

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Significance

Genealogies

The Women in Matthew's Genealogy

Lesson 3 supplement

Women in a Genealogy? (Aka "Bad Girls of the Bible")

Tamar (Genesis 38)

Rahab (Joshua 2)

Ruth (Ruth 3)

The wife of Uriah (2 Samuel 11)

Mary



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and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar

Deu 25:5-6 If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.



Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38)

Matthew 1:3

and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar



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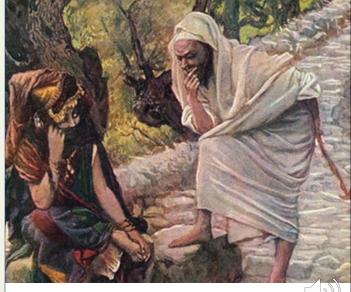
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Gen 38:24-26 About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law ...is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, ...And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah."

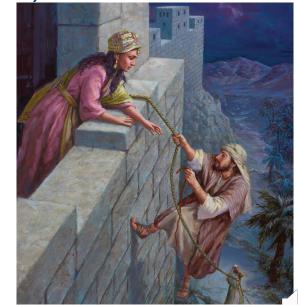
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Matthew 1:3

and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab

Jos 2:12-13 Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."



Rahab (Joshua 2)

Matthew 1:5

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and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth

Lev 25:25 "If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold."



Ruth (Ruth 3)

Matthew 1:5

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and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth

Rth 3:7-9 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant (handmaid). Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."



Ruth (Ruth 3)

Matthew 1:5

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and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth

Rth 4:9-10 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."



Ruth (Ruth 3)

Matthew 1:5

Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who

is called Christ



- Joh 8:18-19 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." [19] They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?"
- Psa 69:8-12 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

Mary Matthew 1:16

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And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah



The "wife of Uriah"

Matthew 1:6

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"The Holy One, Blessed be He, was creating the Light of Messiah" (Genesis Rabbah 85:1).



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