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Leading Ladies: Hearing the Voices of the Bible's Powerful Women

The Leading Ladies Case Studies delve into the Biblical text of each heroine's story to unearth fine details, and deep patterns, previously unseen. We are thus challenged to see Rahab as the midwife of God's nation Israel; to see that Jael fulfills the Eden covenant in precursor cameo; to see that Delilah was assassinated; and to see that Esther completes her hidden agenda to remove the disgrace from the house of King Saul. Over-arching this we see the creation of Adam and Eve describing a harmonizing of the spiritual and the natural, a fusion of Heaven and Earth, with the woman emblemizing the Heavenly component and the man the Earthly one.

Seeing the Leading Ladies' stories together reveals that their accomplishments directly parallel the well-known feats of the greatest Biblical male heroes. Yet characteristically the women achieved their goals with fewer resources and less preparation time. The Ladies' victories are often unseen because they are encoded in the Bible record in a much quieter voice, which is God's own signature communication style.

About Me

I am a physicist working at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource in California, and a Christian who has demonstrated (at least to myself) that the Bible is a source of wisdom beyond human authorship. I've always been fascinated by the unknown, especially in physics, theology and philosophy, and greatly enjoy the rich sense of wonder I experience when at work and at play in those worlds. How does light interact with matter at its most basic level? What are the limitations for a human mind studying itself? How can the ancient story of God's treatment of Job be embraced? These sorts of questions. As a consequence, in the arena of the Bible exposition, I'm most strongly drawn towards age-old, unsolved mysteries and longstanding perceived injustices. What is the Song of Songs actually saying? Why does the Bible approve of the warrior Jephthah if he really did sacrifice his daughter? Why is John's gospel so strikingly different from the other three? On my website, johnpople.com are the links to the published books where I attempt to answer those, and other, questions