

Ruth 4:18-22 and Genesis 3:15f
“Why So Many Boring, Irrelevant, and Tedious Genealogies?”

INTRO: Biblical genealogies are often viewed as wasted ink. What is their purpose?

Ruth’s climatic conclusion is the genealogy (Ruth 4:18-22); how are we to understand this?

Why so many “boring, irrelevant, and terribly tedious” family trees in the Word of God?

The record of generations is:

**1) God’s Way of _____ His People that His _____
is Right on Schedule!**

2) The God who makes _____, keeps all of them.

The genealogies serve to remind us that:

3) **God is Working Out a _____ of Details at Once.**

The genealogies show us that:

4) **God's _____ includes people from every tongue, tribe, & nation!**

The genealogies in Ruth 4 and Matthew 1 (in particular):

5) **Marvelously _____ the amazing and _____ grace of God**

The most significant purpose of many genealogies is to, sixthly:

6) **Trace the** _____ **from Genesis 3:15 to Jesus.**

Applicational questions and related helps

How we live flows out of what we believe. If elders/pastors/congregants *really believes* that all of God's Word is God-breathed and sufficient, how might this manifest itself in the life of the church? Note 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5; Psalm 119:160.

If a church doesn't really believe that all of God's Word is God-breathed, profitable, and practical, how might this manifest itself in the life of the church? Theology drives methodology. Bad theology is no small thing.

Many megachurches today offer the masses a rock concert followed by a TED talk.

How do the genealogies tie the Old and New Testament Scriptures together? Why is this important? How might this help you when sharing the Gospel with an unbelieving Jew?

Review the 6 principles that show how the genealogies of Scripture are important, relevant, and very practical!

How might this newfound understanding of genealogies help someone that is trying to read through the entire Bible?

In what ways do many of the Old Testament genealogies point us to Jesus? (the Savior-King)

Explain how "line of promise" genealogies could be used in personal evangelism and local outreach?

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The Two Eternal Covenants in Genesis

The Special Family LINE OF PROMISE

A Gracious Redeemer
A Conquering King

Diagram A
Genesis 3:15

Godless
The LINE OF CAIN
(Gen. 4:17-22)

Cain
Abel
Seth

Genesis 5: From ADAM to Noah;
The believing LINE OF SETH
(Genesis 5)

Enosh
Kenan
Mahalelel
Jared
Enoch
Methuselah
Lamech

The LINE OF SHEM to Abraham
(Genesis 11:10-26)

The Noahic Covenant

NOAH (The Table of Nations; (Genesis 10)
The descendants of Noah's son

Shem Ham Japheth

Arphaxad
Shelah
Eber
Peleg
Reu
Serug
Nahor
TERAH

The Abrahamic Covenant

SONS OF ABRAHAM (Gen 25:1-4)

Ishmael
Abraham
Nahor Haran
ISAAC

SONS OF ISAAC (Genesis 25:19f)

Esau
JACOB

Jacob's (Israel's) 12 sons + Grandsons
(Genesis 46:8-25)
(Genesis 35:23-26)
(Genesis 37:2f)

R	S	L	J	D	N	G	A	I	Z	J	B
e	i	e	U	a	a	a	s	s	e	O	e
u	m	v	D	n	p	d	h	s	b	S	n
b	e	i	A	h			e	a	u	E	j
e	o		H	t			r	c	l	P	a
n	n		A	a				h	u	H	m
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The unique LINE will eventually become the LINE of a ROYAL DYNASTY (Judah; Genesis 43:8-9; 44:16; 48-34; 46:28; 49:8-12)

Adam's Family Tree (Genesis 5:1-32)

