



Females in the Bible





General outline

- Part 1
 - Can a female hold any office in church?
 - 5 fold ministry
 - What about all the crazy stuff Paul says
 - “Norms” between genders
- Part 2
 - Prophetic applications
 - Situations Jesus
 - lessons from different stories



What is a Biblical description?

10 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. 14 She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. - Proverbs 31:10-14 ESV

- She knows a trade? -> works with her hands
- She knows how to find different goods
 - She would need to know about the market
 - She would need to know the prices
 - She needs financial skills for this to be true



What is a Biblical description?

15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. 17 She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. - Proverbs 31:15-18 ESV

- She can buy land? -> she understands real estate
- She farms the land she bought?
- She sells her merchandise for profit? -> entrepreneur



What is a Biblical description?

19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. 20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. -
Proverbs 31:19-25 ESV



What is a Biblical description?

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: - Proverbs 31:26-28 ESV

- She teaches people?????
- You get the sense that...
 - If he husband was gone, she could run the house until he gets back
 - She sees also manages her own business without her husband



Let's focus on the Church...

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, - Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV

- The five fold ministry
 - Apostles
 - Prophets
 - Evangelist
 - Shepherds (Pastor)
 - Teachers
- Is it possible that females held each of these in the Bible?



Old Testament Prophets



Prophetess in the Bible: Miriam

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. 21 And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea." - Exodus 15:20-21 ESV
[Num 26:5]



Prophetess in the Bible: Miriam

1 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. 4 And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. 5 And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. - Numbers 12:1-5 ESV



Prophetess in the Bible: Huldah

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her. 15 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 16 Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. 17 Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. 18 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, - 2 Kings 22:14-18 ESV



Prophetess in the Bible

Isaiah's wife

3 And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz; - Isaiah 8:3 ESV

Noadiah

14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid. - Nehemiah 6:14 ESV [Ezr 8:33]

Female prophets was prophesied with the holy spirit



28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. - Joel 2:28 ESV



New Testament Prophets



Prophetess in the Bible: Anna

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. - Luke 2:36-38 ESV



Prophetess in the Bible: Unnamed daughters?

8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. - Acts 21:8-9 ESV



Evangelist in the Bible



What is an evangelist?

- Evangelist: εὐαγγελιστής G2099 - euangelistēs
 - a bringer of good tidings, an evangelist
 - Someone who brings good news
 - This word is only used 3 times in scripture: Act 21:8, Eph 4:11, 2Ti 4:5
- In context: what is a biblical evangelist?
 - Someone who tells people what the Gospel is
 - What is the Gospel?



The Gospel

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 ESV

- Who was the first to tell people the Gospel?



The First Evangelist

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ... 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. - Luke 24:1-3, 9-12 ESV



The First Evangelist

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ... 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. - John 20:1-3, 10-12 ESV



The First Evangelist

14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). - John 20:14-16 ESV

- A woman was also the first to see Jesus raised from the dead



The First Evangelist

9 Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. -

Mark 16:9-11 ESV



2 or 3 witness

6 On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. - Deuteronomy 17:6 ESV

15 "A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. - Deuteronomy 19:15 ESV

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. - 2 Corinthians 13:1 ESV

At the cross



25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. - John 19:25 ESV

27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ... 49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. - Luke 23:27, 49 ESV



the women at the cross and resurrection

At the cross

- Jesus' mother
- Mary Magdalene
- His sister (Jesus' sister)
- Mary wife of Clopas

At the resurrection

- Mother of James (Jesus' mother)
- Mary Magdalene
- Joanah
- other

Why do we care?

- At least 3 female witness at both events
- There was at least 2 to witness to both
- Under the Jewish law, this qualifies as being a valid testimony
- A female's witness is equal to a man's



Pastors in the Bible



Female Pastors?

