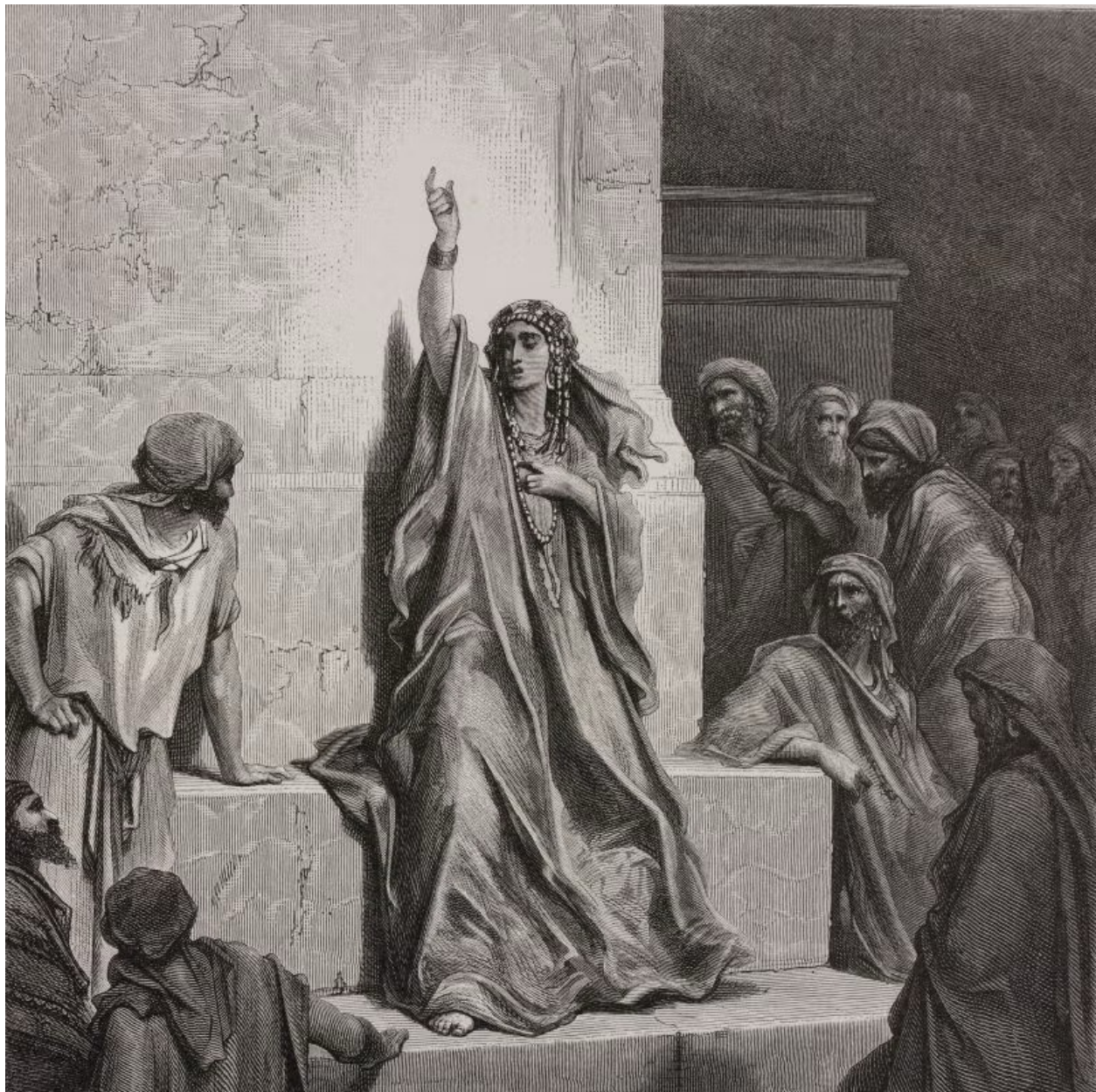




Women Prophetess in the Bible



Definition of a prophet:

A prophet declares the mind (message) of God, which sometimes predicts the future (foretelling) – and more commonly, speaks forth His message for a particular situation.

Therefore, (“a prophet”) then is someone inspired by God to foretell or tell-forth (forthtell) the Word of God.

In the biblical narrative, prophetesses are women who have been endowed with the gift of prophecy, serving as messengers of God's word and will.

Their roles, while less frequently mentioned than their male counterparts, are significant and demonstrate the inclusivity of God's calling across gender lines.

The presence of prophetesses in the Bible underscores the active participation of women in the spiritual and communal life of Israel and the early Church.



Miriam

Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, is one of the earliest prophetesses mentioned in the Bible.

She played a crucial role during the Exodus, leading the women of Israel in worship after the crossing of the Red Sea.

In Exodus 15:20-21 New Living Translation, it is recoded:

20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced.

21 And Miriam sang this song:

“Sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed gloriously;
he has hurled both horse and rider
into the sea.”

Deborah

Deborah stands out as both a prophetess and a judge of Israel, a dual role that highlights her leadership and spiritual authority.

