

GALLIMAUFREY PORTRAITS VII

DAUGHTERS OF THE HIGHLAND ORACLE

¹⁵ All the troops with Joab came and besieged Sheba in Abel Beth Maakah. They built a siege ramp up to the city, and it stood against the outer fortifications. While they were battering the wall to bring it down, 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. ¹⁹ We are the peaceful and faithful in Israel. You are trying to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why do you want to swallow up the LORD’s inheritance?” ²⁰ “Far be it from me!” Joab replied, “Far be it from me to swallow up or destroy! ²¹ That is not the case. A man named Sheba son of Bikri, from the hill country of Ephraim, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Hand over this one man, and I’ll withdraw from the city.” The woman said to Joab, “His head will be thrown to you from the wall.” ²² Then the woman went to all the people with her wise advice, and they cut off the head of Sheba son of Bikri and threw it to Joab. So he sounded the trumpet, and his men dispersed from the city, each returning to his home. And Joab went back to the king in Jerusalem.

II Samuel 20:15-22

“As a mother comforts her child so will I comfort you.”

Isaiah 66:13

* Gallimaufry – hodgepodge, collage, scramble, stew, jumble, mixed bag, muddle, mishmash, montage, patchwork, potpourri, mixture

I. Three reasons the devil hates women

A. Daughters of Eve are the gates to life.

B. Daughters of Eve take, multiply, then give back in kind.

C. Daughters of Eve fill in the blanks.

II. Five traits of the Daughter of the Highland oracle.

A. She was famous in her own sphere of influence.

* Embrace your intensive fame.

B. She knew, and represented the best in, her historical lineage.

* Eat the hay, as well as spitting out the sticks, of your family lineage.

C. She was loyal under pressure.

* Your best comes out when you're squeezed.

D. She gave wisdom in a critical hour, and settled a siege.

* Throw the right head over the right wall, at the right time, with the right heart.

E. Her life was other-centered.

* When you won't fight for yourself, you will often fight for others. Use this reality for God's glory!