

Women in the Old Testament

1. An Overview of the Women in the Old Testament
 - a. Women During the Fall and Flood (@ 4000-2000 BC)
 - i. Characteristics of this time: created purpose; sin and the curse; corruption, devastation, and flood
 - ii. Key characters: Eve; Lamech's wives; "daughters of men"; Noah's wife and daughters-in-law
 - b. Women Related to the Patriarchs (@2000-1800 BC)
 - i. Characteristics of this time: the formation of the people of Israel; promises, impossibilities, and growth in faith; Abraham's family corrupted by sin even as it grows
 - ii. Key characters: Sarah; Rebekah; Rachel; Leah
 - iii. Secondary characters: Hagar; Lot's wife and daughters; Dinah; Tamar
 - c. Women of Egypt and the Exodus (@1800-1300 BC)
 - i. Characteristics of this time: danger and provision; slavery and hopelessness; God's deliverance and redemption; wilderness wanderings and sin
 - ii. Key characters: Hebrew midwives; Jochebed; Miriam; Rahab
 - iii. Secondary characters: Potiphar's wife; Pharaoh's daughter; Zipporah; Asenath; the women who gave and crafted for the tabernacle

- d. Women During the Conquest and Judges (@1300-1050 BC)
 - i. Characteristics of this time: battles and establishment of the nation in the promised land; temptations to idolatry and worldliness; cycles of rebellion, suffering, and deliverance by judges
 - ii. Key characters: Deborah; Jael; Naomi and Ruth; concubine of the Levite priest; Hannah
 - iii. Secondary characters: Samson's mother; Samsons' relationships, including Delilah; Phinehas' wife
- e. Women of the Kings and Exile (@ 1050-450 BC)
 - i. Characteristics of this time: power, conflict, and abuse; unfaithfulness to God and discipline; prophets and provision; defeat, danger, exile, and suffering
 - ii. Key characters: Abigail; Bathsheba; Solomon's foreign wives; Jezebel; Esther
 - iii. Secondary characters: Michal; Queen of Sheba; medium of Endor; nurse of Mephibosheth; woman of En-rogel; Tamar; Abishag; Jeroboam's wife; widow of Zarephath; wealthy women of Shunem; Athaliah; Jehosheba and Joash's nurse; Huldah; daughters of Heman; Gomer

2. Themes from the Women in the Old Testament

- a. _____
- b. Immorality and Abuse
- c. Men
- d. Parenting Hopes and Heartaches
- e. Suffering
- f. _____
- g. Service and Love
- h. _____
- i. Salvation
- j. _____, _____, and _____