

# *Leading Ladies*

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*“Vessel of Life”*

*The Story of Woman*

*Eve*



*Hagar*



*Mary*



*Woman  
Clothed with the Sun*



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*Vessel of Life:*  
*Eve's Story*

# Grasping Equality with God

*“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**

## Grasping Equality with God

**“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***



# The Woman & The Serpent

**Gen 3:15-16**

***“I will put enmity between you and the woman...”***

**Enemy > < Enemy**



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***“...and between your offspring and her offspring.”***

***“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**



## Punishment of Eviction

Adam



***“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***

## Promise of Life

Eve

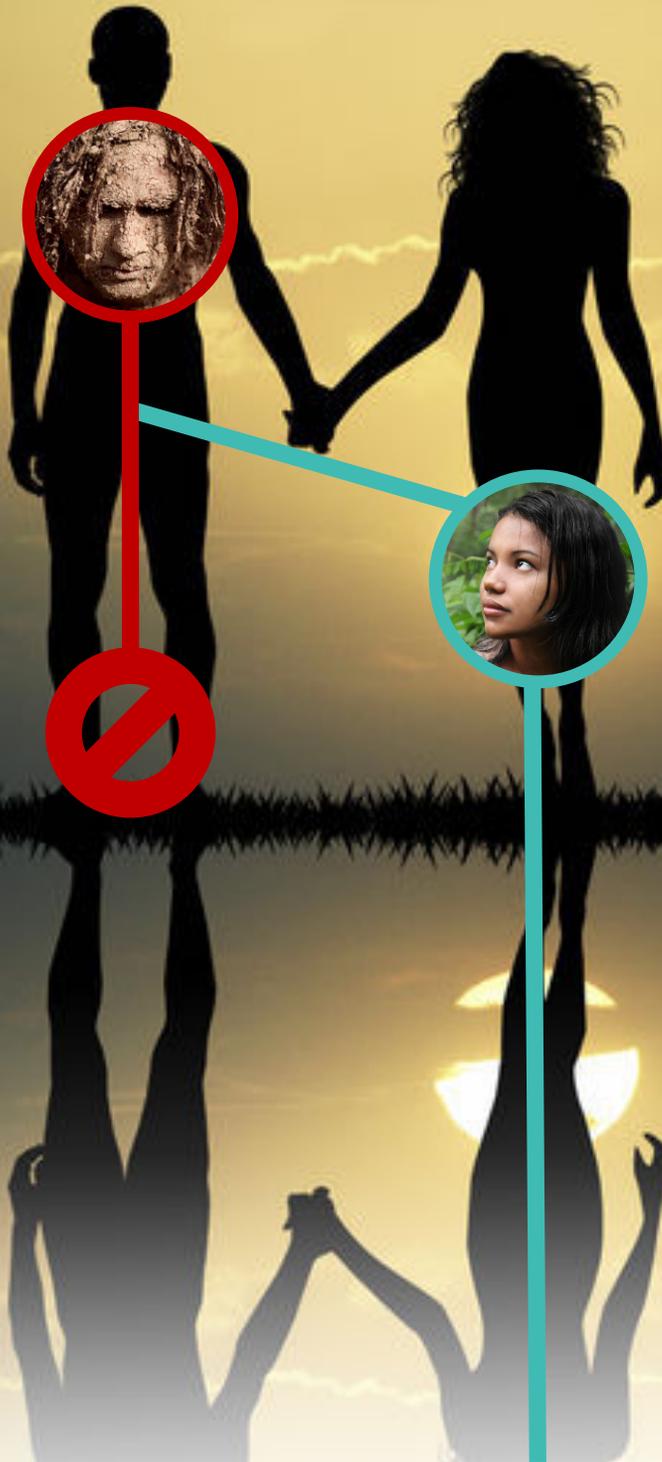


***“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.”***

***Gen 3:16***

***Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.*** ***Gen 3:20***

# Vessel of Life



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Role: Vessel of Life

Peril

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## Leading Ladies, Silent Men

**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**

*[Eve] took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*  
**Gen 3:6**

*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**

## Hagar Flees to the Desert

***[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*****

***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**



## Banished to the Desert

*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

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

## Seeing God’s Angel

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

Moses  
hides

**God elevates Hagar = Abram!**

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

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!

