

LIST OF STORIES OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

This is a partial list of stories about women in the Bible in chronological order,
and a partial list of women's characteristics, situations and life issues.

Choose the best story for your listeners' needs and life issues,
considering also customs and traditions of the locality of your listeners, and time available to tell the story.

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1. OLD TESTAMENT STORIES																														
■ Eve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adam's wife ■ Created by God ■ Disobeyed God (sin) ■ Sons: Cain (murderer); Abel (godly example; victim); Seth (godly example) 	Genesis 2:15-25; 2:15-17; 3:1-23; 4:1-15		x	x					x		x	x										x	x		x	x		x	
■ Noah's Wife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Noah's wife ■ Sons: Sham, Ham and Japheth ■ Flood 	Genesis 6:5-22; 7 and 8		x	x								x	x												x				
■ Sarah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Abraham's wife ■ Famines; Abraham told Pharaoh and a king that Sarah was his sister ■ Insisted Hagar bare Abraham's child ■ Unkind to Hagar ■ Childless until ninety years old ■ Son: Isaac 	Genesis 12:1,10-19; 16; 17:5,15; 18:10-15; 20; 21:1-21; 23:1-21		x	x				x	x	x		x	x	x		x				x		x		x					

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■ Hagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sarah's servant ■ Surrogate mother ■ Son: Ishmael ■ Sent away by Abraham 	Genesis 16; 21:1-21		x	x				x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x				x							x
■ Lot's Wife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lot's wife ■ Two daughters ■ Punished for disobedience; turned into pillar of salt 	Genesis 19:12-29		x	x					x		x	x			x	x			x		x							
■ Rebekah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Isaac's wife ■ Famine; Isaac told king Rebekah was his sister ■ Sons: Esau and Jacob ■ Favored Jacob ■ Deceived husband 	Genesis 24; 25:21-34; 26:1-17; 27		x	x					x	x		x				x	x			x	x	x						x
■ Rachel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Beloved wife of Jacob ■ Sons: Joseph and Benjamin; died giving birth to Benjamin ■ Her servant Bilhak was surrogate mother - sons: Dan, Naphtali 	Genesis 29:14-25; 30; 31:19,30-35; 35:16-26		x	x				x	x	x		x				x			x		x							
■ Leah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jacob's other wife ■ Sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun; daughter Dinah ■ Her servant Zilpah was surrogate mother - sons: Gad, Asher 	Genesis 29:14-25; 30; 31:19,30-35; 35:16-26		x	x				x	x		x		x								x							

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■ Dinah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jacob and Leah's daughter ■ Raped by Shechem ■ Revenged by brothers 	Genesis 30:21; 34:1-31	x						x	x			x		x	x			x				x								
■ Potiphar's Wife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Potiphar's wife ■ Tempted Joseph 	Genesis 39:1-21		x						x			x							x	x	x	x	x							
■ Jochebed (Moses' Mother)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amram's wife ■ Daughter of Levi ■ Slave in Egypt ■ Sons: Moses and Aaron ■ Daughter: Miriam ■ Protected her baby 	Exodus 1; 2:1-10; Numbers 26:59		x	x								x		x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x				
■ Miriam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Daughter to Jochebed and Amram ■ Moses and Aaron's sister ■ Protected her baby brother Moses ■ Prophetess ■ Opposed Moses; God punished her with leprosy ■ Given another chance to serve God 	Exodus 2:1-10; 15:20-21; Numbers 12:1-15	x										x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
■ Rahab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prostitute in Jericho ■ Believed in God ■ Hid two of Joshua's spies ■ Salmon's wife ■ Son: Boaz ■ Great-great-grandmother to King David 	Joshua 2:1-21; 6:16-17, 22-23; Ruth 4:20-21; Matthew 1:5		x	x			x					x	x		x							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Naomi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elimelek's wife ■ Famine; went to Moab ■ Became a widow ■ Sons: Mahlon and Kilion; both died ■ Bitter; grieved ■ Returned to Bethlehem with daughter-in-law Ruth who took care of her ■ Grandson: Obed 	Ruth 1; 4:13-22		x	x								x	x			x	x	x	x			x	x			x
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ruth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Naomi's daughter-in-law ■ Became a widow ■ Believed in God ■ Left with Naomi and went to Bethlehem ■ Took care of Naomi ■ Married Boaz ■ Son: Obed ■ Great-grandmother to King David 	Book of Ruth		x	x	x							x	x			x	x	x				x	x			x	x		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Deborah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lappidoth's wife ■ Prophetess ■ Fifth judge of Israel ■ Went with Barak to battle 	Judges 4 and 5		x																			x	x	x	x		x		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jephthah's Mother 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prostitute ■ Gave birth to Gilead's illegitimate son Jephthah who became the ninth judge of Israel 	Judges 11; Hebrews 11:32-34		x	x				x	x				x	x	x			x											

