

# PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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## UUUUGLY WOMEN WE READ ABOUT IN THE BIBLE

I think most of us have known or know people who are outwardly very attractive, but who are in reality just as ugly as can be, so far as the inward person is concerned (cf. **1 Pet. 3:4**). For example, lots of people think Britney Spears is good looking, but she has proven to be, in reality, a very ugly girl. The same may be said for the likes of Madonna, Christina Aguilera, Angelina Jolie, Lindsay Lohan, etc. The purpose of this article is to point out several ugly women that can be read about in the Bible.

### POTIPHAR’S WIFE WAS AN UGLY WOMAN

*“And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither... And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison...” (Gen. 39:1, 7-20).*

A sexual deviant and a heartless liar! Potiphar’s wife may have been outwardly beautiful, but she was, in reality, ugly to the bone!

### DELILAH WAS AN UGLY WOMAN

*“And it came to pass afterward, that he [Samson] loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver” (Jdg. 16:4-5).*

Delilah jumped at the chance to be rich. We pick up the account after she has failed to trap Samson three times.

*“And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house” (Jdg. 16:16-21).*

Delilah may have been a knock-out, but in reality this temptress was only an ugly, self-serving, manipulator.

### THERE ARE MANY OTHER UGLY WOMEN ONE CAN READ ABOUT IN SCRIPTURE

Murderous and idolatrous Jezebel was ugly (**1 Kgs. 18:4, 19**). The whore in Proverbs likely was whistled at in her harlot’s attire, but she was just plain ugly (**Prv. 7:4-27**). Herodias was an ugly woman (**Mk. 6:14-28**). Sapphira was ugly (**Ax. 5:1-9**). Etc.

Are you an ugly woman?