

The God of the Ordinary
RUTH

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: to Perez was born Hezron,
¹⁹ and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,
²⁰ and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,
²¹ and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,
²² and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

(Ruth 4:18-22)

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The Greater Story

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➤ *The greater purpose of the Book of Ruth:*

- To show the preservation and legitimization of David's family line through God's election and providence

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1. Connection to Perez (Tamar)

- Yahweh preserved the line of Judah by means of Tamar – a foreign, childless widow
- so also Yahweh preserved the line of Perez by means of Ruth – a foreign, childless widow

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2. Character of Ruth and Boaz

- Ruth, the Moabite, displayed a covenant love (*hesed*) beyond any in Israel
- Boaz, through his generosity and role as the *go'el*, embodied the very essence of the Law

These are the ancestors of King David!

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3. Connection to Jesus the Messiah

- Matthew 1:1-17
 - the Lord preserved the line of Messiah by means of Ruth and Boaz
 - inclusion of unlikely women – Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and the “wife of Uriah”

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Our connection to the story...

1. Ruth, and others, serve as examples of the wideness of God's mercy to include the most unlikely of people...like us!
2. As part of God's kingdom, your life is connected to something much larger than yourself