



Women in Afghanistan (2022)

"male and female He created them." (Gen. 1:27)

God's Grand Design

The Beauty of Biblical Complementarity

Old Testament Patterns

1. Equality of Men and Women
2. Priority of Male Leadership
3. Examples of Godly Women

Examples of Women in the OT

1. Women displaying courage and faith
 - Tamar (Gen. 38), Shiphrah & Puah (Ex. 1), Rahab (Josh. 2), Naomi (Ruth), the woman of Bahurim (2 Sam. 17), Jehosheba (2 Kings 11), widow with Elisha (2 Kings 4), Ruth and Esther
 - Deborah & Jael (Judges 4-5)

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- *Deborah, Barak & Jael* (Judges 4-5)
 - Deborah was a prophetess whose role was to raise up the next "judge" by Yahweh's command
 - Barak was the "savior-judge" whose honor was diminished because of his hesitation
 - Jael is the heroine of the story – a non-Israelite who displays remarkable courage and faith

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2. Women helping men
 - Rebekah (Gen. 27), Zipporah (Ex. 4), daughters of Zelophehad (Num. 27), Bathsheba (1 Kings 1), the Shunamite woman (2 Kings 4)
 - Abigail (1 Sam. 25:23-35) – through her winsome counsel, she spares David from himself!

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3. Barren women and childbirth

- Sarah (Gen. 21), Rebekah (Gen. 25), Rachel (Gen. 30), Manoah's wife (Judges 13), Hannah (1 Sam. 1) (*NT – Elizabeth; *Mary – virgin*)
- displays the significance of the woman's unique, irreplaceable role in having children

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- Proverbs 31: An Alphabet of Excellence