



Genesis 12:3 'I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.'

Numbers 24:17 ' I see him, but not here and now. I perceive him, but far in the distant future. A star will rise from Jacob; a sceptre will emerge from Israel.'

Jeremiah 23:5-6 "For the time is coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant^[a] from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. 6 And this will be his name: 'The Lord Is Our Righteousness.'^[b] In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety."

Matthew 1:16

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

Tamar
Genesis 38

Rehab
Joshua 2 & 6

Ruth

Book of Ruth

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

1 Corinthians 1:26ff

Don't judge a book by its cover

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged."

Matthew 7:1

Bathsheba

1 Samuel

You don't have to be perfect to be used by God

It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Hebrews 11:31

God uses imperfect people to bring about His perfect plan

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1 Corinthians 1:27