- Pastor ποιμήν G4166 - poimēn
 - a herdsman, esp. a shepherd
 - What are Pastors in the church?
 - They are supposed to watch over and help the congregation grow
 - Instead, pastors do LITERALLY everything
 - Used x18 times in the new testament
 - Never used when talking about a female...
 - Pastors only mentioned as males?
 - Only Jesus is the only male shepherd in the new testament
 - If not Jesus, an unnamed person is Jesus stories



Apostles in the Bible



Apostles in the Bible

- apostle *ἀπόστολος* G652 - *apostolos*
 - a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders
 - This can be translated as messenger, but not the same as “angel” G32
 - Depending on your list there are between 12-25 people who are considered apostles
- General study notes about Apostles
 - They often started new churches
 - Wrote letters to churches
 - Represented churches



Controversy

7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. - Romans 16:7 KJV

- Junia Ἰουνιᾶς G2458 - iounias
 - debate about whether or not this is a female name
 - The only time this name appears in scripture
 - There are grammatical and historical reason to suggest this name is female
- 2 ways to interpret the passage
 - They were outstanding apostles
 - They were well known to the apostle



Early church interpretation?

[ST John Chrysostom Homily 31](#)

Then another praise besides. Who are of note among the Apostles. And indeed to be apostles at all is a great thing. But to be even among these of note, just consider what a great encomium this is! But they were of note owing to their works, to their achievements. Oh! How great is the devotion (φιλοσοφία) of this woman, that she should be even counted worthy of the appellation of apostle!



Just before this

How is this? A woman again is honored and proclaimed victorious! Again are we men put to shame. Or rather, we are not put to shame only, but have even an honor conferred upon us. For an honor we have, in that there are such women among us, but we are put to shame, in that we men are left so far behind by them... For the women of those days were more spirited than lions, sharing with the Apostles their labors for the Gospel's sake.

- He also gives counter arguments to how to interpret Paul's crazy claims
 - We will come back to this later



While on Romans 16 and leadership

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, 2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. - Romans 16:1-2 ESV

- Turns out she is an important leader
 - They are expected to give her the resources to do her job
- What does the word servant mean?
 - Deaconess: διάκονος G1249 - diakonos
 - one who executes the commands of another, esp. of a master, a servant, attendant, minister
- Phoebe was a leader in church...



Paul also had women helpers with him

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. - Philippians 4:2-3 ESV



Teachers' in the Bible



Examples of women teaching

20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. - Proverbs 6:20 ESV

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,
9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. -
Proverbs 1:8-9 ESV

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to
much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to
love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home,
kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be
reviled. - Titus 2:3-5 ESV



Interpretation?

- How does this count if a woman isn't supposed to teach men?
 - How old would a child be?
 - Can a woman be professor in college?
 - Can a woman be newscaster or write articles in a journal?
 - If a man picks up a newspaper that was written and meant for women, what happens?
 - Can men voluntarily learn from a woman?
- Does this mean women can only teach other women?
 - If so, why does this only talk about marriage and raising children?
 - Does a woman have to be taught by a man to learn anything else?
- Other issues
 - If a woman can be a prophet, is she allowed to prophesy over a man?
 - This is technically a form of teaching, educating others of what God said
 - Where were the women wrong for teaching the disciples about the news of Jesus' resurrection?
 - Can a woman evangelize? This requires teaching about Jesus



The Complicated issue

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. - Acts 18:24-28 ESV

- If women aren't allowed to teach men
 - What they did is wrong
 - We don't see any reason to believe they shouldn't have done this



Issues with Interpretation

- If is not, leads to contradictions
 - There are practical examples of women teaching (or needing to teach) men in the scripture
 - Several women have been specifically picked by God in leadership roles
 - As a prophet, a women would be LITERALLY telling people what God says
 - Why would God change his mind about women?
 - If they can teach and hold leadership in the OT, why not the new?
 - There isn't any logical reason for this switch
 - God doesn't change: Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17



Another issue

13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ... 15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. 16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? - 1 Corinthians 7:13, 15-16 ESV

- What is the implication of this argument?
 - If you are in a relationship with an unbeliever, it is a commitment, stick with it (marriage)...
 - If you are not.... RUN!
 - It is possible that you will convert your significant other, but not guaranteed
 - In order to convert them... you need to teach them...
 - This implies that a wife will teach her husband about Christ



The crazy things Paul says

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. 33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, 34 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. - 1 Corinthians 14:31-35 ESV



The Greek word

- Submission ὑποτάσσω G5293 - hypotassō
 - to arrange under, to subordinate, to subject oneself, obey, to submit to one's control
 - Appears 40 times in the new testament
 - Luk 2:51 when Jesus (child) went with Mary and Joseph from the temple
 - 1Co 14:32, Spirit is subject to the prophet
 - Luk 10:17 All demons are subject to Jesus
 - 1Co 15:27-26 Everything is Subject to God and Jesus
- In context with the passage
 - Give a sense of controlling pride
 - following the proper order



Instruction given?