Her account is found in **Judges 4-5**, where she is depicted as a wise and courageous leader who, under God's guidance, led Israel to victory against the Canaanite oppressors.

Judges 4-5 New Living Translation

Deborah Becomes Israel's Judge

4 After Ehud's death, the Israelites again did evil in the Lord's sight.

2 So the Lord turned them over to King Jabin of Hazor, a Canaanite king. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-haggoyim.

3 Sisera, who had 900 iron chariots, ruthlessly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years. Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help.

4 Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time.

5 She would sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment.

6 One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam, who lived in Kedesh in the land of Naphtali. She said to him, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: Call out 10,000 warriors from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mount Tabor.

7 And I will call out Sisera, commander of Jabin's army, along with his chariots and warriors, to the Kishon River. There I will give you victory over him."

8 Barak told her, "I will go, but only if you go with me."

9 “Very well,” she replied, “I will go with you. But you will receive no honor in this venture, for the Lord’s victory over Sisera will be at the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 At Kedesh, Barak called together the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, and 10,000 warriors went up with him. Deborah also went with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, a descendant of Moses’ brother-in-law[a] Hobab, had moved away from the other members of his tribe and pitched his tent by the oak of Zaananim near Kedesh.

12 When Sisera was told that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor,

13 he called for all 900 of his iron chariots and all of his warriors, and they marched from Harosheth-haggoyim to the Kishon River.

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, “Get ready! This is the day the Lord will give you victory over Sisera, for the Lord is marching ahead of you.” So Barak led his 10,000 warriors down the slopes of Mount Tabor into battle.

15 When Barak attacked, the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and warriors into a panic. Sisera leaped down from his chariot and escaped on foot.

16 Then Barak chased the chariots and the enemy army all the way to Harosheth-haggoyim, killing all of Sisera’s warriors. Not a single one was left alive.

17 Meanwhile, Sisera ran to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because Heber's family was on friendly terms with King Jabin of Hazor.

18 Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come into my tent, sir. Come in. Don't be afraid." So he went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket.

19 "Please give me some water," he said. "I'm thirsty." So she gave him some milk from a leather bag and covered him again.

20 "Stand at the door of the tent," he told her. "If anybody comes and asks you if there is anyone here, say no."

21 But when Sisera fell asleep from exhaustion, Jael quietly crept up to him with a hammer and tent peg in her hand. Then she drove the tent peg through his temple and into the ground, and so he died.

22 When Barak came looking for Sisera, Jael went out to meet him. She said, "Come, and I will show you the man you are looking for." So he followed her into the tent and found Sisera lying there dead, with the tent peg through his temple.

23 So on that day Israel saw God defeat Jabin, the Canaanite king.

24 And from that time on Israel became stronger and stronger against King Jabin until they finally destroyed him.

The Song of Deborah

5 On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:

2

“Israel’s leaders took charge,
and the people gladly followed.
Praise the Lord!

3

“Listen, you kings!
Pay attention, you mighty rulers!
For I will sing to the Lord.
I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel.

4

“Lord, when you set out from Seir
and marched across the fields of Edom,
the earth trembled,
and the cloudy skies poured down rain.

5

The mountains quaked in the presence of the Lord,
the God of Mount Sinai—
in the presence of the Lord,
the God of Israel.

6

“In the days of Shamgar son of Anath,
and in the days of Jael,
people avoided the main roads,
and travelers stayed on winding pathways.

7

There were few people left in the villages of Israel[b]—
until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel.

8

When Israel chose new gods,
war erupted at the city gates.
Yet not a shield or spear could be seen
among forty thousand warriors in Israel!

9

My heart is with the commanders of Israel,
with those who volunteered for war.
Praise the Lord!

10

“Consider this, you who ride on fine donkeys,
you who sit on fancy saddle blankets,
and you who walk along the road.

11

Listen to the village musicians[c]
gathered at the watering holes.
They recount the righteous victories of the Lord
and the victories of his villagers in Israel.
Then the people of the Lord
marched down to the city gates.

12

“Wake up, Deborah, wake up!
Wake up, wake up, and sing a song!
Arise, Barak!
Lead your captives away, son of Abinoam!

13

“Down from Tabor marched the few against the nobles.
The people of the Lord marched down against mighty warriors.

14

They came down from Ephraim—
a land that once belonged to the Amalekites;
they followed you, Benjamin, with your troops.
From Makir the commanders marched down;
from Zebulun came those who carry a commander's staff.

15

The princes of Issachar were with Deborah and Barak.
They followed Barak, rushing into the valley.
But in the tribe of Reuben
there was great indecision.[d]

16

Why did you sit at home among the sheepfolds—
to hear the shepherds whistle for their flocks?
Yes, in the tribe of Reuben
there was great indecision.

17

Gilead remained east of the Jordan.
And why did Dan stay home?
Asher sat unmoved at the seashore,
remaining in his harbors.

18

But Zebulun risked his life,
as did Naphtali, on the heights of the battlefield.

