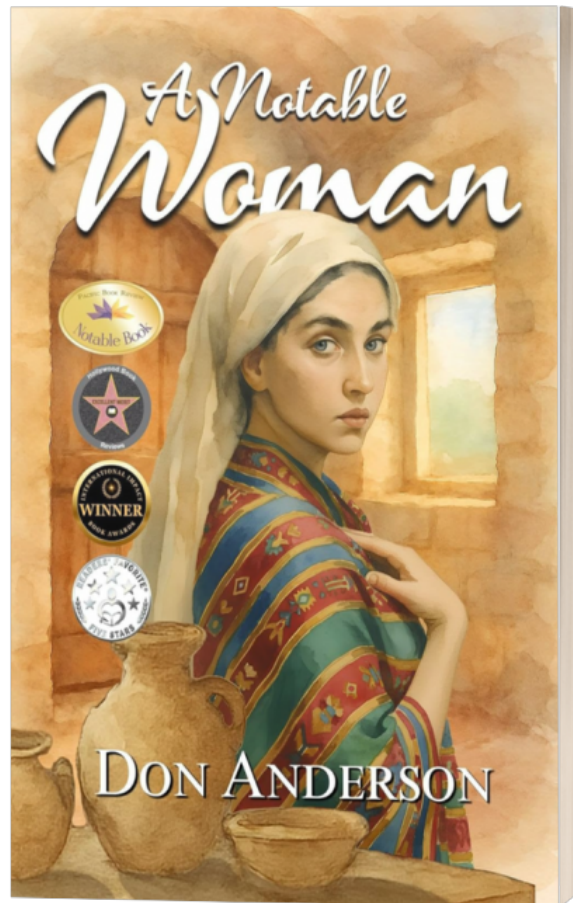


Don Anderson's *A Notable Woman* Reimagines an Unsung Biblical Heroine's Story of Courage and Faith

Inspired by the Shunammite woman in Second Kings, the novel draws on biblical study and the author's Middle Eastern experience to portray a woman whose strength, wisdom, and audacity secured her place in history.



Los Angeles, California Oct 26, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Don Anderson brings an overlooked biblical figure into view in *A Notable Woman*, a retelling inspired by the Shunammite woman whose story appears in chapters four and eight of Second Kings.

Known in scripture only as “*a notable woman*,” the central figure is neither Hebrew nor noble, a warrior, or the ancestor of another biblical character. Yet her courage, generosity, wisdom, and determination establish her as a remarkable heroine in her own right. Anderson imagines the life surrounding the biblical account, exploring the social constraints, private sorrows, and marriage that may have shaped her choices.

The narrative centers on a woman who welcomes a prophet, provides meals for him, and arranges a

room where he can stay during his travels. Her independence becomes striking within the customs of the period. Despite a husband portrayed as distant and older, she acts decisively, advocates for her household, and refuses to be intimidated.

Her composure breaks when the promise of a son touches a deeply guarded wound. That moment reveals the vulnerability beneath her strength and gives emotional weight to the trials that follow. Through hardship and divine intervention, her story becomes one of bravery, faith, and agency.

[Don Anderson](#)'s interpretation is informed by biblical study and exposure to Middle Eastern customs. During a twenty-year Air Force career, he served as a medic, medical professions recruiter, and first sergeant. His assignment in Saudi Arabia during the closing phase of Desert Storm introduced him to local traditions and perspectives that enriched his understanding of the region's culture.

Following military retirement, Anderson served as a psychiatric hospital chaplain, associate pastor, and church founder. He remains active in his Redmond, Oregon, congregation. *A Notable Woman* honors a bold biblical figure whose character continues to invite reflection. The book is available through Amazon and other leading online booksellers.

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