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Every person ever born had a **mother**. Adam and Eve were the only people not to have a **mother**. Jesus, the Son of God, had an earthly **mother**, who gave Him a human body to live in while on earth. Jesus got to pick His **mother**, the rest of us didn't.

We read in JOHN 1:14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,...* . PHILLIPIANS 2:6-8 tells us that Jesus: *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

HEBREWS 10:4 goes on to state why Jesus ...*was made in the likeness of men.* HEBREWS 10:4 *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me. ...12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.* The Apostle John further explains in 1 JOHN 3:5 *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.* In 1 JOHN 4:14 John writes: *And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.*

So we see that Jesus Christ was given a human body, and became the perfect sacrifice for sins forever, by whom we must be saved. ACTS 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

The human body of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour has a lineage traceable all the way back to Adam through the seed of David. MATTHEW 1 and LUKE 3 trace Jesus genealogy. ROMANS 1:3 tells us: *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.*

Jesus Christ's hand picked human **mother** was Mary, a virgin girl, who was found with child of the Holy Ghost as LUKE 1:35 tells us. LUKE 1:35 *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.* From that day forward Mary's life was never the same. Mary remained a virgin until after Jesus was born, and MATTHEW 1:24 and 25 explain it to us like this: *Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.* Thus the scripture ISAIAH 7:14 was fulfilled: *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us, or with us is God).*

Women in the lineage of Jesus mentioned by name in scripture:

(1) **Eve** wife of Adam (LUKE 3:38). **Eve** means: "life," or "living," or "life-giving."

GENESIS 3:20 *And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.* This is the first of only four scriptures that mention **Eve's** name. Four is the number meaning: HUMAN WEAKNESS; MAN'S WEAKNESS; CREATION; and EARTHLY NUMBER.

Adam is a type of Christ. **Eve** is a beautiful type of the Bride of Christ in that she was made out of the body of Adam; created from a rib, the closest to Adams heart. GENESIS 2:21 *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall*

*a man leave his father and his **mother**, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* (This 24th verse is quoted by Paul in EPHESIANS 5:31.)

In this order: **Eve** was the first woman. **Eve** was the first wife, and is mentioned as Adam's wife eight times in scripture! **Eve** was the first sinner. **Eve** was the first **mother**. Thus **Eve** is the first **mother** in the lineage of Christ. **Eve** is the first **mother** in the lineage of you too!

There is a wonderful deep truth hidden in GENESIS 3:6 where **Eve** became the first sinner. GENESIS 3:6 *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.* Adam didn't have to eat of fruit, for Adam wasn't deceived like **Eve** was. 1 TIMOTHY 2:13 *For Adam was first formed, then **Eve**.* 14 *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.* There was a lot of thought that took place before Adam willingly ate of the fruit. Adam didn't want to be alone, apart from his Bride, his lovely **Eve**, for he was alone before **Eve** came into his life, and he knew that empty feeling of being alone, so Adam, after pondering this, willingly also ate of the fruit. ROMANS 5:14 tells us that Adam *...is the figure of him that was to come.* 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-47 further tells us of the first man Adam, who is of the earth, earthy, and the second man Adam who is the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven. The second man Adam, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, didn't want to be alone either, apart from His lovely Bride, so He too, like the first man Adam, willingly was made to be sin for us, who **knew no sin**, so that He too would someday have a Bride. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who **knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

(2) **Sarah** wife of Abraham (LUKE 3:34), first mentioned in GENESIS 11:29. **Sarah, Sarai, Sara** is found mentioned 44 times in scripture. **Sarai** means "my princess," or "my Lady." **Sarah** means "the princess" or "princess of the multitude," meaning the one through which the promised son would come. Of course her promised son was Isaac, but in a deeper sense, it is through the lineage of **Sarah** that the promised Son of God came, full of grace and truth! Some translations render her name to be "noblewoman," which "the princess" would be. Through **Sarah**, before barren, comes forth the seed thru whom all nations are to be blessed, again referencing Jesus Christ.

Sarah is the first woman mentioned in HEBREWS 11. HEBREWS 11:11 *Through faith also **Sara** herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

Sarah is also a figure of the Covenant of Grace, and of Jerusalem above "which is the **mother of us all**" -- GALATIANS 4:26.