19

“The kings of Canaan came and fought,
at Taanach near Megiddo's springs,
but they carried off no silver treasures.

20

The stars fought from heaven.

The stars in their orbits fought against Sisera.

21

The Kishon River swept them away—
that ancient torrent, the Kishon.

March on with courage, my soul!

22

Then the horses' hooves hammered the ground,
the galloping, galloping of Sisera's mighty steeds.

23

'Let the people of Meroz be cursed,' said the angel of the Lord.

'Let them be utterly cursed,
because they did not come to help the Lord—
to help the Lord against the mighty warriors.'

24

"Most blessed among women is Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite.

May she be blessed above all women who live in tents.

25

Sisera asked for water,

and she gave him milk.

In a bowl fit for nobles,

she brought him yogurt.

26

Then with her left hand she reached for a tent peg,
and with her right hand for the workman's hammer.
She struck Sisera with the hammer, crushing his head.
With a shattering blow, she pierced his temples.

27

He sank, he fell,
he lay still at her feet.
And where he sank,
there he died.

28

“From the window Sisera's mother looked out.
Through the window she watched for his return, saying,
‘Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why don't we hear the sound of chariot wheels?’

29

“Her wise women answer,
and she repeats these words to herself:

30

‘They must be dividing the captured plunder—
with a woman or two for every man.

There will be colorful robes for Sisera,
and colorful, embroidered robes for me.

Yes, the plunder will include
colorful robes embroidered on both sides.’

31

“Lord, may all your enemies die like Sisera!

But may those who love you rise like the sun in all its power!”

Then there was peace in the land for forty years.

Judges 4:4 New Living Translation

4 Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time.

Huldah

Huldah is another prominent prophetess who played a pivotal role during the reign of King Josiah.

When the Book of the Law was discovered in the temple, Josiah sent his officials to consult Huldah regarding its implications.

Her response, recorded in **2 Kings 22:14-20** and **2 Chronicles 34:22-28**, confirmed the coming judgment on Judah but also acknowledged Josiah's humility and repentance.

2 Kings 22:14-20 New Living Translation

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the New Quarter^[a] of Jerusalem to consult with the prophet Huldah. She was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, the keeper of the Temple wardrobe.

15 She said to them, “The Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken! Go back and tell the man who sent you,

16 ‘This is what the Lord says: I am going to bring disaster on this city^[b] and its people. All the words written in the scroll that the king of Judah has read will come true.

17 For my people have abandoned me and offered sacrifices to pagan gods, and I am very angry with them for everything they have done. My anger will burn against this place, and it will not be quenched.’

18 “But go to the king of Judah who sent you to seek the Lord and tell him: ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says concerning the message you have just heard:

19 You were sorry and humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I said against this city and its people—that this land would be cursed and become desolate. You tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the Lord.

20 So I will not send the promised disaster until after you have died and been buried in peace. You will not see the disaster I am going to bring on this city.’”

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2 Chronicles 34:22-28 New Living Translation

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25 For my people have abandoned me and offered sacrifices to pagan gods, and I am very angry with them for everything they have done. My anger will be poured out on this place, and it will not be quenched.’

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27 You were sorry and humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this city and its people. You humbled yourself and tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the Lord.

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Isaiah's Wife



Referred to as "the prophetess" in Isaiah 8:3 , Isaiah's wife is mentioned in the context of bearing a son whose name was to be a sign to Israel.

Isaiah 8:3 New Living Translation

3 Then I slept with my wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. And the Lord said, “Call him Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

Anna

In the New Testament, Anna is recognized as a prophetess who served in the temple, devoting her life to prayer and fasting.

Her encounter with the infant Jesus is recorded in:

Luke 2:36-38 New Living Translation

The Prophecy of Anna



36 Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years.

37 Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four.^[a] She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.

38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

Philip's Daughters

In the Acts of the Apostles, Philip the evangelist is noted to have four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

Acts 21:9 New Living Translation

9 He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy.

This reference indicates the continuation of the prophetic gift in the early Christian community.

The Role and Significance:

The role of prophetesses in the Bible is multifaceted, encompassing leadership, guidance, and the proclamation of God's truth.

They serve as examples of faithfulness and obedience, often providing critical insight and direction during pivotal moments in biblical history.

Their presence affirms the biblical principle that God can choose anyone, regardless of gender, to fulfill His purposes and communicate His divine will.

Modern day Prophets or Prophetess:

There's not a need for prophets, since our Lord is the complete revelation of things former and things to come.

Hence, anyone calling himself a prophet of God, is incorrect at best, or a malicious False Teacher!

Isaiah 42:9 New Living Translation

9

Everything I prophesied has come true,
and now I will prophesy again.
I will tell you the future before it happens.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 New Living Translation

18

“But forget all that—
it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.

19

For I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

2 Corinthians 5:17 New Living Translation

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Revelation 21:5 New Living Translation

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 22:13 New Living Translation

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life, and I believe, that God raised You from the dead, this day, I ask you to be my Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9 New Living Translation:

9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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