

# Matthew 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

## Analysis

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The mention of Ruth the Moabitess emphasizes God's sovereign grace extending beyond ethnic Israel to include Gentiles in the messianic line. Ruth's inclusion prefigures the gospel going to all nations. Her account demonstrates the doctrine of adoption—she was grafted into God's covenant people through faith and covenant loyalty (hesed).

## Historical Context

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Ruth lived during the time of the Judges (approximately 1100 BC), a period of spiritual declension in Israel. Despite this dark era, God was sovereignly preparing the lineage of David and ultimately Christ.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does Ruth's inclusion in Christ's genealogy teach about God's heart for the nations?
2. How does her story illustrate the doctrine of grace alone through faith alone?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἰεσσαὶ δὲ ἐγένυνησεν τοῦ Δαβὶδ τοῦ βασιλεὺς Δαβὶδ  
Jesse And begat her David her the king David  
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δὲ τοῦ βασιλεὺς ἐγένυνησεν τοῦ Σολομῶντα ἐκ τοῦ  
And her the king begat her Solomon of her  
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τοῦ Οὐρίου  
her that had been the wife of Urias  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 17:12** (References David): Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

**1 Kings 15:5** (References David): Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

**1 Samuel 16:1** (Kingdom): And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.