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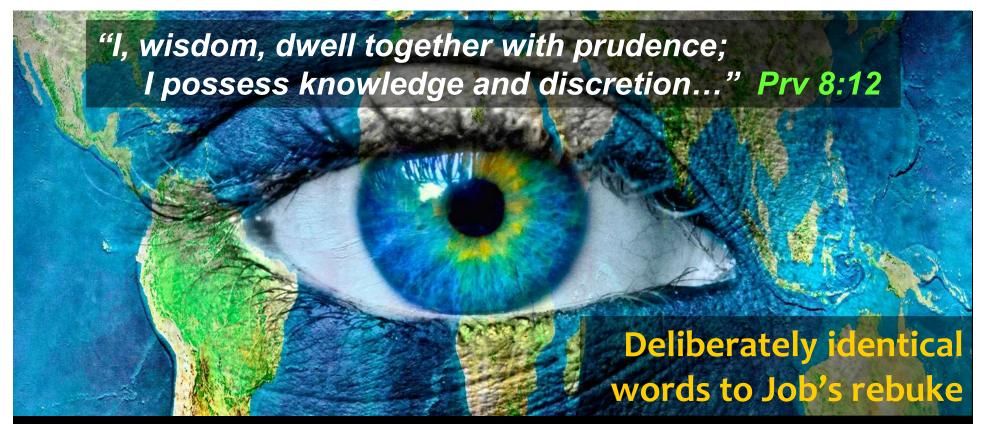


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Leading Ladies

Class 4 - Where May She be Found - Wisdom's Story

Leading Ladies





"I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth."

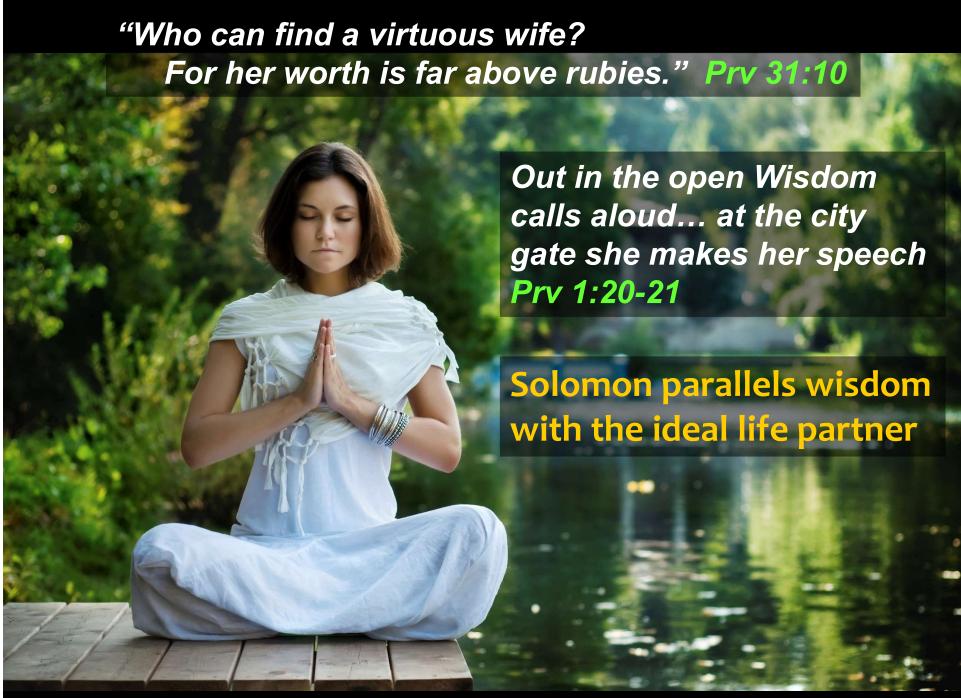
Prv 8:27-29

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Purpose of Proverbs
The proverbs of Solomon
son of David, king of Israel:
for gaining wisdom
and instruction Prv 1:1-2





Proverbs





Lady Wisdom





Proverbs 1, 8, 31



Proverbs 7





Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life. Prv 31:10-12

Lady Wisdom Has Virtue



She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants
She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
Prv 31:15-17

Lady Wisdom Works Hard



She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. Prv 31:22-24

"Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her [Jesus' Bride] to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) Rev 19:8

Lady Wisdom Acts Righteously



"I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion...

By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth."

Prv 8:12-16

Lady Wisdom Creates Kings





Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.
(She is unruly and defiant,
her feet never stay at home;
now in the street, now in the squares,
at every corner she lurks.)
Prv 7:10-12

The Seductress Walks the Streets and Squares at Night

I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. Prv 7:16



The Seductress Reflects Egypt

I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. Prv 7:17

[the wise men] bowed down and worshiped [Jesus] ...they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Mt 2:11



Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. Jn 19:39-40

The Seductress' Bed is perfumed with Death

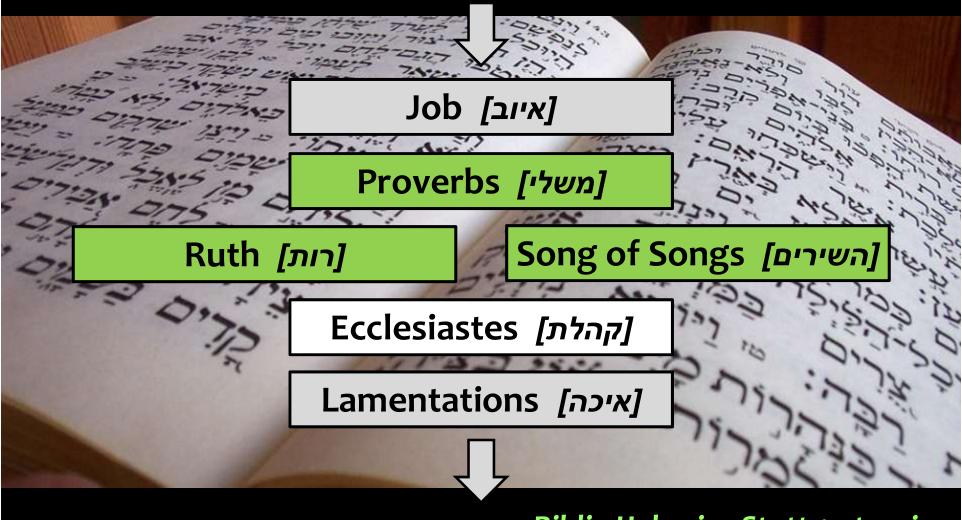
With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life... Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death. Prv 7:21-23,27



The Seductress lures Men away to Death



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Virtuous



Ruth



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"And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman." Ruth 3:11

Vigorous Worker



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She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

Prv 31:15-17

Ruth



"She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now..." So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered...
[40 lbs / 18 kg] carried it back to town, and [Naomi] saw how much she had gathered. Ruth 2:7,17-18

Clothed in Fine Linen = Righteous



Ruth



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(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) Rev 19:8

"I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband... May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." Ruth 2:11-12

Creates a King



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and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern,

and nobles—all who rule on earth."

Prv 8:12-16

This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron... Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

Ruth 4:18-22

Ruth

Leaves Israel for Moab (1:1)

TRAGEDY

Famine and mourning (1:1-5)



Ruth loses her husband (1:5)

Naomi directs Ruth to Moab (1:11-15)

Spiritual union of Ruth and God (1:16-18)

Ruth comes to Bethlehem (1:22)

Ruth gains a husband (4:10)

Joy and plenty (4:13-17)



GLORY

King of Jerusalem is born (4:22)



Essence of Wisdom connects with <u>God</u>

Proverbs





Lady Wisdom





Proverbs 1, 8, 31



Proverbs 7

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Book of Ruth



Proverbs 7

Walks the Streets at Night

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now in the street, now in the squares,
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Prv 7:10-12

Lebanese Bride

All night long on my bed
I looked for the one my heart loves;
I looked for him but did not find him.
I will get up now and go about the city,
through its streets and squares;
I will search for the one my heart loves.
Song 3:1-2





"Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, come with me from Lebanon."

"The fragrance of your garments is like that of Lebanon."

'You are a garden fountain, a well of flowing water streaming down from Lebanon"

"Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon looking toward Damascus."

Song 4:8,11,15; 7:4

The Bride is Lebanese

(Can't be the Bride of Christ)

Bed of Egyptian Linen

I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt.

Prv 7:16



Lebanese Bride

"I liken you, my darling, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariot horses."

"If only you were to me like a brother...
Then, if I found you outside... I would kiss you, and no one would despise me"
Song 1:9, 8:1



Bed Perfumed with Myrrh = **Death**

I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. Prv 7:17



Lebanese Bride

And our bed is verdant ... My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to browse in the gardens... henna ... nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon... with myrrh and aloes."

Song 1:16, 6:2, 4:13-14



Leads Men Away to Death

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Prv 7:21-23,27

"Come away, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the spice-laden mountains." Song 8:14

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense." Song 4:6



Lebanese Bride



Proverbs





Lady Wisdom



Seductress Hedonism

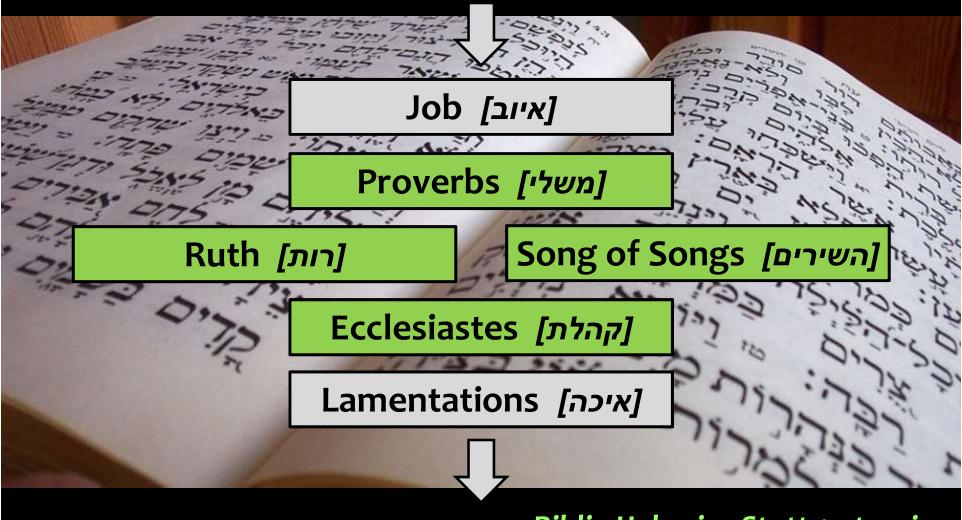


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Essence of Hedonism disconnects with Jerusalem

