

The Rise of Women in the End Times

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On June 12, 2024, the following article appeared in the *LA Times*:

Southern Baptists narrowly reject formal ban on churches with any female pastors

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INDIANAPOLIS — Southern Baptists narrowly rejected a proposal Wednesday to enshrine a ban on churches with female pastors in the denomination's constitution after opponents argued it was unnecessary because the denomination already has a way of ousting such churches.

The vote received support from 61% of the delegates, but it failed to get the required two-thirds supermajority. The action reversed a preliminary vote last year in favor of the official ban.

Further:

Ryan Fullerton, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., said the measure is “not about preventing women from exercising their gifts” in the church, in roles on church staff such as “children’s ministers.” But he said the Bible is clear that the office of pastor is for men.

This Pastor Ryan Fullerton has clearly never read his *entire* bible, and has only read a *few* choice verses from which he draws his false conclusions. Let us examine just what the bible actually says about women being pastors of churches.

Jesus Was a Radical Feminist

Jesus (*Yeshua*) was a radical feminist who drew women from far and wide to follow him. **Jesus** preached words of inclusionary equality of all of **God's** children at a time when even speaking with a woman could get you killed.

Matthew 27:55

⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs.

Mark 15:40

⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.

Mark 15:41

⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

While **Jesus** chose twelve men to be his disciples, it was a group of wealthy women who bankrolled out of their own wealth the traveling ministry of **Jesus** and his disciples.

Luke 8:1-3

¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Paying for food, lodging, and nightly feasts with lots of wine for a such a large group for three years was expensive. These women obviously heard and witnessed something from **Jesus** that was worthy of such a financial sacrifice and expense.

The First Churches Had Powerful Female Pastors

Five out of five early churches that **Paul** traveled among, all had powerful female pastors. Three of the churches had solo female pastors, while the other two had co-equal husband and wife pastors.

Pastor Lydia's Church

Lydia was a powerful business owner selling purple cloth, and became the pastor of her church that **Paul** even returned to for support after being released from prison.

Acts 16:13-15

¹³ On the Sabbath we [Paul and his companions] went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

⁴⁰ 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.

Pastor Priscilla and Aquila's Church

Pastor Priscilla and Aquila traveled with **Paul** and preached boldly about **Jesus**. Pastor Priscilla and Aquila even trained others in proper theology and planted other churches. **Paul** considered them co-equals in ministry.

1 Corinthians 16:19

¹⁹ The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

Romans 16:3

³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus.

Acts 18:18

¹⁸ 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 18:24-26

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He 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.

Pastor Apphia and Archippus' Church

Paul's letter to Philemon and Pastor Apphia and Archippus praised the great work and faith of their church.

Philemon 1:1-2

*¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister
and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:*

Pastor Mary's Church in Jerusalem

While there were several **Mary's** in the New Testament, this **Mary** is known as **Mary of Jerusalem** where she was the pastor of her church. **Mary** lived in a house and had at least one servant, so she was likely a wealthy widow. **Mary** had a son named **John Mark** who traveled with **Paul** and is perhaps the author of the writings that later became known as the Gospel of Mark.

Acts 12:12

¹² When this had dawned on him [Paul], he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

Pastor Nympha's Church

From Colossians 4:15, we learn of Pastor Nympha's church. Verse 16 references a long-lost letter that **Paul** wrote that could have shed more light on Pastor Nympha's church.

Colossians 4:15

¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

We have Pastor Lydia, Pastor Mary of Jerusalem, Pastor Nympha, Pastors Apphia and Archippus, and Pastors Priscilla and Aquila to thank for the very existence of Christianity today. Without the risk, sacrifice, and courage of these pastors, who knows if we would even be having this conversation now.

So where do today's delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention get the gall to claim the bible forbids women from becoming pastors?

The Bible Verses Clearly Not Authored by Paul

It is clear that Jesus never said women cannot be pastors, as his words ignited fires and courage in women to become the first pastors, and **Paul's** actions, travels, and words not only included women as pastors, but also credited women with the very spread and success of Christianity.