- Notice that before this, there is a spiritual issue
 - People seem to be prophesying/speaking in tongues out of turn
 - (most likely) He received a letter and he is responding to their issue
 - We don't have the issue he is addressing
 - We can only infer what he was responding to
 - 2 thessalonians -> they got a letter and believed the end was happening
- Why should a women ask at home and not public?
 - Clearly the context is focused at a husband and wife
 - Possible the pastor's wife didn't understand what her husband said? Looks bad on him?
 - Maybe they had a disagreement?
 - Maybe people were prophesying out of turn and she questioned it?
- Contradiction issue
 - If women can't speak at church: they can't hold any leadership office, they can't prophecy
 - We talked about how the bible allows for this
 - Therefore our interpretation needs to conform to the bible to be consistent



The crazy things Paul says

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness--with good works. 11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. - 1 Timothy 2:8-12 ESV



The Greek word

- Submissiveness ὑποταγή G5292 - hypotagē
 - the act of subjecting, obedience, subjection
 - Used only 4 times
 - There is a subtle difference on how it is used
 - This word is used when talking about submitting to Rank/Authority



The 4 verses

13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, - 2 Corinthians 9:13 ESV

5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. - Galatians 2:5 ESV

11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. - 1 Timothy 2:11 ESV

4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, - 1 Timothy 3:4 ESV



Why the difference in instruction?

- Several notes
 - The list of “fashion” describe was common for prostitute in Ephesus to wear
 - This is where the temple to Artemis
 - Associate with young women, hunting and the moon
 - Related to child birth
 - vows to never marry, except for marrying Orien?
 - May be possible that this culture had an “dominante” female culture among new converts?
 - Possible these new converts where causing problems in the church
 - Possible there was an issue with the dynamics in marriages
 - Paul continues talking about the order of Marriage



Why did Paul say that?

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. - 1 Timothy 2:13-15 ESV

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. - Ephesians 5:22-24 ESV



Peter continues a similar argument

1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external--the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear-- 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. - 1 Peter 3:1-4 ESV

- Why the advice to wives?
 - If your husband is wrong, your actions prove you right



Husband to Wife

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. - Ephesians 5:25-32 ESV



The point of husband wife dynamic

20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ... 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. - Genesis 2:20-22, 24 ESV



Looking at Paul's arguments together

- What is the point?
 - God created man to be the head over a family
 - Adam was responsible for the actions of Eve
 - The issue is about spiritual/ranking authority
 - Adam was given the instructions before Eve did, Eve was deceived but Adam wasn't
- All because a man is in charge doesn't mean he is perfect
 - Part of the point of a marriage is for both to be a helper to each other
 - Proverbs women: She is a man's counselor and great helper
 - A wife just loves her husband, a husband dies for his wife
 - This dynamic is a model of Christ and the church
 - If you love your wife, you would trust her counsel
 - You would encourage her growth



Peter continues a similar argument

5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. - 1 Peter 3:5-7 ESV



What do you notice about this?

- What do all of these have in common?
 - These dynamics are between a husband and wife
 - A husband has authority as the head of the house
 - That doesn't mean a man ignores his counselor/helper
- This doesn't inherently apply out of marriage
 - If a women isn't married, who is her "head?"
 - If a women is put into a position, who is she responsible to?
 - What happen if she is a widow?
 - What if she decides to never marry?
 - Phoebe was a leader in a church, other men were expected to help her
- This requires questions about "norms"
 - We will talk about this later



“Norms” between genders



The crazy things Paul says

2 Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. - 1 Corinthians 11:2-3 ESV

- What is Paul talking about?
 - Κεφαλή G2776 - kephalē: literally just a head
 - Symbolically can be talking bout position of authority

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. - John 6:37 ESV

- The trinity has an order of authority



The family has an order of authority

- God's Order
 - Father -> Christ -> the bride
 - God -> Christ -> husband -> wife
 - This is what Paul uses to talk about the rest of his argument
- Paul instructed them to keep some traditions that he taught

With this in mind, Paul Continues



The crazy things Paul says: headcoverings?

