

The Bible and the Bechdel Test: Women in Scripture

The Bechdel Test, named after artist Alison Bechdel, is a measure of female representation in stories. The test has three criteria: (1) at least two [named] women, (2) have a conversation, (3) not about a man. The following table, inspired by [Paidiske](#) and using data from [viz.bible](#), lists all the scenes in the Bible where either two women appear together (#1) or a woman speaks (#2), and then attempts to (#3) categorize what they discuss (note: pregnancies and babies are not always considered a “man”). Each scene includes several presentative verses, and scenes are highlighted when they meet the first **two criteria** or **all three**.

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Gen 3:1-24	² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 4:1-26	¹ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” ²⁵ Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 16:1-6	² She said 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. ³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.	•	•	•		•
Gen 16:7-16	⁸ And he said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?” “I’m running away from my mistress Sarai,” she answered. ¹³ She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 18:1-15	¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” ¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 19:30-38	³⁰ Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. ³¹ One day the older daughter said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children—as is the custom all over the earth.” ³⁴ The next day the older daughter said to the younger, “Last night I slept with my father. Let’s get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father.”		•	•	•	

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Gen 21:1-7	⁶ Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 21:8-21	⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.” ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob.	•	•	•		•
Gen 22:20-24	²³ Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milkah bore these eight sons to Abraham’s brother Nahor. ²⁴ His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maakah.	•	•		•	
Gen 24:1-67	¹⁵ Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. ¹⁸ “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. ¹⁹ After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 25:19-34	²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.	•	•	•		•
Gen 26:1-35	³⁴ When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.	•	•		•	
Gen 27:1-46	⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau...” ⁴² When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, “Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you...” ⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I’m disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.”	•	•	•		
Gen 29:14-30	¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful.	•	•		•	
Gen 29:31-30:24	¹⁴ Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.” ¹⁵ But she said to her, “Wasn’t it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son’s mandrakes too?” “Very well,” Rachel said, “he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son’s mandrakes.”	•	•	•	•	

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Gen 31:1-21	⁴ So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were. ¹⁴ Then Rachel and Leah replied, “Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father’s estate?”	•	•	•		•
Gen 31:22-55	³⁴ Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them inside her camel’s saddle and was sitting on them. Laban searched through everything in the tent but found nothing. ³⁵ Rachel said to her father, “Don’t be angry, my lord, that I cannot stand up in your presence; I’m having my period.” So he searched but could not find the household gods.	•	•	•		•
Gen 33:1-20	¹ Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. ² He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down.	•	•		•	
Gen 35:1-15	⁸ Now Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died and was buried under the oak outside Bethel. So it was named Allon Bakuth.	•	•		•	
Gen 35:16-29	¹⁷ And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, “Don’t despair, for you have another son.”		•	•	•	•
Gen 36:1-30	² Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite— ³ also Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth. Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, Basemath bore Reuel, and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam and Korah.	•	•		•	
Gen 37:1-11	² This is the account of Jacob’s family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.	•	•		•	
Gen 38:1-30	¹⁶ Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.” “And what will you give me to sleep with you?” she asked. ¹⁷ “I’ll send you a young goat from my flock,” he said. “Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?” she asked. ¹⁸ He said, “What pledge should I give you?” “Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand,” she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. ²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. “I am pregnant by the man who owns these,” she said. And she added, “See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.”	•	•	•		•
Gen 38:1-30	²⁸ As she was giving birth, one of them put out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his wrist and said, “This one came out first.” ²⁹ But when he drew back his hand, his brother came out, and she said, “So this is how you have broken out!” And he was named Perez.		•	•	•	•

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Gen 39:1-23	⁷ and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house... ¹⁴ she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me.”	•	•	•		
Gen 46:1-12	¹⁵ These were the sons Leah bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, besides his daughter Dinah... ¹⁷ Their sister was Serah. ... ¹⁸ These were the children born to Jacob by Zilpah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Leah—sixteen in all. ¹⁸ The sons of Jacob’s wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. In Egypt, Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. ²⁵ These were the sons born to Jacob by Bilhah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Rachel—seven in all.	•	•		•	
Gen 49:29-14	³¹ There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried, and there I buried Leah.	•	•		•	
Exod 1:1-22	¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”		•	•		•
Exod 2:1-10	⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” ⁸ “Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”		•	•	•	•
Exod 2:11-25	¹⁸ When the girls return to Reuel their father, he asked them, “Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.” ¹⁹ They answered, “An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.” ²² Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.”		•	•		
Exod 4:18-31	²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it. “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,” she said. ²⁶ So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said “bridegroom of blood,” referring to circumcision.)	•	•	•		•
Num 12:1-16	¹ Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.	•	•	•		

