

# Ruth 4:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

## Analysis

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Genealogy begins: '**Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron**'. The formal genealogy connects Ruth's story to broader redemptive history, tracing from Pharez (Genesis 38) through Boaz to David. This literary inclusion demonstrates Ruth's canonical importance—not merely touching personal story but crucial link in messianic chain. The genealogy validates Davidic kingship and ultimately Christ's Davidic descent through legal lineage.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern genealogies served multiple purposes: establishing legal inheritance rights, validating royal claims, preserving historical memory, and demonstrating divine providence through generations. The Pharez genealogy appears multiple times in Scripture (1 Chronicles 2:5-15; Matthew 1:3-6; Luke 3:31-33), emphasizing its importance. Pharez himself came through unusual circumstances (Tamar and Judah, Genesis 38), paralleling Ruth's story—God's purposes advancing through unexpected people and events. The ten-generation structure from Pharez to David suggests completeness and divine orchestration.

## Related Passages

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does the biblical emphasis on genealogy teach about God's faithfulness across generations?
2. How does this genealogy illustrate God's sovereignty weaving together multiple stories into one redemptive narrative?

## Interlinear Text

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Now these are the generations

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Hezron

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 3:33** (Parallel theme): Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda,

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