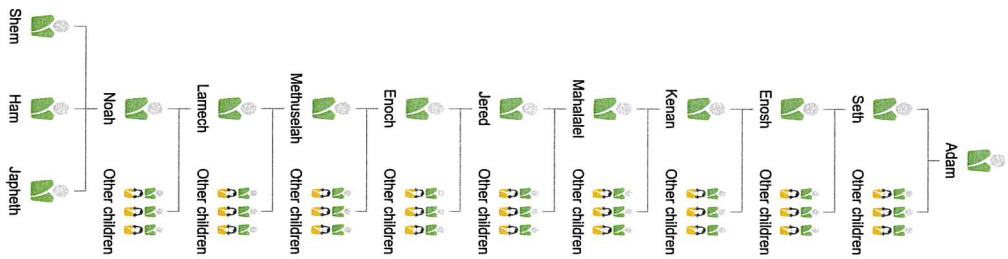
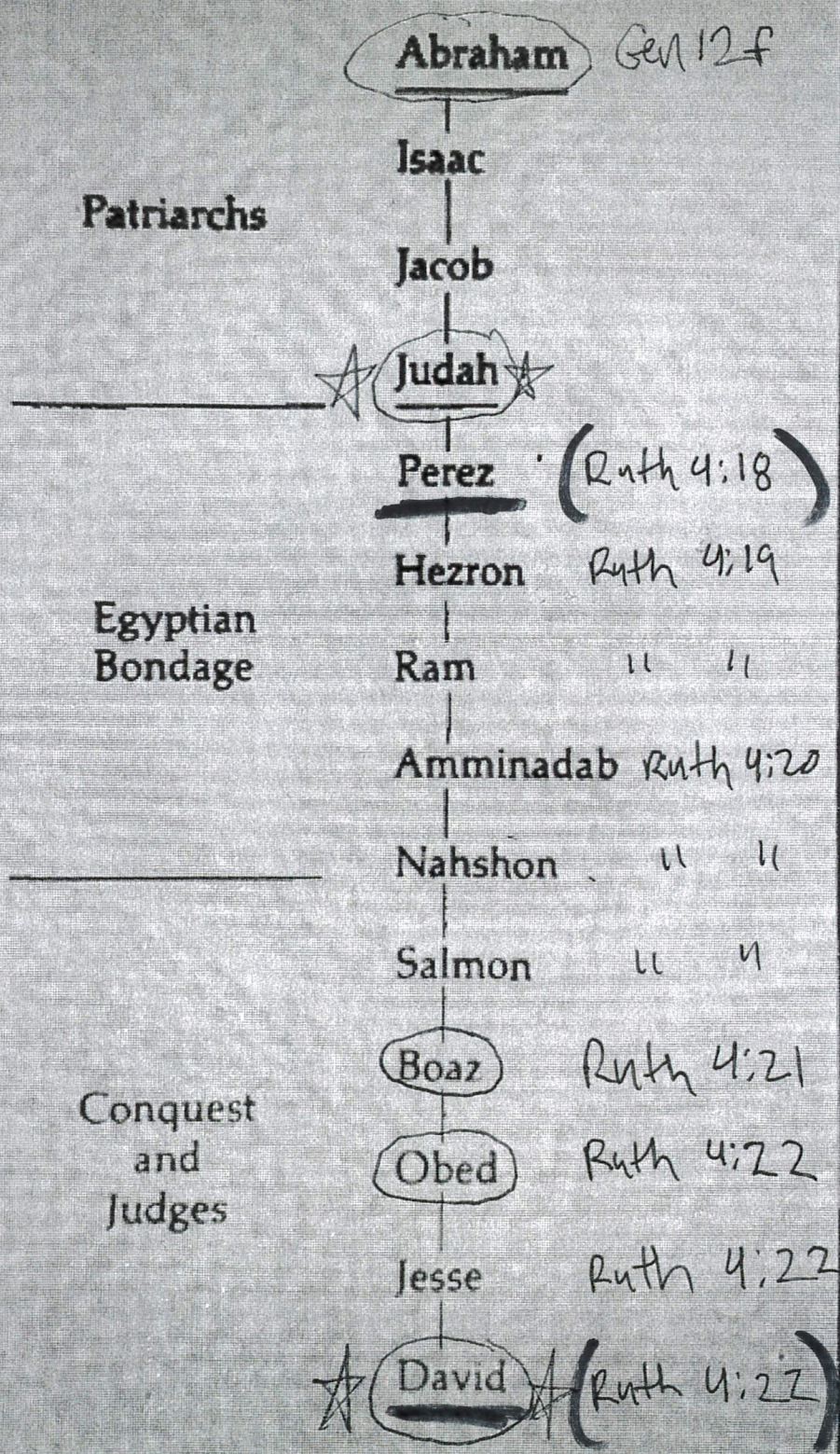