# Hagar Matches Patriarchs Abraham, Israel & Moses

***Sarai on Hagar***  
***Gen 16:6***

***Pregnant Hagar***  
***Gen 16:7***

**Hagar**

***Hagar***  
***Gen 16:8***

***Hagar***  
***Gen 16:10***

***Hagar: Ishmael***  
***Gen 16:11***

Suffered affliction  
[Heb: 'anah]

Fled to Shur desert  
with their people

**Trials**

Angel of the Lord  
calls by name

Promise to become  
a great nation

Promised a son &  
given a name

**Blessings**

***Egypt on Israel***  
***Ex 1:11***

***Moses & Israel***  
***Ex 15:22***

**Patriarchs**

***Moses & Abram***  
***Ex 3:4 Gen 15:1***

***Israel & Abram***  
***Dt 28:1; Gn 12:2***

***Abraham: Isaac***  
***Gen 17:15-19***

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*Vessel of Life:*  
*Mary's Story*

## Fleeing the Child Killer

Context: Jesus has just been born to Mary

*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**

## 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

[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**

Sign of the Woman = Sign of Blood



## Sign of the Woman = Sign of Blood

*...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**

**Sign of the Woman**

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**Sign of Blood**

=

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*Vessel of Life:*

*Woman Clothed with the Sun's Story*

# The Woman & The Serpent

*A woman clothed  
with the sun...  
She was pregnant  
and was crying  
out in birth pains*