4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head,
5 but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. 6 For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. - 1 Corinthians 11:4-6
ESV



Head covering

- Males and Connections to pagan culture?
 - It was common for many Roman pagans to wear head covering during religious ceremonies
 - This was done by both male and females
 - For a man not to cover his head during worship is a way of removing pagan identity
 - Another possibility? Deuteronomy 22:5
 - The head covering could have been a female style
 - Possible talking about cross dressing



Head covering

- Female and Connections to pagan culture?
 - Connection pagan temples, the prostitutes had shaved heads?
 - This also connects to Numbers 5
 - Letting down a woman's hair was done if she was suspected of adultery
 - Doing so suggested that she was "single" therefore dishonored her husband
 - Most of this centered around women during worship
 - This could have been a specific incident that happen in the church he was addressing



The crazy things Paul says: headcoverings?

7 For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. 9 Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10 That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; 12 for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God. 13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, 15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God. - 1 Corinthians 11:7-16 ESV



What is Paul saying?

- Man is in the image of man
 - He is not saying woman are not made in God's image
 - This would be a direct contradiction of God's word: Gen 1:27
- what does it mean to be made in the image of God?
 - Made in God's image -> direct creation of God
 - Jesus, Adam (Luk 3:38), believer (when born again), Angels
 - All other "man" was created after the image of Adam
 - Jesus was the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45)
 - Only man has the image of God, not even the angels



What is Paul saying?

- Relating to Paul's argument
 - Adam was directly made first
 - Eve was created out of Adam -> she is not “directly” created -> new
 - Man has a natural order of being the “head”
 - Naturally woman should have long hair and man have short hair
 - The covering relates to spiritual order and respect in a marriage
 - If her head is not covered,
 - she is spiritually unclean in the way she is going about it
 - She is also suggesting she is single
- What about the angel common?
 - Some people relate this to genesis 6?
 - Angels often cover their face when around God's throne
 - Angel's aren't made in God's image
 - Only God's image can be in his presents without a covering?



What is normal?

- Does the Bible match our perception of society?
 - Does the Bible match the perspective of people in past society?
- Deborah (Judges 4-5)
 - She was a prophet, a song writers, Judge
 - Barak (the military leader) came to her for help
 - He wouldn't go to battle unless she came
 - God gave her insight on what to do -> she taught Barak the plan of God
 - Deborah did not get (or want) the credit for killing their enemy
 - Instead another woman got the credit (judge 4:21)
- What we find?
 - A woman can give military commands?
 - She can also be a judge?



The norm?

- Men and women are different
- God design both genders different
 - There is still a large variation of how this difference is distributed
 - But when taking into account the express of these differences, Men and Women are split
- Deborah was the only female judge
 - That doesn't mean she was unique
 - Other people fulfilled many of the same task she did in scripture individually
 - On average men tend to gravitate to this task -> on average that is what appears



Interesting videos

Interesting views

- [Difference between men and women](#)
- [Jordan Peterson - The Truth About Men & Women](#)
- [Joe Rogan & Jordan Peterson - Are Men and Women More Similar or Different?](#)
- [Are Men and Women Different?](#)
- [There Is No Gender Wage Gap](#)



What is Modesty?

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, - 1 Timothy 2:8-9 ESV

- What is Modesty?
 - Κόσμιος G2887 - kosmios: orderly
 - Another way to look at this -> they are not dressing orderly for church
 - It may have been what they were wearing was distracting
 - Would you wear a swimsuit to church?
 - Would you wear pajamas to a funeral



Questions about Modesty?

- General idea: Modesty is about not appear “attractive”?
- Question?
 - We are supposed to wear the best we have on sunday?
 - In general wearing fancy clothing makes people more attractive?
 - Shouldn't we dress more simple?
 - If that is true: for those who follow this, doesn't that make people who follow the same dress code appear more appealing?
 - If this is true we reached a contradiction
- Modesty is about keeping your body separate for marriage
 - You find that one's body is supposed to be kept separate for their spouse (Leviticus 18)



Questions about Modesty?

