

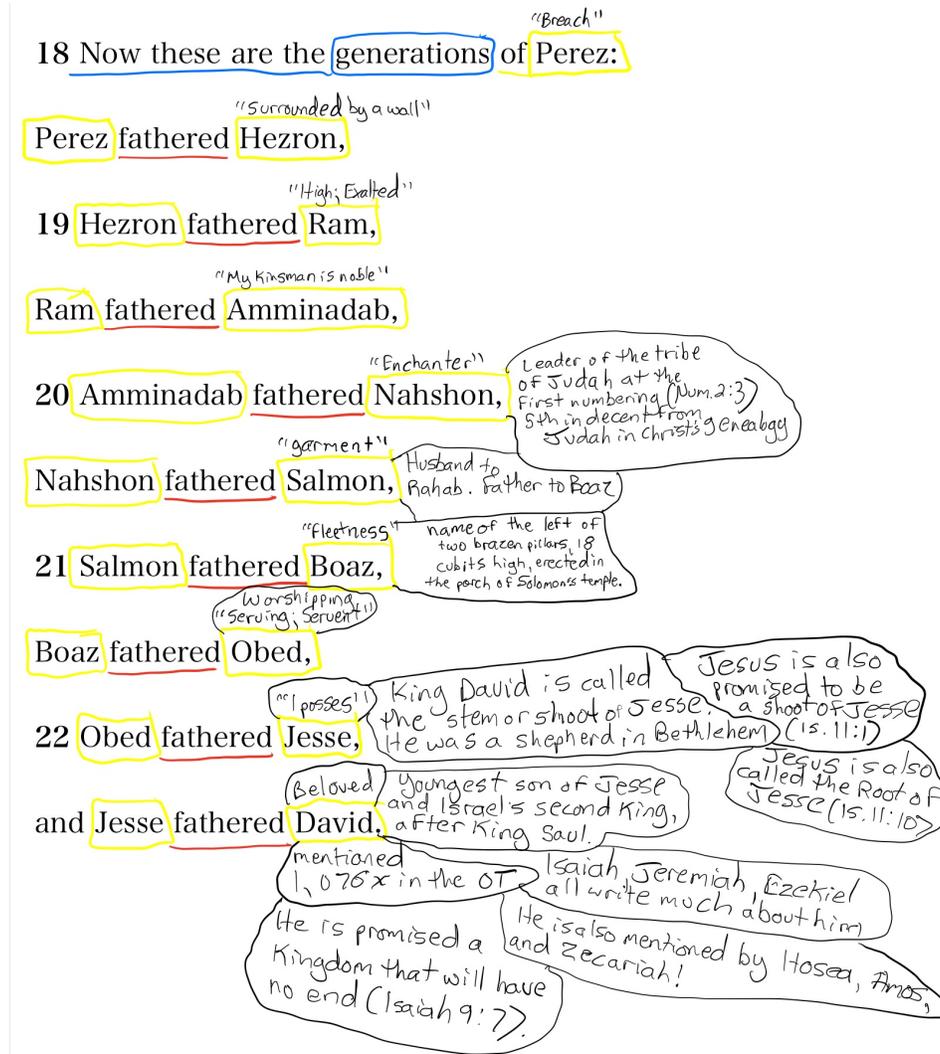
# 12. THE KING IS COMING: Ruth 4:18-22

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## INTRO

- **Q. Don't you love genealogies?**
- **BIG IDEA:** "Everything that happened to Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz was providentially guided by the LORD to bring David and ultimately Jesus into the world."

**Ruth 4:18-22** "Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David."



## I. Everything that happened to Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz was providentially guided by the LORD to bring David into the world (Ruth 1-4)

- **SINCLAIR FERGUSON:** "follow the steps [of the book of Ruth]: no emigration—no return of Ruth; no Ruth—no marriage to Boaz; no marriage to Boaz—no Obed; no Obed—no Jesse; no Jesse—no David."
- **CHILDREN:** When sad things happen to you, that does not mean God has forgotten you. The LORD never sleeps; He is always working and in Christ, He loves you deeply.
- **Q.** What have you had happen to you that it is hard to trust God with? See in the book of Ruth assurance that the LORD does not forget His people.

