This Mary is identified as the one who anointed Jesus feet with expensive oil (John 12)

**Woman caught in adultery**: (John 8) To trap Jesus. Jesus to condemn the woman. She could not testify/defend herself.

**JESUS INTERACTION**





## Matt. 12:46

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

# JESUS INTERACTION



## **Luke 8: 1-3**

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

**JESUS INTERACTION**

