

Reader A Matthew's account of the genealogy of Jesus
the Messiah, the son of David, the son of
Abraham
Abraham was the father of Isaac

Reader B Abraham
Who fathered the child while his body was as
good as dead
And his wife was ninety

ROMANS
4:19
GENESIS 21

Reader A And Isaac the father of Jacob
And Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers
And Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by
Tamar

Reader B Tamar would not have had much good to say
about men

GENESIS 38

Her first husband (the son of Judah) died when
he was young
So she married his brother Onan
According to custom, he should have given her
an heir:
But he failed to perform his duty.

Onan died
And according to custom
Tamar should then have married Judah's
youngest son Shelah

When it became clear that Judah had forgotten
to arrange this
Tamar took the initiative.
She disguised herself as a prostitute
Slept with Judah (who didn't realise who she
was)
and became pregnant

When Judah heard about his wayward
daughter in law
He wanted to have her killed
Until she made him aware that he was the
father

At this, Judah cancelled the death sentence
And Tamar gave birth to twins – Zerah and
Perez



Reader A And Perez the father of Hezron
And Hezron the father of Aram
And Aram the father of Aminadab
And Aminadab the father of Nahshon

Reader B Nahshon who counted the Israelites when
Moses lead them out of Egypt

NUMBERS
1:7

Reader A And Nahshon the father of Salmon
And Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab

Reader B Rahab was a prostitute
A resident of Jericho
And a brave woman

JOSHUA 6

She sheltered Israelite spies when they came
to Jericho
And was allowed to escape when the Israelite
army destroyed the city

Reader A And Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth

Reader B Ruth, whose path to motherhood involved
leaving home to be with her mother-in-law,
whose husband's field was wanted by her
nephew, who didn't take it because it also
meant marrying the widow who came with it, so
her second cousin intervened accepting the
woman (who was Ruth) and the field and they
had a son and called him Obed

RUTH

Reader A And Obed the father of Jesse
And Jesse the father of King David

And David was the father of Solomon by the
wife of Uriah

Reader B David was the father of Solomon by another
man's wife

II Samuel 11

Uriah, the other man, never knew, because
David had him killed before he could find out

The child was born, but died soon after.
After David stopped grieving
Uriah's wife conceived again

Adultery and cover-up

The destruction of one man's life
And another man's integrity

