

FAMOUS MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE**12/5/19**

These notes relate to four famous mums from the bible and the major changes they made to the world.

Eve. GEN 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living (*Adam named her, not God*). 'Eve' is also used to describe the beginning of something (eg, the 'eve' of a new day). Not to be taken literally as she is not the mother of all living animals (obviously). She was the mother of the chosen lineage from Eden to Pentecost... after this, salvation was universally offered to the rest.

Elizabeth (like Sarah and Abraham); John the Baptist's mum.... LUK 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth. **6** And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. **&11** And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. **12** And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. **13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. **14** And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall **rejoice at his birth**. **15** For he shall be **great** in the sight of the Lord (*the greatest of all prophets ever born*), and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be **filled with the Holy Ghost**, even from his mother's womb. **16** And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. **17** And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. **&24** And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, **25** Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

Mary, the mother of Jesus. LUK 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne of his father David**: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. **34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. **37** For with God nothing shall be impossible. **38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me according to thy word** (*she consented*). And the angel departed from her. *Mary consented to God's plan, before he acted; then raised Jesus in a way that enabled him to fully develop his spiritual potential.*

Bathsheba, Solomon's mum. She went with Nathan to warn David that another of his son's was already acting to take the throne. 1KIN 1:11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not? **12** Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. *Adonijah was trying to take over, against God's will. Nathan and Bathsheba intercede to protect themselves and Solomon. Bathsheba entered first, then Nathan later.* **&15** And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the **king was very old**; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. **&22** And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. **&27** Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? **28** Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came (*returned*) into the king's presence, and stood before the king. **29** And the king sware, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, **30** Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. *Bathsheba's life with David was shared by other wives, concubines and children; not an ideal situation by our standards today. Much of Solomon's wisdom came from how he was raised by his mother. She is a lot more spiritually aware than what most people gave her credit for. It appears that Bathsheba is the woman described in Proverbs 31... King Lemuel is most likely Solomon and references much of his wisdom being taught him by his mother.*

Interesting observation is that these great, yet humble and simple women of faith, were trusted to give birth to and raise the most important people in their times. Also, all four women lost a least one of their children to tragedy or ungodly evil. Raising our children according to God's ways is the most important role of a parent.