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Num 26:1-65	⁵⁹ the name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt. To Amram she bore Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.	•	•		•	
Num 27:1-11	¹ The daughters of Zelophehad son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, belonged to the clans of Manasseh son of Joseph. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah and Tirzah. They came forward ² and stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders and the whole assembly at the entrance to the tent of meeting and said, ³ “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among Korah’s followers, who banded together against the Lord, but he died for his own sin and left no sons. Why should our father’s name disappear from his clan because he had no son? Give us property among our father’s relatives.”	•	•	•		•
Num 36:1-13	¹¹ Zelophehad’s daughters—Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milkah and Noah—married their cousins on their father’s side.	•	•		•	
Josh 2:1-24	¹⁶ She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.” ²¹ “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.	•	•	•		•
Josh 15:1-63	¹⁸ One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What can I do for you?” ¹⁹ She replied, “Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water.” So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.	•	•	•		•
Josh 16:1-18	³ Now Zelophehad son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons but only daughters, whose names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah and Tirzah.	•	•	•		•
Judg 1:1-36	¹⁴ One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What can I do for you?” ¹⁵ She replied, “Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water.” So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.	•	•	•		•
Judg 4:1-17	⁶ She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. ⁹ “Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah.	•	•	•		•
Judg 4:18-24	¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Come, my lord, come right in. Don’t be afraid.” So he entered her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. ¹⁹ “I’m thirsty,” he said. “Please give me some water.” She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up. ²² Just then	•	•	•		•

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	Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you’re looking for.” So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead.					
Judg 5:1-31	¹ On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song: ⁶ “In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned; travelers took to winding paths. ⁷ Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel.	•	•	•		•
Judg 10:6-11:40	³⁶ “My father,” she replied, “you have given your word to the Lord. Do to me just as you promised, now that the Lord has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. ³⁷ But grant me this one request,” she said. “Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry.”		•	•		•
Judg 13:1-25	⁶ Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. ¹⁰ The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!” ²³ But his wife answered, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”		•	•		•
Judg 14:1-20	¹⁶ Then Samson’s wife threw herself on him, sobbing, “You hate me! You don’t really love me. You’ve given my people a riddle, but you haven’t told me the answer.” ¹⁷ She cried the whole seven days of the feast. So on the seventh day he finally told her, because she continued to press him. She in turn explained the riddle to her people.		•	•		•
Judg 16:1-22	⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, “Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.” ¹⁵ Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.” ¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, “Come back once more; he has told me everything.”	•	•	•		
Judg 17:1-13	¹ Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephriam ² said to his mother, “The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a curse—I have that silver with me; I took it.” Then his mother said, “The Lord bless you, my son!”		•	•		•
Ruth 1:1-5	³ Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years,	•	•		•	

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Ruth 1:6-22	¹⁶ But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. ¹⁷ Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.	•	•	•	•	•
Ruth 2:1-23	² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.” Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.”	•	•	•	•	•
Ruth 3:1-18	¹ One day Ruth’s mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for.”... ¹⁶ When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?” Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her ¹⁷ and added, “He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’” ¹⁸ Then Naomi said, “Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today.”	•	•	•	•	
Ruth 4:13-17	¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!” ¹⁷ The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.”		•	•	•	
1 Sam 1:1-20	⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.” ²⁰ She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”	•	•	•		•
1 Sam 1:21-28	²² She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.” ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.	•	•	•		•
1 Sam 2:1-11	¹ Then Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.	•	•	•		•
1 Sam 4:12-22	²⁰ As she was dying, the women attending her said, “Don’t despair; you have given birth to a son.” But she did not respond or pay any attention. ²¹ She named the boy Ichabod, saying, “The Glory has departed from Israel”—because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her		•	•	•	•