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. - Matthew 5:27-28 ESV

- Did you know females lust?
 - Shouldn't that mean that men should also be dress modestly?

20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. - Romans 14:20-21 ESV

- We should be mindful not to cause other to be tempted
- Also remember, lust has to do with an issue of your own heart



Prophetic Applications in the Bible



The war of the 2 seeds

- Satan tries to corrupt man -> God corrects the people
- Satan tries to destroy God's people -> God preserve a remnant
- Layout of history
 - Man's corruption of Genesis 6
 - God preserve Noah
 - Satan forms the first "global government" (at the tower of babel)
 - God scatter the people
 - The nations are worshipping other gods
 - God call Abraham to start his chosen/seperate people
 - God gives a promise land
 - Satan has a people to control it
 - God tries to bring them in the land
 - Satan scares the people from it



The war of the 2 seeds

- Layout of history
 - The people experience a famine
 - God uses Joseph to provide for his people
 - Satan enslaves God's people
 - God delivers them through Moses
 - God is getting ready to use Moses
 - Pharaoh tries to kill the babies
 - God brings them to the promised land
 - Satan scares the people
 - God gives them the land [Joshua]
 - They are attacked by outside enemies [Judges]
 - God prepares a king
 - The people go for a different king



The war of the 2 seeds

- Layout of history
 - God puts his king in place
 - A civil war breaks out
 - God unites his people
 - Several kings disobey God and the people are divided
 - Satan corrupts God's people
 - God brings in the prophets to correct them
 - ...
 - ...
 - God is ready to bring the Messiah
 - Satan tries to kill all the children
 - Jesus is ready for the cross
 - Satan tries to stop the cross from happening
 - God has promises of a kingdom
 - Satan tries to setup his own kingdom



What is the first prophecy in the Bible?

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." - Genesis 3:14-15 ESV

- 2 seeds are now at war
 - The seed of the woman -> The promise of the Messiah
 - Seed of the serpent -> Satan's Messiah?
 - Gen 6?
 - Satan trying to destroy Israel with other nations?
 - All of history is:
 - Satan's attempt to stop God's plan of redemption
 - and his promises to his people

Why is this important?



It turns out, without female intervention, it would have been impossible for Jesus to be the Messiah



The most important exception in the Bible



Why is there a virgin birth?

13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- Isaiah 7:13-14 ESV

30 Thus says the LORD: "Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not succeed in his days, for none of his offspring shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah." - Jeremiah 22:30 ESV

- The kings don't all follow God
 - He stops the royal line of David
 - Now no one can sit on the throne...
 - What about that promise of a kingdom that last forever?



The exception to the rule

6 This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: 'Let them marry whom they think best, only they shall marry within the clan of the tribe of their father. 7 The inheritance of the people of Israel shall not be transferred from one tribe to another, for every one of the people of Israel shall hold on to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the people of Israel shall be wife to one of the clan of the tribe of her father, so that every one of the people of Israel may possess the inheritance of his fathers. 9 So no inheritance shall be transferred from one tribe to another, for each of the tribes of the people of Israel shall hold on to its own inheritance.'" - Numbers 36:6-9 ESV [Num 27:1-11]

- There is an exception to how birth rights can be passed down to through the female line



The exception to the rule

- The genealogies of Matthew and Luke
 - If you follow them they are different after David
 - Matthew: goes through the royal line (end with a male, Joseph)
 - Luke: The bloodline to David (ends with a female, Mary)
 - Joseph takes in Mary and Adopts Jesus
 - This gives Jesus the right to inherit the land through the royal line
 - Mary has the legal blood line
 - Both are from the same tribe -> not mixing tribal inheritance
- Without female interaction: Jesus couldn't be the Messiah



Rahab



Rahab (Joshua 2)

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. - Hebrews 11:31 ESV

25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? - James 2:25 ESV

- Why was she saved?
 - She believed in the God of Israel regardless of her people
 - She knew the land belonged to them, not her people
 - She was willing to commit treason to save God's people
 - She made a deal knowing, that their God will deliver the victory to them
 - She lived her faith, she didn't just talk about her faith
 - She is used to justify salvation by faith, and also a demonstration of your faith through works



Rahab Prophetic connections

- A promise was made that if anyone was in her house, they would be safe
 - Jos 2:18-19, it didn't matter who it was
 - During passover any house with the blood of the lamb was safe