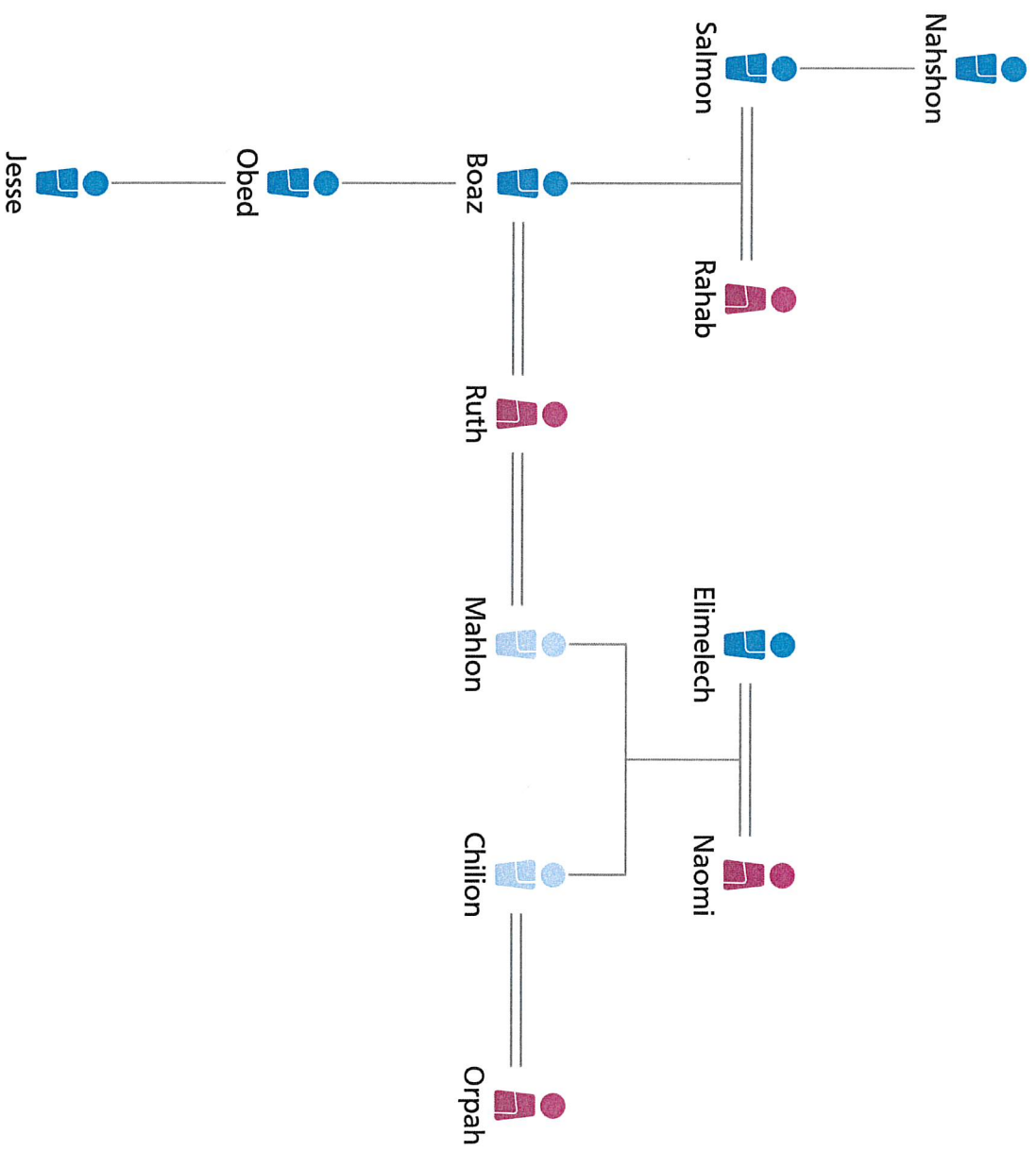