**Rev 12:1-4**

*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.*

# Conflict on Earth

Serpent



Woman

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman,*

Christ

# War in Heaven

Dragon

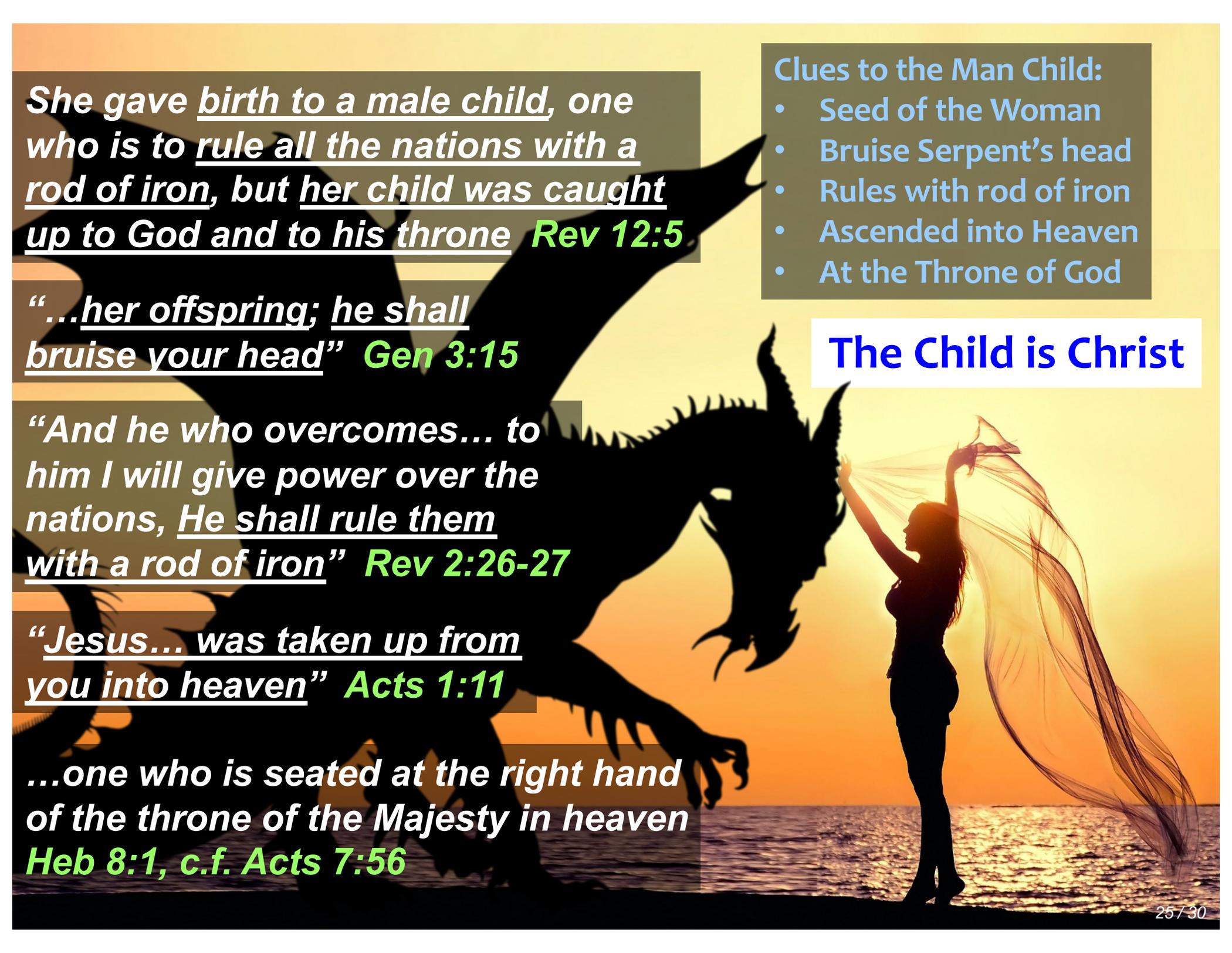


Woman

*"that ancient serpent" Rev 12:9*

Christ

*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**

## Fleeing the Dragon

*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**



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In Sun

Affliction of  
Red Dragon

Wilderness,  
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Eve

$\alpha$ : First



Hagar

Lowliest



Mary

Highest



Woman  
In Sun

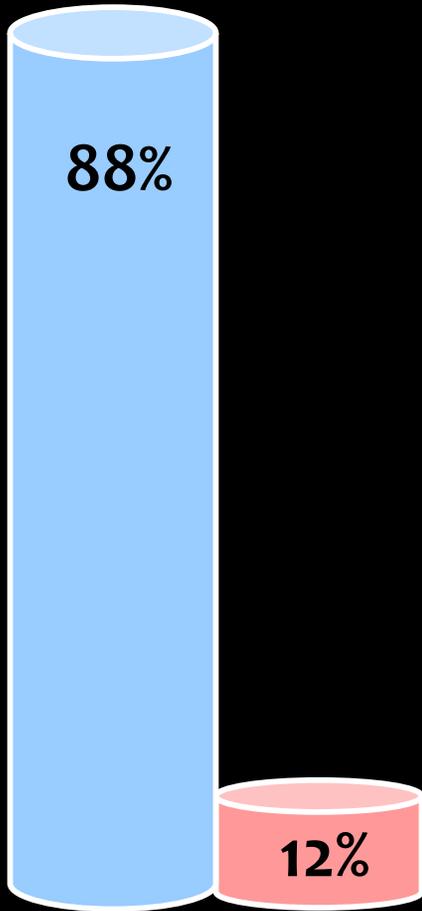
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# Defender of Life

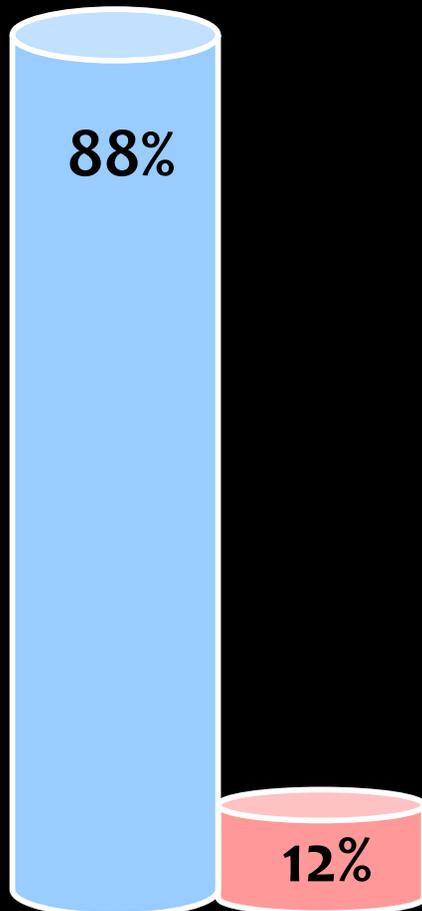
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### Murder



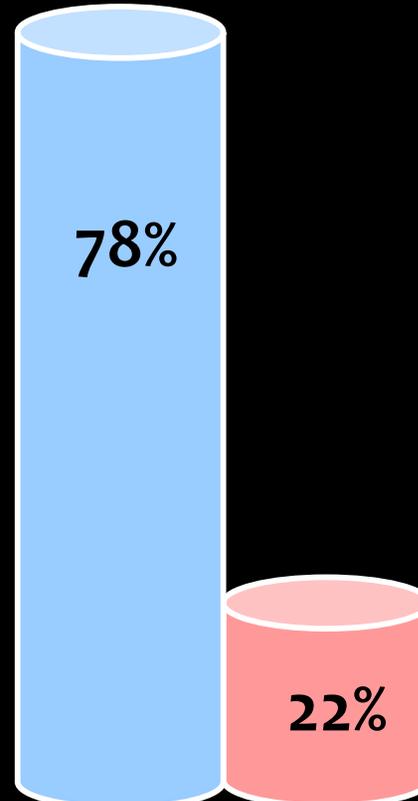
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### Robbery



