



So was She

SEEN
by God
MADE
in his image

Anna &
the Widows

Almanah

Wetjen

So was She



Some Widows In The Bible

Verses

1. Tamar (daughter-in-law of Judah)

(Gen 38:6-11)
(widowed twice)

2. The mother of Hiram from Tyre

(1 Kin 7:13-14)

3. The widow of Zarephath

(1 Kin 17:8-24)

4. Zeruah, mother of Jeroboam

(1 Kin 11:26)

5. The widow with two sons

(2 Kin 4:1-7)

6. Naomi

(Ruth 1:1-5)

7. Orpah

(Ruth 1:1-5)

8. Ruth

(Ruth 1:1-5)
(later married Boaz)

9. Anna

(**Lk 2:36-38**)

10. The widow of Nain

(**Lk 7:11-16**)

11. Widow with the two mites

(**Lk 21:1-4**)
(Mk 12:41-44)

12. Widows mourning the death of Tabitha

(Acts 9:36-41)



God Cares for & Defends

Ps. 68:5, Ps. 146:9, Deut. 10:18

Deut. 24:17, Prov. 15:25

We are to Care for

Isa. 1:17, Zech. 7:10, Jer. 7:6-7,

Acts 6:1-6, 1 Tim. 5:3-16

God Punishes those who Harm

Ex. 22:22-24, Deut. 27:19,

Jer. 22:3-5, Mal. 3:5, Mt. 23:14,

Mk. 12:38-40, Lk. 20:46-47

Lesson Outline

Anna & the Widows

- General status of widows
- Anna
- Widow from Nain
- Widow's offering
- Lessons for today's women

Luke Ch. 2, 7 & 21



Grieving, Shunned & Destitute

Anna & the Widows

Common Status of Widows

- Punishment for sin
- Displaced in society
- Financially vulnerable

Psalm 68:5





Who is Anna?

Anna & the Widows

- Daughter of Penuel, Tribe of Asher (Zilpah/Leah)
- Prophet
- Met Baby Jesus at the Temple
- Confirmed Simeon's testimony about Messiah
- Thanked God
- Witnessed to Jews about The Christ

Luke 2:36-38

Deuteronomy 19:15

Lessons from Anna

Anna & the Widows

- Endure life's challenges; there is a way through
- Be Persistent and Consistent
- Engage in Worshipping, Fasting and Praying
- Proclaim Good News

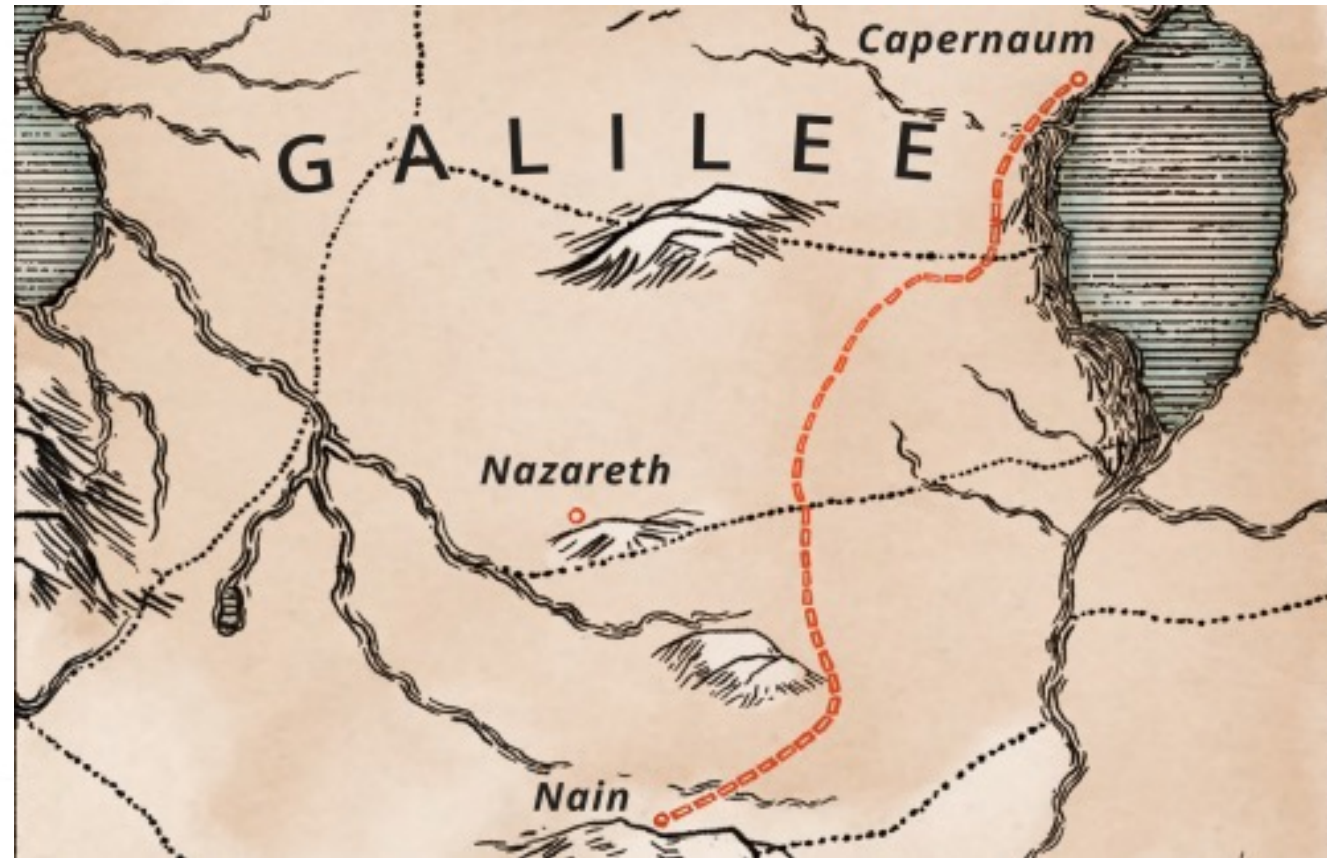


Widow from Nain

Anna & the Widows

- Jesus' encounter with this widow is only in Luke's gospel
- Appears after Jesus heals the centurion's servant
- Before John's messengers ask if He is The One?

Luke 7:11-13



Widow from Nain

Anna & the Widows

- He **saw** her, **sympathized** with her and **spoke** to her
- Jesus restores life to a dead situation
- Just like with Anna, this miracle is additional testimony that Jesus is The Messiah

Luke 7:13



Widow from Nain: Lessons

Anna & the Widows

- God has **compassion** on us; especially in desperate situations
- Jesus **moves toward us**
- The Lord offers us **comfort**
- Jesus risked man's disapproval; we **matter** to Him

"Be strong and courageous... He will not leave you or forsake you."

– **Deuteronomy 31:6**



Widow's Offering

Anna & the Widows

Jesus:

"This poor widow has put in **more** than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty **put in all** she had to live on."

Luke 20:45-47



Widow's Offering: Lessons

Anna & the Widows

- Beware of being like the Scribes
- Give from a pure heart; be a cheerful giver – 2 Cor. 9:7
- Have faith that God will supply our needs
- **We are most like Christ when we give**