18 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as your portion for an inheritance." - 1 Chronicles 16:18 ESV [Psa 105:11]

- Portion -> חֵבֶל H2256 - ḥēḇel: a cord, rope, territory, band, company
 - Symbolically a cord can be used to talk about "land inheritance"
 - This inheritance was part of God's promise to Abraham
 - This cord is symbolically is the "covenant" that keeps her safe
 - She later married into Israel [Matthew 1:5]
- This thread represents the promise of the Messiah to come
 - Most of history is Satan trying to kill this "scarlet cord"



Tamar



The story of Tamar

11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"--for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house. 12 In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ... 15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ... 17 He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it--" 18 He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. - Genesis 38:11-13, 15, 17-18 ESV

The story of Tamar



24 About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." 25 As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." 26 Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again. 27 When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. 28 And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." 29 But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. - Genesis 38:24-29 ESV



From Tamar to David (Ruth 4:18-22 ESV)

1. Now these are the generations of Perez:
2. Perez fathered Hezron,
3. Hezron fathered Ram,
4. Ram fathered Amminadab,
5. Amminadab fathered Nahshon,
6. Nahshon fathered Salmon,
7. 21 Salmon fathered Boaz,
8. Boaz fathered Obed,
9. Obed fathered Jesse,
10. and Jesse fathered David.



Why the connection?

- Deuteronomy 23:2 -> an illegitimate child/lineage was considered ceremonially unclean for 10 generation
 - After 10 generation they were then consider clean
 - Judah wronged Tamar and she had a child
 - 10 generations later, her lineage was connected to the David -> Messiah
- Another connection to the Messiah
 - Rahab Married Salmon [Matthew 1:5] who was a descendant of Tamar
 - She became part of the lineage of the Messiah
 - This was only possible because of her faith to God



Esther



Saul's problem

2 Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" - 1 Samuel 15:2-3 ESV

7 And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction. - 1 Samuel 15:7-9 ESV



Back to Esther

1 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, and advanced him and set his throne above all the officials who were with him. ... 8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not to the king's profit to tolerate them. ... 10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. - Esther 3:1, 8, 10 ESV



Saul's problem

- If Saul did what God commanded Correctly, the book of Esther would have never happened
- It was part of Satan's plan to wipe out the Jewish nation before the Messiah came

13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" - Esther 4:13-14 ESV

- Esther took part in stopping the destruction of the lineage of the Messiah
- She saved the scarlet cord that Rahab and Tamar Inherited



Women who meet Jesus



The woman with the issue of blood

21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. - Mark 5:21-24 ESV [Matthew 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56]



The woman with the issue of blood

25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,
26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. - Mark 5:25-26 ESV

- Lev 15:25-27 -> During this time a woman is considered Ceremonially unclean
 - The bed she sleeps in is unclean
 - anything she sits on is unclean
 - Anyone she touches
- This woman would have been a complete outsider completely isolated from society for 12 year



The woman with the issue of blood

27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. 28 For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. - Mark 5:27-29 ESV

- The glory of God on objects?
 - Acts 19:11-12 -> Paul and handkerchiefs
 - Numbers 21:8, John 3:14 -> Brass serpent on a pole
- Hem of his garment? [Mat 9:20]
 - The hem of robe often had decoration that symbolized authority
 - 1 Samuel 24 -> David cuts Saul's Robe
 - This woman touched Jesus authority
 - Hebrews 4:16 -> we come boldly to God throne



The woman with the issue of blood

30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?"

31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'"

32 And he looked around to see who had done it.

33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.

34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." - Mark 5:30-34 ESV



The woman with the issue of blood

35 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. - Mark 5:35-37 ESV

- Here we have "the inner circle"



The woman with the issue of blood

38 They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. - Mark 5:38-40 ESV

- Jesus is not a wimp -> He clears out the people who are not helpful
- Only those who are willing to believe are allowed to see the miracle



The woman with the issue of blood

41 Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. 43 And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. - Mark 5:41-43 ESV



Prophetic implications?