When you examine the scant few verses that are claimed to be authored by **Paul** prohibiting women from even speaking in church, do you see the glaring contradictions that lead you to conclude with certainty that **Paul** never wrote or approved such instructions.

We know today that **Paul** was not the sole author of many of the letters traditionally credited to **Paul's** pen. Take for example the most often cited verse men use to protect the power of their penises.

1 Timothy 2:12

¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

The *pastoral epistles* (instructions to churches) of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus, were written long after **Paul's** death, yet feigned to appear as **Paul's** words. This '*women must be quiet*' nonsense contradicts everything **Paul** did, and never came from Jesus. Some penis wrote this to protect the power of his penis.

This problem of penis self-protection gets even worse in Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

³⁴ Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. ³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

How can **Paul** ever write *it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church* when **Paul** traveled widely and preached boldly with Pastor Precilla, or returned to Pastor Lydia's church when he got out of prison, or visited and wrote letters to Pastor Mary of Jerusalem, Pastor Nympha, and Pastor Apphia?

It ends up 1 Corinthians was co-authored by Sosthenes, who acted as a scribe to write down what was dictated by **Paul**. Clearly Sosthenes added or changed **Paul's** words at some point. **Paul** never uttered the words of this penis protecting nonsense.

This nonsense dives into the deep end of the bizarre in 1 Corinthians 11, with instructions women must have bags over their heads when they pray to **God**.

1 Corinthians 11:5-6, 13-14

⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved. ⁶ For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head. ¹³ Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴ Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him,

Paul never required this *bag over your head* nonsense from the powerful female pastors he traveled and preached with boldly. **Jesus** never uttered such silliness. This is just more penis protecting from Sosthenes.

By the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD it Was All Over for Women

By the time of the *First Council of Nicaea* in 325 AD it was all over for women in Christian leadership. The penises had reduced women to nothings (nuns) by using verses never written or uttered by **Paul** or **Jesus**.

This penis power persists to this day, now manifesting itself in the Southern Baptist Convention delegates throwing out churches that have female pastors. Further from the *LA Times* article:

But he noted that the convention voted to affirm the ouster of a historic Virginia church Tuesday and two other churches last year, including the California megachurch Saddleback, which all have female pastors and affirmed they could hold top pastoral positions.

The reason for ousting them was that they don't have a faith and practice consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message, the document approved in 2000 that includes the affirmation that the pastoral position is reserved for men.

Mike Law, pastor of Arlington Baptist Church in Virginia and author of the amendment, cited a report that there are about 1,800 female pastors working in the denomination. He cited Bible verses limiting the pastoral office to men.

“Our culture may see this prohibition as harsh, but our God is all wise, and wrote this word for the flourishing of both men and women,” he said.

“This amendment is not about women in ministry,” Law added. “It’s specifically about women in the pastoral office.” He did not spell out the difference in his brief floor speech.

It is painfully obvious these penis protecting men have never even read their own bibles; they have no idea what their bible even says. In fact, for the past 2,000 years, men have used these scant few verses never written by **Paul** or **Jesus** to keep women suppressed and their penises happy.

The irony of **God’s** justice over these evil men, is found deep in end times prophecy written by the prophets of Israel. In the end times when **David** rises to power, who has the spirit of **Elijah** and plays the roles of the return of **John the Baptist**, the **Jewish Messiah**, and the **Islamic Mahdi**, **David** will unite with the return of **Mother Mary** (Psalm 45) to complete the rise and liberation of women that started in the 1960’s. Both will rule the world as king and queen ushering in ever lasting peace that defeats Satan and delivers all those on earth to **God**. Winning the game for **God**.

Jeremiah 31:22

***²² ...The Lord will create a new thing on earth—
the woman will protect the man.***

Isaiah 4:1

***¹ In that day seven women
will take hold of one man
and say, "We will eat our own food
and provide our own clothes;
only let us be called by your [God's] name.
Take away our disgrace!"***

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