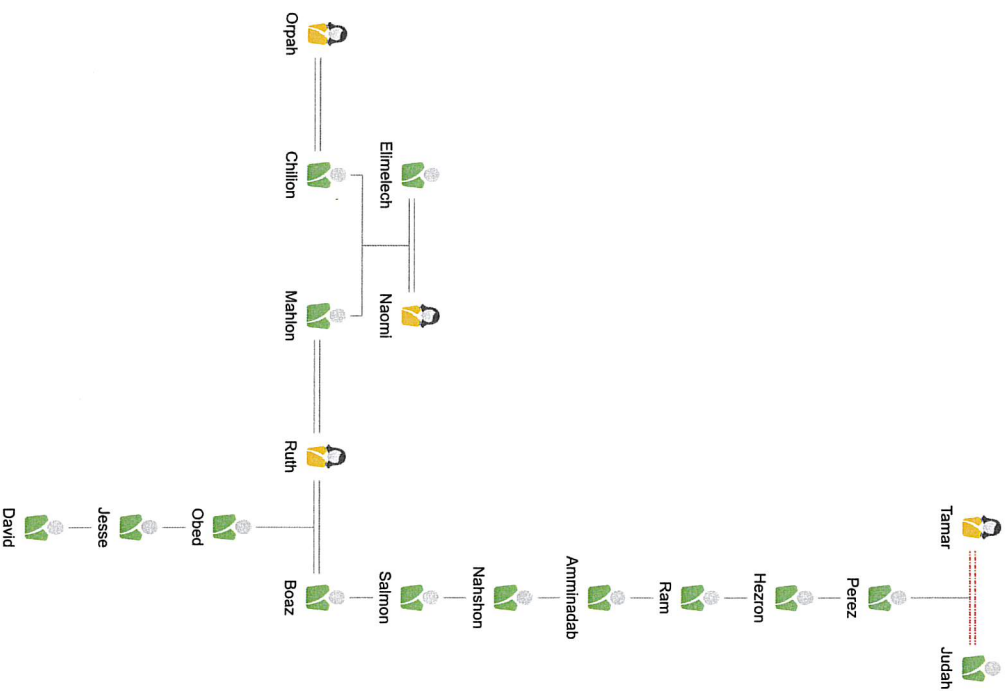
Diagram B

DAVID'S ANCESTRY FROM ABRAHAM

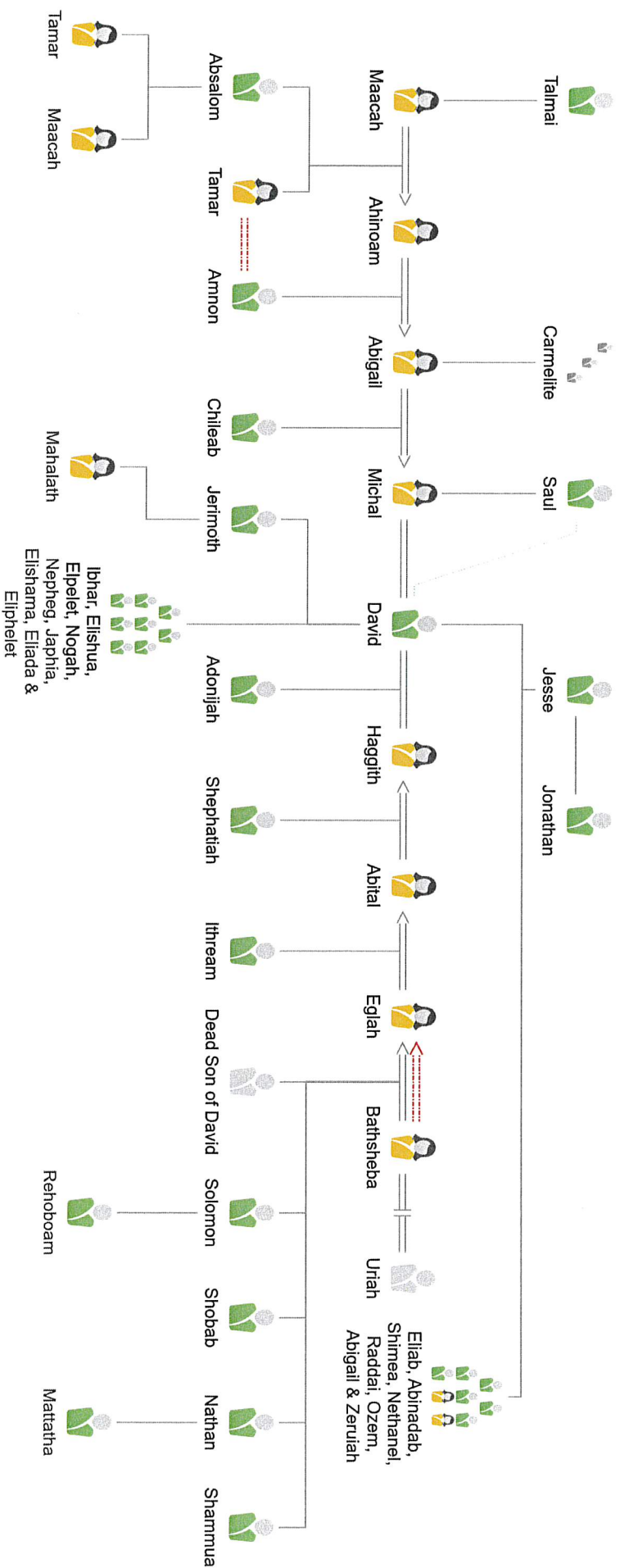




Ruth's Family Tree



King David's Family Tree



Jesus' Family Tree According to Matthew (Matthew 1:1-17)