- 2 woman in view:
 - Primary woman Jesus was called to save
 - Secondary woman who lived a life uncleaned
 - Is this familiar?
- 2 women in scripture
 - Israel (wife of God)
 - God made a covenant with the nation
 - Israel had a history of being “unfaithful”
 - The church (bride of christ)
 - Gentile
 - Virgin bride



Prophetic implications?

- Jairus Daughter -> part of Abraham's covenant
- The woman with the issue of blood -> lives ceremonially unclean
- Jesus was on the way to go save a Jewish people
 - Along the way he saved people who had no hope
- Model of end times
 - Israel is healed AFTER the "gentile" is healed
 - The daughter is dead and comes back to life
 - Ezekiel 37 -> in the last days Israel will be revived
 - God is not finished with Israel
 - Let's come back to this point



The woman at the well

6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." - John 4:6-10 ESV



The woman at the well

11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." - John 4:11-15 ESV



What is the living water?

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. - John 7:37-39 ESV

- The living water is God's spirit
- Without the spirit of God, our lives are extremely difficult



The woman at the well

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. - John 4:16-19 ESV



The woman at the well

20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." - John 4:20-24 ESV



The woman at the well

- Tensions between the Jews and Samaritans
 - The northern part of Israel was conquered by other nations
 - They intermingle blood lines -> this is prohibited by the law
 - Numbers 36:3, Deuteronomy 7:2-5, Joshua 23:11-13, Judges 3:5-8, Genesis 24:1-4, Ezra 9:12, 1 Kings 11:1-5, Nehemiah 13:24-27
 - The Samaritans were isolated from the rest of Israel
 - They had their own temple
 - They had their own copy of scripture
 - There has been generations of separation by this point



The woman at the well

25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. ... 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. - John 4:25-30, 39-40 ESV



The woman at the well

- This is one of the few times Jesus allows himself to be worship publically
 - A gentile woman is one of the first to be an evangelist
 - She taught the people of the town to believe in Jesus
- Jesus' Mission
 - Salvation was first for the Jew then the Gentile
 - Rom 1:16, 2:9-10
 - Acts 1:8, 3:25, 13:46
 - After Israel rejected Jesus, Salvation was opened to anyone
 - Salvation was promised to Abraham
 - In order for others to be saved they need to be under Abraham's covenant
 - In the OT people had to go through the "Proselyte" process to become a jew
 - In the NW we are born again and therefore adopted under Abraham's covenant
 - Rom 11:11-24, Eph 2:11-19, 3:6
 - This goes back to prophetic application of Jairus daughter and the woman with issue of blood



Second part



The woman caught in adultery

1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" - John 8:1-5 ESV



The woman caught in adultery

6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." - John 8:6-11 ESV



What sins did Jesus write down?

- No one knows...
- If it was as simple as the ten commandment, why didn't John say so?
 - Matthew 5 -> God has a higher sense of morality than just physical actions
- Jesus says "the one without sin, case the first stone"
 - Jesus was the only one without sin -> he was the only one who could
- Would it have been just to execute judgment?
 - The pharisees said it was part of the law?
 - What does the law say?
 - Do not commit adultery: Exodus 20:14, Deut 5:18



The woman caught in adultery

10 "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. - Leviticus 20:10 ESV

22 "If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel. - Deuteronomy 22:22 ESV

- The law says both should be put to death
 - If Jesus executed judgement, he wouldn't have been fulfilling the law
 - They wouldn't have tracked down the man
 - Was it possible they set her up?



Why does adultery deal with man first?

- Who sinned first?
 - Eve
- Who responsible first
 - Adam



Jezebel



Jezebel in the Bible

- Married king Ahab [1 kings 16:30-31]
 - She was a phoenician princess
 - The marriage was an arranged political marriage
- She worshiped other pagan gods
 - Primarily worshiped baal
 - Had her husband build other idols and causes many to fall away from God
 - Killed many prophets of God
- She tried to kill Elijah
- She was killed by her servants [1 kings 9]



Jezebel Associated with adultery and witchcraft

14 Thus Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram with all Israel had been on guard at Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Syria, ... 22 And when Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" He answered, "What peace can there be, so long as the whorings and the sorceries of your mother Jezebel are so many?" - 2 Kings 9:14, 22 ESV



Jezebel's plot

1 Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." 4 And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" 6 And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" - 1 Kings 21:1-6 ESV



Jezebel's plot

7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. 9 And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. 10 And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." 11 And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, 12 they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. - 1 Kings 21:7-12 ESV



Jezebel's plot

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." 15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." 16 And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. - 1 Kings 21:14-16
ESV



Overview?