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■ Samson's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manoah's wife Godly parents Son: Samson who became physically strong; disobedient to God's instructions; judge of Israel 	Judges 13; 14:1-9; 16:17-22		x	x					x		x	x	x									x	x		x	x			x
■ Delilah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samson's lover Deceived Samson 	Judges 16:4-22						x					x								x	x	x							
■ Hannah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elkanah's wife Ridiculed by Peninnah Prayed for son; dedicated him to the Lord Son: Samuel (prophet; last judge of Israel) 	1 Samuel 1; 2:1-11, 18-21, 26		x	x				x	x	x		x										x	x		x	x			x
■ Peninnah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elkanah's other wife Provoked Hannah 	1 Samuel 1:1-7		x	x				x	x												x								
■ Michal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saul's daughter David's wife Protected David from her father's pursuit Mocked King David for dancing as the Ark entered Jerusalem; consequently she was childless 	1 Samuel 18:17-30; 19:1-18; 25:44; 2 Samuel 1:13-16; 6:12-23		x					x	x			x			x				x		x	x							
■ Abigail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wife to wicked Nabal Became a widow Peacemaker Married David 	1 Samuel 25:2-42		x		x	x			x													x	x	x			x		

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■ Bathsheba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uriah's wife Pregnant by King David Became a widow Married King David Death of their first child Son: Solomon given wisdom by God and became king of Israel 	2 Samuel 11; 12:13-24; 1 Kings 1:11-31 (or entire chapter 1)		x	x	x	x		x	x			x		x				x				x	x					x	x
■ Tamar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David's daughter Raped by half brother Amnon Disgraced Lived with brother Absalom 	2 Samuel 13:1-33	x						x	x			x		x	x			x											
■ Jezebel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Ahab's wife Persecuted prophets of God Arrogant; vengeful and very angry 	1 Kings 16:29-33; 18:4, 13; 19:1-2; 21:1-24; 2 Kings 9:22, 30-37		x									x							x	x	x	x			x				
■ Widow at Zarephath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widow at Zarephath Prepared food for Elijah Son's life restored by Elijah 	1 Kings 17:7-24			x	x							x	x			x		x				x	x		x				
■ Widow of a Prophet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophet's widow Two sons Impoverished; large debt Advice from Elisha Oil multiplies to pay debt 	2 Kings 4:1-7			x	x							x		x		x		x				x	x		x				

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■ Shunamite Woman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wealthy woman ■ Fixed guest room for prophet Elisha ■ Son's life restored by Elisha 	2 Kings 4:8-37		x	x								x						x				x	x				x			
■ Huldah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Shallum's wife ■ Prophetess ■ Found lost Book of Law and read to king 	2 Chronicles 34:22-33		x																			x	x				x			
■ Esther	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jewish orphan ■ Mordecai's cousin ■ Became a queen ■ Saved Jewish people 	Book of Esther		x									x	x	x			x	x				x	x	x	x		x		x	
2. NEW TESTAMENT STORIES																															
■ Elizabeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Zechariah's wife ■ Childless until old ■ Son: John (the Baptist) 	Luke 1:5-25,57-80		x	x						x												x	x		x		x		x	
■ Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Found favor with God ■ Mother to Jesus, God's son (consummated by Holy Spirit) ■ Afterwards, Joseph's wife ■ Bore Joseph's children ■ Follower of Jesus ■ Suffered agony seeing Jesus on cross; afterwards cared for by apostle John 	Luke 1:26-56; 2; 3; Matthew 1:18-25; 2; John 2:1-12; Luke 8:19-21; John 19:25-27		x	x				x			x							x				x	x		x		x		x	

