Women Leaders in the Bible

1. **Miriam – prophet, lead the singing and dancing, was listed as leader in Israel**

   Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. **Ex 15:20**

   I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. **Micah 6:4**

2. **Huldah – prophet to the king**

   Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him went to speak to the prophet **Huldah**, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the New Quarter. 2 Chronicles 34:22

3. **Deborah – wife, prophet, judge (leader) over all Israel, lead the army of Israel into battle, called a Mother in Israel**

   Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. **Judges 4:4**

   She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. **Judges 4:5**

   "Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah. "But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. **Judges 4:9**

   Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel. **Judges 5:7**

4. **Esther – an orphan, raised by her uncle, chosen to replace Queen Vashti, risked her life, saved her people**

   Book of Esther

5. **Mary – a virgin pledged to be married, God chooses her to conceive, carry, birth and raise His Son, brave, thinker**

   "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. **Luke 1:38**

   But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **Luke 2:19**

6. **Anna – Prophet and Intercessor**

   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, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 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 2:26-38**

7. **Lydia – worshipper of God, businesswoman, leader of house church**

   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. **Acts 16:14**

   After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left. **Acts 16:40**

8. **Priscilla – wife, teacher, co-worker with Paul, co-leader with her husband**

   Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. **Acts 18:18a**

   He [Apollos] 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. **Acts 18:26**

   Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. **Rom 16:3**

   Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. **1 Co 16:19**

9. **Phoebe – deacon in the church, commended by Paul, giver**

   I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae [sen cree a]. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. **Rom 16:1-2**

10. **Junia – a Jew, went to prison for her faith along with Paul, an outstanding Apostle**

    Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. **Romans 16:7**