- Jezebel used the royal authority of the king to trap those she didn't want
- She helped the king get land that didn't belong to him
- She used religion control to condemn the innocent
- Different types of Prophecy
 - Declaration and fulfillment
 - Pattern



Jezebel pattern in history?

- The Early church had a lot of problems
 - Many gentile converts came with pagan beliefs
 - Paul is constantly writing correcting issues
 - It was illegal to be a Christian
 - You didn't believe Caesar was a son of god
 - Christian often faced persecution
- Introduction of different ideas
 - Constantine legalized Christianity
 - Theodosius 1st made it the state religion
 - During this time many non-Christian practices were rebranded as Christian
 - Why don't we celebrate any holidays in the Bible?



Jezebel pattern in history?

- Years later the Catholic church became dominant
 - They owned $\frac{1}{3}$ of the land in Europe
 - It was believed only a priest could perform religious ceremonies
 - Without these ceremonies you can't enter heaven
 - Buried in Catholic graveyards, Communion, infant baptism
 - The Bible was only read in Latin
 - Only the priest could read and interpret it
 - Some of the Popes believed they were the mediator between God and man
 - If you were not part of the church you couldn't go to heaven
- During the medieval and renaissance periods
 - The office of Pope was bought and sold
 - Many Popes used the Vatican as a brothel
 - The Popes used kings to fight in religious wars on their behalf
 - Used their religious power to control nations



Structure and Prophecy Overview

Parable	Paul	Revelation	History (of church)
4 Soils	Ephesians	Ephesus	Gnostic age
Tears and Wheat	Philippians	Smyrna	Persecution
Mustard seed	1, 2 Corinthians	Pergamos	Pagan church
Leavened bread	Galatians	Thyatira	Medieval church
Treasure field	Romans	Sardis	Reformation
Pearl of great price	1, 2 Thessalonians	Philadelphia	Missionary age
Dragnet	Colossians	Laodicea	Post-Christian age



Overview of letters

Ephesus	Early church - Doctrine over first love	4 soils, about the word
Smyrna	Percussion - persecution for 10 days, --whose who are claim to be jews are are not	4 Tears and the wheat, 2 groups together
Pergamos	Constantine - teaching of Balaam	“Monster bush” with Satan’s ministers in it
<i>Fall of Rome (West side)</i>		
Thyatira (Trib)	The Medieval church - Jezebel (Pope)	Lady who mixes in sin, 3 major denominations
Sardis	Reformation - Name but is dead	Hidden treasure -> trying to get away from the Pope
Philadelphia (2nd coming)	Missionary church- little power, expose	Pearl -> Missionaries giving up everything for the lost
Laodicea (reward in heaven)	Modern day - Jesus is not in the church!	Dragnet -> just pulling people along before the end, forget teaching!



Jezebel in Revelation

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. - Revelation 2:18-21 ESV



Mystery Babylon

1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. - Revelation 17:1-3 ESV

- There are 2 separate entities here:
 - The beast?
 - Satan's kingdom -> calls back to Daniel
 - The woman riding the beast?



Mystery Babylon

4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. 5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." 6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly. - Revelation 17:4-6 ESV



Mystery Babylon

7 But the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. 9 This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; 10 they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. 11 As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. 12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." - Revelation 17:7-14 ESV



Mystery Babylon

15 And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. 16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, 17 for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth." - Revelation 17:15-18 ESV



Mystery Babylon

- 2 systems at play
 - The beast -> Satan's kingdom
 - The woman -> Religious Kingdom?
 - Mountains = governments/ kings
- On the one hand
 - Some believe this is a religious organization
 - Many people throughout history believed this is talking about the Papacy?
 - This could also be a new world religion that comes to power?
 - This is familiar to jezebel?
- But...
 - Could this also be a literal city of Babylon?
 - Revelation 18? Isa 13:19, Jer 50

Who is one of the greatest persecutors of Christians?



- Greatest persecutors?
 - Christians persecuting others the most

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. - Matthew 24:7-13 ESV