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Leading Ladies

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

# *Leading Ladies*

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*“Where May She Be Found?”*

*Wisdom’s Story*



***“I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;  
I possess knowledge and discretion...” Prv 8:12***

**Deliberately identical  
words to Job’s rebuke**

***“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***

# *Lady Wisdom*



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



***“Who can find a virtuous wife?***

***For her worth is far above rubies.” Prv 31:10***

***Out in the open Wisdom  
calls aloud... at the city  
gate she makes her speech  
Prv 1:20-21***

***Solomon parallels wisdom  
with the ideal life partner***



# Proverbs



**Lady Wisdom**

**Seductress, Hedonism**



**Proverbs 1, 8, 31**



**Proverbs 7**

## Four Pillars of Wisdom



## Lady Wisdom



*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



## Lady Wisdom



***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

## Lady Wisdom



*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

## Lady Wisdom



*“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

# *Lady Wisdom*

**Virtuous**  
*Prv 31:10*

**Works Hard**  
*Prv 31:15-19*

**Enables Kings' Reign** *Prv 8:15*

**Bed of Righteousness**  
*Prv 31:20-24*

## Four Pillars of Seduction



## The Seductress

*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

## The Seductress

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



The Seductress Reflects Egypt

## The Seductress

*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



## The Seductress

*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

# *Seductress*

**Roams Streets  
by Night**  
*Prv 7:10-12*

**Bed linen  
from Egypt**  
*Prv 7:16*

**Bed perfumed  
with Death**  
*Prv 7:17*

**Leads Men  
away to Death**  
*Prv 7:21-27*

# Biblical Scroll Order

Job [איוב]

Proverbs [משלי]

Ruth [רות]

Song of Songs [השירים]

Ecclesiastes [קהלת]

Lamentations [איכה]

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## Virtuous



Ruth



*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***

*“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



Ruth



*She gets up while it is still night;  
she provides food for her family  
and portions for her female servants...*

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

*Prv 31:15-17*

*“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



*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 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



Ruth

*“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*



*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)

Famine and mourning (1:1-5)

**TRAGEDY**

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 God**



# Proverbs



**Lady Wisdom**

**Seductress Hedonism**



**Proverbs 1, 8, 31**

**Proverbs 7**

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**Book of Ruth**



***Proverbs 7***

## Walks the Streets at Night

*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.)*

*Prov 7:10-12*

*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*



Lebanese Bride





## The Song's Bride is from Lebanon

*“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.***

*Prov 7:16*

*“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*



Lebanese Bride



## Bed Perfumed with Myrrh = Death

*I have perfumed my bed  
with **myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.***

*Prov 7:17*

*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*



Lebanese Bride



## Leads Men Away to Death

*With persuasive words **she led him astray**;  
she seduced him with her smooth talk.*

***All at once he followed her...***

***like a deer stepping into a noose...***

***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***

***“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***



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**Song**

King in Jerusalem  
(1:12-17)

**GLORY**

Joy and plenty  
(2:1-17)



King gains his  
Bride (3:11)

King directs Bride  
from Lebanon (4:8)

**Sexual union of  
King and Bride (5:1)**

Bride directs King  
(7:16 & 8:14)

King enslaved  
to Bride (8:6)



**TRAGEDY**

Spiritual poverty  
(8:10-13)

King lured out of  
Jerusalem (8:14)

**Essence of Hedonism  
disconnects with Jerusalem**