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■ Anna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married seven years Became a widow Worshiped at Temple day and night Saw baby Jesus at Temple when she was very old Prophetess 	Luke 2:22,36-38				x																	x	x	x					x
■ Samaritan Woman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samaritan woman Married multiple times; living with man not married to Encountered Jesus at well Told about Jesus to ones in her town 	John 4:4-42		x			x	x	x	x			x									x	x	x			x			x
■ Herodias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip's wife Daughter Salome Left husband to marry brother-in-law Herod (Antipas) Grudge against John the Baptist because he disapproved her marriage to Herod (Antipas) Requested daughter Salome to ask for head of John the Baptist 	Mark 6:14-29; Matthew 14:3-12			x		x		x	x		x	x							x	x	x	x	x						

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sinful Woman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sinful life ■ At Pharisees house: kissed Jesus' feet; poured perfume on his feet; wiped his feet with her hair ■ Sins forgiven by Jesus 	Luke 7:36-50											x										x								x
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sick Woman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prolonged sickness with blood issue ■ Touched Jesus' garment and was healed because of her faith 	Mark 5:24-34											x						x				x			x					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adulterous Woman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Caught in adultery ■ Not condemned by Jesus; told not to do it again 	John 8:2-11						x					x										x								x
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Martha of Bethany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mary and Lazarus' sister ■ Prepared meal for Jesus in her home ■ Upset because her sister did not help ■ Grieved death of Lazarus ■ Lazarus resurrected by Jesus ■ Family close friends to Jesus 	Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45											x						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mary of Bethany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Martha and Lazarus' sister ■ Sat at Jesus' feet, contemplating his words as Martha prepared meal ■ Grieved death of Lazarus ■ Poured perfume on Jesus' feet to express gratitude for resurrecting Lazarus and for preparation of his burial 	Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45; 12:1-8											x						x				x	x		x				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Widow with Two Coins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Was a widow ■ Gave all - two coins - as an offering to God 	Luke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44				x										x							x				x			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mary Magdalene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Possessed with demons; healed ■ Followed Jesus 	Luke 8:1:3; 24:1-10; John 19:25; 20:11-18; Matthew 27:55-61; 28:1; Mark 15:40-41; 16:1-11											x						x				x	x			x			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sapphira 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ananias' wife ■ Lied about price of land to apostles ■ Punished for lying 	Acts 5:1-11		x									x									x	x		x					

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■ Dorcas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciple Greek name for Tabitha Helped others Died; restored to life by Peter 	Acts 9:36-42											x										x	x	x	x		x		
■ Lydia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesswoman; seller of purple cloth Became believer in Jesus at Philippi by Paul Gave hospitality to Paul 	Acts 16:11-15,40																					x	x	x			x		
■ Priscilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquila's wife Jewish Christian <i>Priscilla and Aquila:</i> Tent makers with Paul Mentors to Apollos in his Christian faith Church in their home 	Acts 18:1-3,18-26; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19		x																			x	x	x			x		
■ Eunice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Husband was a Greek and a non-believer Was a Jewish Christian Son: Timothy Taught her son Timothy about God 	2 Timothy 1:5; Acts 16:1		x	x																		x	x				x		
■ Lois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was a Jewish Christian Grandson: Timothy Taught her grandson Timothy about God 	2 Timothy 1:5		x	x	?																	x	x				x		