Leading Ladies

“Vessel of Life”
The Story of Woman

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Eve

Hagar

Mary

Woman Clothed with the Sun
Vessel of Life: 
Eve’s Story
“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Gen 3:4-5

Principle: You don’t become God by being ungodly.
Your attitude should be as Christ Jesus: who did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Phil 2:5-6

“you will be like God, knowing good and evil” Gen 3:5

When the woman saw the fruit of the tree was... desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. Gen 3:6

Your attitude should be as Christ Jesus: who did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Phil 2:5-6
“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son… He will be great… and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever.”

Lk 1:31-33
“Cursed is the ground because of you, in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you.”
Gen 3:17-18

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. He drove out the man.
Gen 3:23

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.”
Gen 3:16

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The Woman in the Desert

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Role: Vessel of Life

Eve
Vessel of Life:
Hagar’s Story
Context: Sarai can’t conceive & complains to Abram

“The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.”

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. Gen 16:2

[Sarai’s comments indicate a lack of faith]

[Gen 3:6]

Eve took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

So when Jacob came in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. “You must sleep with me… I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.”

So he slept with her that night. Gen 30:16
Then the Lord said to [Abram] ...“your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.”

Gen 15:13
Ex 1:11

Then [Abram] went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. And Sarai said... “May the wrong done to me be on you! ...May the Lord judge between you and me!” But Abram said... “Your slave is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. Gen 16:4-6
Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.”

Gen 21:8-10

“The moral sympathy of the story seems to be with Hagar and Ishmael, even though the author knows our primary identification has to be with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.” C. Newsom, Harvard
The Elevation of Hagar

Sarai elevates Hagar = herself

“Ñabram… Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them… So shall your offspring be.” Gn 15:1,5

God elevates Hagar = Abram!

“Hagar… I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” Gen 16:8-10

Seeing God’s Angel

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Ex 3:6

She called the name of the Lord… “You are the God who sees me”… [El Roi] “I have seen the One who sees me.” Gen 16:13

Hagar looks – and sees!

The only one to name God!

Moses hides
Hagar Matches Patriarchs Abraham, Israel & Moses

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Hagar: Ishmael

Gen 16:10

Promised a son & given a name

Gen 17:15-19

Hagar

Gen 16:8

Promise to become a great nation

Moses & Abram

Ex 3:4 Gen 15:1

Israel & Abram

Dt 28:1; Gn 12:2

Abraham: Isaac

Gen 17:15-19

Patriarchs

Hebrew: 'anah

Blessings

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Vessel of Life:
Mary’s Story
An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt. Mt 2:13-15
[Mary] said to him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” Jn 2:3-4

[Jesus] said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Jn 19:26

[Jesus] took a cup… “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant… poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Mt 26:27-8

Covenant of the Woman
“I will put enmity between you and the Woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Gen 3:15

The Crucifixion

Sign of the Woman = Sign of Blood
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...you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood  
Gen 9:4

For the life of the flesh is in the blood  
Lev 17:11,14

be sure you do not eat the blood,  
because the blood is the life  
Dt 12:23

The Blood is the Life

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Vessel of Life: Woman Clothed with the Sun’s Story
A woman clothed with the sun…
She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains

And behold, a great red dragon

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

Rev 12:1-4
Conflict on Earth

Conflict on Earth

War in Heaven

“that ancient serpent”  Rev 12:9

and between your offspring and her offspring”
She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne. Rev 12:5

“...her offspring; he shall bruise your head” Gen 3:15

“And he who overcomes... to him I will give power over the nations, He shall rule them with a rod of iron” Rev 2:26-27

“Jesus... was taken up from you into heaven” Acts 1:11

...one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven Heb 8:1, c.f. Acts 7:56

Clues to the Man Child:
- Seed of the Woman
- Bruise Serpent’s head
- Rules with rod of iron
- Ascended into Heaven
- At the Throne of God

The Child is Christ
the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Rev 12:6
## The Woman in the Desert

### Peril
- Consequences of Adam’s sin
- Affliction of Sarah, twice
- Affliction of King Herod
- Affliction of Red Dragon

### Desert Place
- Out of Eden
- Thorns, Thistles
- 1. Shur, Egypt
- 2. Beersheba
- Wilderness, God-prepared

### Conflict
- Serpent desires to kill child
- Sarah wants rid of the child
- Herod desires to kill child
- Dragon desires to kill child

### Births
- Eve
- Ishmael
- Mary

### Role: Vessel of Life

- Eve
- Hagar
- Mary
- Woman In Sun
The Woman in the Desert

Role: Vessel of Life

α: First

Lowliest

Highest

Ω: Last
Arrests (US, 2011)
- Murder:
  - Male: 88%
  - Female: 12%
- Robbery:
  - Male: 88%
  - Female: 12%
- Agg. Assault:
  - Male: 78%
  - Female: 22%

Murderers
US, 1980-2008
- Male: 90%
- Female: 10%

Source:
Leading Ladies Mirroring Messiah

- **Messiah**
  - **Mother**
    - **Birthed**
      - Ruler of all
    - **Blessed of women**
    - **Crushes enemy head**
    - **Sacrificed whole life**
    - **Mother in Israel**
    - **Sacrificed motherhood**
    - **Sun-clothed**
    - **Birthed nation’s #1**
    - **Redeemer**
    - **Jesus Messiah**
    - **Mirroring Messiah**
    - **Mary**
    - **Ruth**
    - **Tamar**
    - **Eve**
    - **Jael**
    - **Esther**
    - **Hagar**

- **Jelphthah’s daughter**

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