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	father-in-law and her husband. ²² She said, “The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”					
1 Sam 18:1-30	¹⁹ So when the time came for Merab, Saul’s daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah. ²⁰ Now Saul’s daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased.	•	•		•	
1 Sam 19:1-24	¹¹ Saul sent men to David’s house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David’s wife, warned him, “If you don’t run for your life tonight, tomorrow you’ll be killed.” ¹⁴ When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, “He is ill.” ¹⁷ Saul said to Michal, “Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?” Michal told him, “He said to me, ‘Let me get away. Why should I kill you?’”	•	•	•		•
1 Sam 25:1-44	¹⁴ One of the servants told Abigail, Nabal’s wife, “David sent messengers from the wilderness to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them. ¹⁹ Then she told her servants, “Go on ahead; I’ll follow you.” ⁴² Abigail quickly got on a donkey and, attended by her five female servants, went with David’s messengers and became his wife.	•	•	•	•	
1 Sam 27:1-2	³ David and his men settled in Gath with Achish. Each man had his family with him, and David had his two wives: Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail of Carmel, the widow of Nabal.	•	•		•	
1 Sam 28:3-25	⁹ But the woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?” ¹¹ Then the woman asked, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” “Bring up Samuel,” he said. ¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!”		•	•		
1 Sam 30:1-31	⁵ David’s two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.	•	•		•	
2 Sam 2:1-7	² So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.	•	•		•	
2 Sam 2:8-3:5	² Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel; ³ his second, Kileab the son of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; the third, Absalom the son of Maakah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; ⁴ the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; ⁵ and the sixth, Ithream the son of David’s wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.	•	•		•	
2 Sam 6:1-23	²⁰ When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has	•	•	•		

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	distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!"					
2 Sam 11:1-27	⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."	•	•	•		•
2 Sam 13:1-22	¹⁶ "No!" [Tamar] said to him. "Sending me away would be a greater wrong than what you have already done to me." But he refused to listen to her.	•	•	•		•
2 Sam 14:1-33	⁴ When the woman from Tekoa went to the king, she fell with her face to the ground to pay him honor, and she said, "Help me, Your Majesty!" ⁵ The king asked her, "What is troubling you?" She said, "I am a widow; my husband is dead"		•	•		•
2 Sam 16:15-23	²⁰ When Absalom's men came to the woman at the house, they asked, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" The woman answered them, "They crossed over the brook." The men searched but found no one, so they returned to Jerusalem.		•	•		
2 Sam 17:24-18	²⁵ Absalom had appointed Amasa over the army in place of Joab. Amasa was the son of Jether, an Ishmaelite who had married Abigail, the daughter of Nahash and sister of Zeruijah the mother of Joab.	•	•		•	
2 Sam 20:1-22	¹⁶ A wise woman called from the city, "Listen! Listen! Tell Joab to come here so I can speak to him." ¹⁷ He went toward her, and she asked, "Are you Joab?" "I am," he answered. She said, "Listen to what your servant has to say." "I'm listening," he said. ¹⁸ She continued, "Long ago they used to say, 'Get your answer at Abel,' and that settled it." ²² The woman said to Joab, "His head will be thrown to you from the wall."		•	•		
2 Sam 21:1-14	⁸ But the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Aiah's daughter Rizpah, whom she had borne to Saul, together with the five sons of Saul's daughter Merab, whom she had borne to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite.	•	•		•	
1 Kgs 1:1-27	¹⁵ So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him. ¹⁶ Bathsheba bowed down, prostrating herself before the king. "What is it you want?" the king asked. ¹⁷ She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the Lord your God: 'Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne.'	•	•	•		
1 Kgs 1:28-53	³¹ Then Bathsheba bowed down with her face to the ground, prostrating herself before the king, and said, "May my lord King David live forever!"	•	•	•		
1 Kgs 2:13-46	¹³ Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. Bathsheba asked him, "Do you come peacefully?" He answered, "Yes, peacefully." ¹⁴ Then he added, "I have something to say to you." "You may say it," she replied. Now I have one request to make of you. Do not refuse me." "You may make it," she said.	•	•	•		•