## II. Everything that happened to Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz was providentially guided by the Lord to ultimately bring Jesus into the world (Ruth 1-4)

- You and I must not fail to see how the book of Ruth ultimately points us to the greater King, Jesus Christ the Lord!
- **Matthew 1:1** "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."
- **If you take Jesus Christ out of Ruth or fail to see how it ultimately points to Him,** then you simply turn this book into a moral story about how to trust God or how to stay pure until marriage or how to be a godly man or woman. This book is about far more than that!

- **If you take Jesus out of Ruth, you take air out of lungs;** take Christ out of Ruth and you take blood out of the body or the brain out of the skull; if you take Jesus out of Ruth you remove the Bread of Life from the hands and stomachs of starving sinners in need of a Savior and hungry saints in need of nourishment. Take Christ out of Ruth and you take away all hope of justification, sanctification, and glorification!

**Q. Do you starve yourself of the Bread of Heaven when you read the Old Testament?**

It is not mainly moral presentations; it is mainly gospel proclamations!

- **O PLEASE HEAR ME, BELOVED:** Every moment of history has been carefully orchestrated by the Godhead to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by Him rescuing His people from their sin and restoring the whole universe!

- **Do you see how this applies to you, saint?**

**This book shows an important piece in God's plan to get Jesus**

into the manger as your Kinsman,  
preaching in Galilee as your Prophet,  
nailed to the cross as your Priest,  
out of the tomb as your Advocate,  
seated at the right hand of God as your King,  
and returning again as your Restorer!

**Q. Do you want your sins forgiven? Look to Christ in faith, trusting His work in your place!**

- **1 Peter 3:18** "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."
- **Acts 16:31** "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,"

**Q. Do you want to be more like Jesus, growing in holiness and hatred for sin? Look to Christ in faith!**

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."
- **CHILDREN:** We are saved from sin by looking at Jesus & trusting in Him; we also grow to be more like Jesus when look at Him & trust in Him!

### III. What did the Lord do through David? (2 Samuel 7:8-14)

Think about those who first read this book! Most scholars think it was written in the time of David, to help God's people see how the LORD made him king!

#### 2 Samuel 7:8-14

##### I) The LORD RULED His people through David

**2 Samuel 7:8** "Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel."

##### II) The LORD CUT OFF all His people's current ENEMIES through David

**2 Samuel 7:9** "And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you."

##### III) The LORD made the NAME of David great

**2 Samuel 7:9b** "And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth."

##### IV) The LORD brought PEACE to His people through David

**2 Samuel 7:10a** "And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more."

##### V) The LORD gave PROTECTION to His people through David

**2 Samuel 7:10b-11a** "10b And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel."

##### VI) The LORD provided REST for His people through David

**2 Samuel 7:11b** "And I will give you rest from all your enemies."

##### VII) The LORD established an eternal KINGDOM and TEMPLE through David

**2 Samuel 7:11c-14** "11c Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son."

### CONCLUSION:

#### What has the Lord done & what is He doing through Jesus? (Ez. 24:23-24)

**Ezekiel 34:23-24** "23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

- Again, the LORD promises Christ will be *THE* ruler over His people! But He also promises Him to be a Shepherd!
- Jesus is no ordinary shepherd, simply feeding, leading, and protecting His sheep; Jesus is a sacrificial Shepherd!
- **John 10:10-11** "10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

- **CHILDREN:** Jesus says He is like a shepherd. A shepherd has a flock and he knows every one of His sheep by name. If you trust in Jesus, that means He knows you by name! He looks at you and says, "That one is mine! I will feed them. I will protect the." Jesus is the shepherd who died for His sheep! ALL YOU, TRUST IN HIM AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE IN HIS FLOCK!

- For those in Christ, though we have been stockpiling wrath since we came to the earth God has been stockpiling mercy since before its foundation.

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