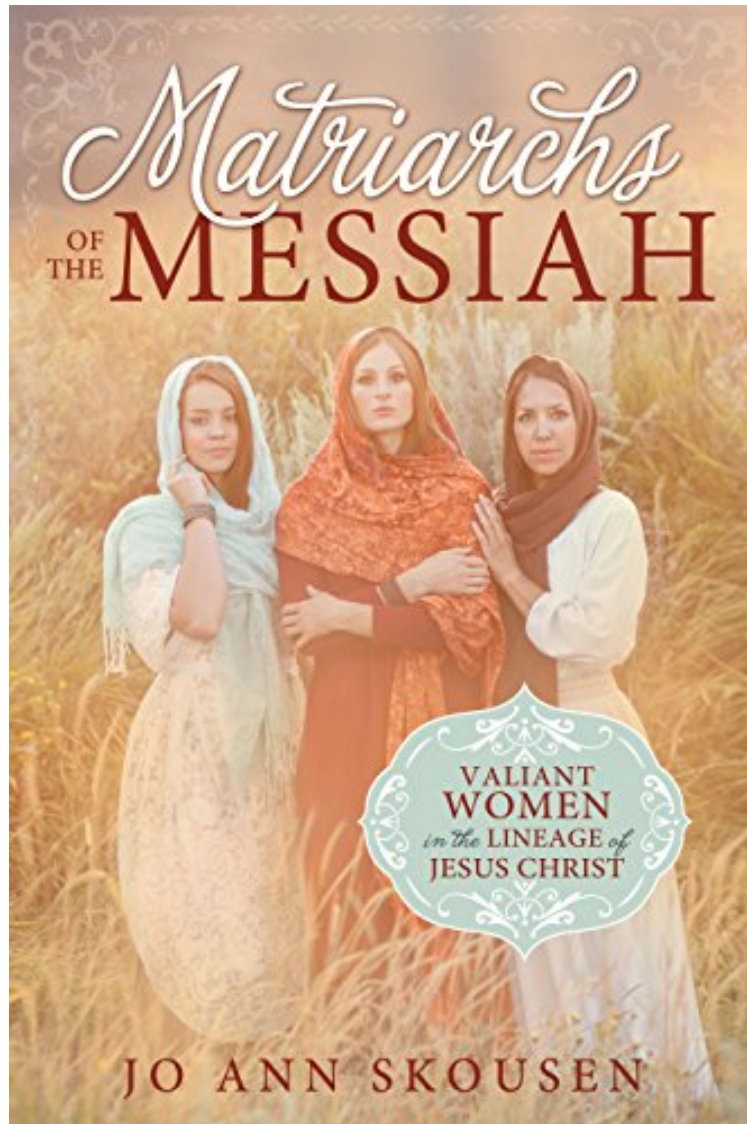


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Believers and non-believers alike will be fascinated and inspired by the women whose stories are skillfully told here by Jo Ann Skousen. Their trials, triumphs, strengths and shortcomings will speak to both women and men today. Skousen's knowledge of the times in which they lived is particularly impressive. --Steve Forbes, Editor-in-chief, Forbes Magazine This is a book that opens the Bible and reveals its riches. Jo Ann Skousen shows fine insight in gathering the stories of the Bible's women, tracing their relationships, and establishing their value for modern readers. No book that I know does a better job with this important subject. The book is crisp, clear and engaging throughout a thoughtful and inspiring work. --Stephen Cox, Professor of Literature, University of California, San Diego; author of *The New Testament and Literature*, *American Christianity*, and others. In her well-written and very readable *Matriarchs of the Messiah*, Jo Ann Skousen rescues several interesting and important women from their relative biblical obscurity. Retelling their stories with empathy and a trained literary eye, she shows how, despite the constraints of their culturally imposed roles, they acted as free and fully three-dimensional human beings. Sometimes, indeed, forced to choose priorities and to decide between competing values, they went directly against those cultural constraints to make courageous decisions that powerfully affected not only the narrative of the Bible but, in pivotal ways, the general history of humankind. Most notably, through their choices, these women became ancestors of Christ or, in one case, his close and supportive associate and the first witness to his resurrection. These are fascinating stories, worthy of our reflection. In *Matriarchs of the Messiah*, Jo Ann Skousen has given them some of the attention they deserve. --Daniel Peterson, Professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic, Brigham Young University; author, *Abraham Divided* and others