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1 Kgs 3:16-28	¹⁷ One of them said, “Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me.” ²² The other woman said, “No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours.” But the first one insisted, “No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine.” And so they argued before the king. ²⁶ The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!” But the other said, “Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!”		•	•		•
1 Kgs 10:1-13	⁶ She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true.	•	•	•		•
1 Kgs 11:14-25	¹⁹ Pharaoh was so pleased with Hadad that he gave him a sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes, in marriage. The sister of Tahpenes bore him a son named Genubath, whom Tahpenes brought up in the royal palace. There Genubath lived with Pharaoh’s own children.	•	•		•	
1 Kgs 17:7-24	¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?” ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”		•	•		•
1 Kgs 19:1-9	² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”	•	•	•		•
1 Kgs 21:1-29	⁵ His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, “Why are you so sullen? Why won’t you eat?” ⁶ He answered her, “Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, ‘Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.’ But he said, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” ⁷ Jezebel his wife said, “Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I’ll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”	•	•	•		•
2 Kgs 4:1-7	¹ The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.” ² Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”		•	•		•
2 Kgs 4:8-37	⁸ One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. ⁹ She said to her husband, “I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. ¹⁰ Let’s make a small room on the		•	•		

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	roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”					
2 Kgs 5:1-27	² She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”		•	•		
2 Kgs 6:24-31	²⁶ As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, “Help me, my lord the king!” ²⁸ Then he asked her, “What’s the matter?” She answered, “This woman said to me, ‘Give up your son so we may eat him today, and tomorrow we’ll eat my son.’ ²⁹ So we cooked my son and ate him. The next day I said to her, ‘Give up your son so we may eat him,’ but she had hidden him.”		•	•		•
2 Kgs 8:1-6	⁶ The king asked the woman about it, and she told him. Then he assigned an official to her case and said to him, “Give back everything that belonged to her, including all the income from her land from the day she left the country until now.”		•	•		•
2 Kgs 9:30-37	³⁰ When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out the window. ³¹ As Jehu entered the gate, she asked, “Have you come in peace, you Zimri, you murderer of your master?”	•	•	•		
2 Kgs 11:1-21	² But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed.	•	•		•	
2 Kgs 22:1-20	¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her. ¹⁵ She said to them ... ¹⁸ Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: ¹⁹ Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people”	•	•	•		•
1 Chr 1:28-34	³² The sons born to Keturah, Abraham’s concubine: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. ³³ The sons of Midian: Ephah, Ephraim, Hanok, Abida and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Keturah.	•	•		•	
1 Chr 1:35-54	³⁹ The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. Timna was Lotan’s sister. ⁵⁰ When Baal-Hanan died, Hadad succeeded him as king. His city was named Pau, and his wife’s name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab.	•	•		•	
1 Chr 2:3-23	³ The sons of Judah: Er, Onan and Shelah. These three were born to him by a Canaanite woman, the daughter of Shua. Er, Judah’s firstborn, was	•	•		•	

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	wicked in the Lord’s sight; so the Lord put him to death. Judah’s daughter-in-law Tamar bore Perez and Zerah to Judah. He had five sons in all. Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail.					
1 Chr 7:13-19	¹³ The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer and Shillem —the descendants of Bilhah. ¹⁴ The descendants of Manasseh: Asriel was his descendant through his Aramean concubine. She gave birth to Makir the father of Gilead. ¹⁵ Makir took a wife from among the Huppites and Shuppites. His sister’s name was Maakah. Another descendant was named Zelophehad, who had only daughters.	•	•		•	
1 Chr 7:30-40	³⁰ The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi and Beriah. Their sister was Serah. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malkiel, who was the father of Birzaith.	•	•		•	
2 Chr 9:1-12	¹ When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon’s fame, she came to Jerusalem to test him with hard questions... ⁵ She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true.	•	•	•		
2 Chr 11:18-23	¹⁸ Rehoboam married Mahalath, who was the daughter of David’s son Jerimoth and of Abihail, the daughter of Jesse’s son Eliab. ¹⁹ She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah and Zaham. ²⁰ Then he married Maakah daughter of Absalom, who bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith. ²¹ Rehoboam loved Maakah daughter of Absalom more than any of his other wives and concubines. In all, he had eighteen wives and sixty concubines, twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.	•	•		•	
2 Chr 22:1-12	¹⁰ When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family of the house of Judah. ¹¹ But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes who were about to be murdered and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.	•	•		•	
2 Chr 23:1-21	¹³ She looked, and there was the king, standing by his pillar at the entrance. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and musicians with their instruments were leading the praises. Then Athaliah tore her robes and shouted, “Treason! Treason!”	•	•	•		
Neh 6:1-15	¹⁴ Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.	•	•	•		
Esth 2:1-18	¹⁶ She was taken to King Xerxes in the royal residence in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. ¹⁷ Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his	•	•		•	