Male Female

### Agg. Assault



Male Female

## Murderers US, 1980-2008

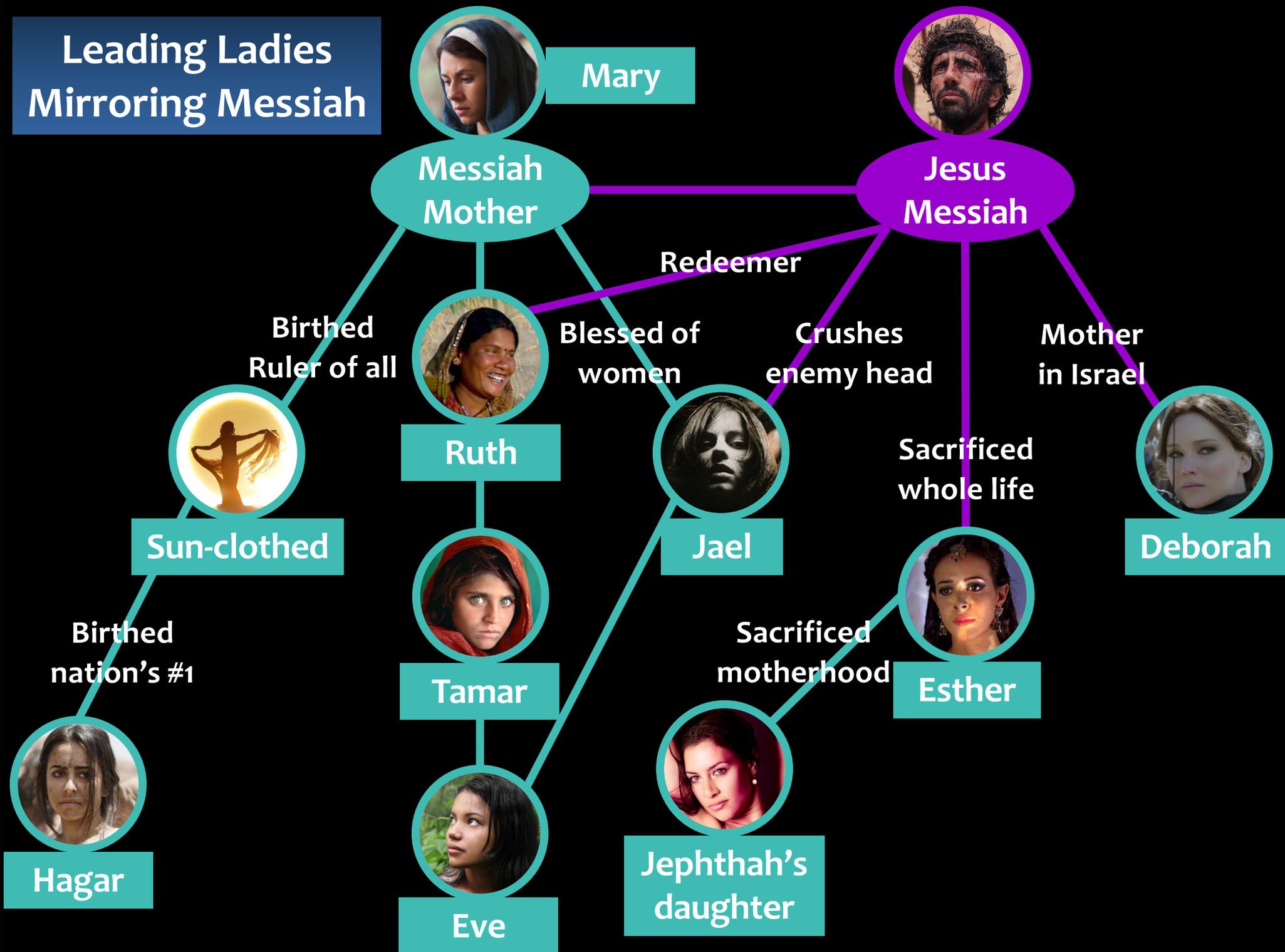


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*Crim. Just. Info. Serv. Div., FBI, US Dept of Just.*

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# Leading Ladies Mirroring Messiah



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