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	favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.					
Esth 4:1-17	¹⁶ “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”	•	•	•		•
Esth 5:1-8	⁴ “If it pleases the king,” replied Esther, “let the king, together with Haman, come today to a banquet I have prepared for him.”	•	•	•		
Esth 5:9-14	¹⁴ His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, “Have a pole set up, reaching to a height of fifty cubits, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself.” This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.	•	•	•		•
Esth 6:1-14	¹³ His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, “Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!” ¹⁴ While they were still talking with him, the king’s eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.	•	•		•	
Esth 7:1-10	³ Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king.” ⁶ Esther said, “An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.	•	•	•		
Esth 9:1-19	⁵ “If it pleases the king,” Esther answered, “give the Jews in Susa permission to carry out this day’s edict tomorrow also, and let Haman’s ten sons be impaled on poles.”	•	•	•		•
Job 1:1-13	⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!”		•	•		•
Isa 60:1-22	⁷ All Kedar’s flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will adorn my glorious temple.	•	•			
Jer 44:1-30	¹⁹ The women added, “When we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did not our husbands know that we were making cakes impressed with her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?”		•	•		•
Ezek 23:1-49	⁴ The older was named Oholah, and her sister was Oholibah. They were mine and gave birth to sons and daughters. Oholah is Samaria, and	•	•		•	

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	Oholibah is Jerusalem. ³⁶ The Lord said to me: “Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then confront them with their detestable practices, ⁴⁴ And they slept with her. As men sleep with a prostitute, so they slept with those lewd women, Oholah and Oholibah.					
Dan 5:1-31	¹⁰ The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. “May the king live forever!” she said. “Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale!”	•	•	•		
Matt 1:1-17	¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, ⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.	•	•		•	
Matt 9:18-26	²¹ She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”		•	•		•
Matt 14:1-12	⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”		•	•	•	
Matt 15:21-28	²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” ²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”		•	•		•
Matt 27:45-56	⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.	•	•		•	
Matt 27:57-61	⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.	•	•		•	
Matt 28:1-10	¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”	•	•	•		•
Mark 5:21-43	²⁸ she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.		•	•		•

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Mark 6:14-29	²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.” ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?” “The head of John the Baptist,” she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”		•	•	•	
Mark 7:24-30	²⁸ “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”		•	•		•
Mark 15:33-41	⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.	•	•		•	
Mark 15:42-47	⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.	•	•		•	
Mark 16:1-8	¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”	•	•	•	•	•
Mark 16:9-20	¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.	•	•	•	•	
Luke 1:26-38	³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” ³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.	•	•	•		
Luke 1:39-56	³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” ⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord.” Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.	•	•	•	•	•
Luke 1:57-66	⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”	•	•	•		
Luke 2:22-40	³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.	•	•	•	•	•

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	³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.					
Luke 4:38-44	³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.	•	•		•	
Luke 8:1-15	² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.	•	•		•	
Luke 8:40-53	⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.		•		•	•
Luke 10:38-42	⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”	•	•	•		
Luke 11:14-28	²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”		•	•		•
Luke 18:1-8	³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’		•	•		•
Luke 24:1-12	¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.	•	•	•		
John 2:1-12	³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” ⁴ “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells y’all.” ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.					
John 4:1-42	¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”		•	•		•

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John 8:1-11	¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”		•	•		•
John 11:1-16	¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”	•	•	•		
John 11:17-37	²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”	•	•	•		•
John 11:17-37	²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.”	•	•	•	•	
John 12:1-11	² Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.	•	•		•	
John 19:16-27	²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.	•	•		•	
John 20:11-18	¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.	•	•	•		
Acts 5:1-11	⁸ Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”	•	•	•		•
Acts 12:1-19	¹³ Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, “Peter is at the door!”	•	•	•		
Acts 16:11-15	¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If	•	•	•		•

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	you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.					
Acts 16:16-40	¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”		•	•		
Acts 18:18-28	²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.	•	•	•		•
1 Cor 16:19	¹⁹ The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.	•	•	•		•
1 Tim 2:1-15	¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived; it was the woman who being deceived became a sinner, ¹⁵ but she will be saved through [Mary’s] childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.	•	•	•		•
2 Tim 4:19-21	¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus... ²¹ Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.	•	•	•		•