(3) **Milcah** wife of Nahor, younger brother of Abraham, and is also first mentioned in GENESIS 11:29. **Milcah** is the **grandmother** of **Rebekah** (GENESIS 24:15). **Milcah's** name is mentioned six times in scripture, three times in GENESIS 24, and means: "a queen" or "counsel," and speaks to us of the high counsel found in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. ISAIAH 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, **Counsellor**, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* **Milcah's** grand daughter **Rebekah** would be her little "princess." Royalty is what is pictured here. Abraham's servant had come to the right place to get a bride for Isaac when he arrived at the city of Nahor.

(4) **Rebekah** wife of Isaac (LUKE 3:34), first mentioned in GENESIS 22:23. **Rebekah** means: "ewe," a **mother** sheep, which speaks of being in the way of fruitfulness.

Rebekah in GENESIS 24 is referred to as "wife" eight times. Another meaning for the number eight is BRIDE. **Rebekah** is one of the main characters in GENESIS 24, and in studying about **Rebekah** in this chapter many qualities are found of her that are also found in the Bride of Christ. As such **Rebekah** in GENESIS portrays another beautiful picture of the Bride of Christ.

GENESIS 24:58 *And they called **Rebekah**, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. {Words of faith!}*

Rebekah is mentioned 31 times in scripture, (30 times in the Old Testament, and once in the New Testament with the unusual spelling of Rebecca.) 31 is the number associated with OFFSPRING, and **Rebekah**'s most famous OFFSPRING is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

(5) **Leah** is the first wife of Jacob (LUKE 3:34), **Rebekah** and Isaac's twin son, and **mother** of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, **Judah**, Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah. Jesus came out of the tribe of **Judah**. **Leah** is daughter of Laban, the Brother of **Rebekah**. Laban the Syrian has an exalted place in the history of Israel, through his daughter **Leah**, who is also in the lineage of Christ. **Leah** means: weary; tired. **Leah** is mentioned 34 times in scripture, the number associated with FATHERS and SONS.

(6) **Tamar** means: "palm" or "palm-tree" which speaks to us of prosperity and fruitfulness. **Tamar** finds herself in the lineage of Christ (LUKE 3:33 and MATTHEW 1:3) through her sin of entrapping her father-in-law, Judah, into conceiving children by him. **Tamar** teaches us once again that salvation is for sinners. Had not men been sinners, there would have been no need of Christ to have come to earth, and die for such. ROMANS 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

(7) **Rahab** mentioned in the lineage of Christ in MATTHEW 1:5 & LUKE 3:32 (Salmon). **Rahab** was a harlot of Jericho who aided the spies to escape; saved from the destruction of Jericho; married Salmon, an ancestor of David, and of Christ; commended for her faith in the book of JAMES 2:25 *Likewise also was not **Rahab** the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? And HEBREWS 11:31 *By faith the harlot **Rahab** perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.**

Rahab's name means "wide" or "breadth" "large" "extended" and in this sense shows us the expanse of the grace of God. In a prayer of Paul's found in EPHESIANS 3 he prays: *17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.* In essence this is what **Rahab's** life exemplifies, which is to say that she serves as an example of what it is to be all that you can be in God's army.

Rahab received her messengers from Joshua, and realized that she too needed to be saved, and confessed to them in JOSHUA 2:11 *...the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.* In short she believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and was saved along with her house. She had accepted the messengers sent from Joshua, and believed their message that Joshua was coming soon. Thus we see that these spies were messengers from the Lord sent unto the house of **Rahab**. Furthermore one of the end results of **Rahab** receiving the messengers was that she became a part of a prominent family in Israel, which is to say she received an *...inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in...* Christ Jesus. **Rahab** became a bride, marrying a prominent Jew, and that is how she became a part of a prominent family in Israel. In one sense she represents the Bride of Christ, who in reality will marry the most prominent Jew, and that of course is Jesus. In ACTS 15:14 we read how that God for the first time in this church age did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name, and EPHESIANS 5, along with many other scriptures, explains to us how that this group of people, collectively known as the body of Christ, will have a rib portion taken out from among them from which God will build a bride for His Son.

Rahab did exhibit several qualities that all full overcomers must have, the most important of them being that she believed God. Between JOSHUA chapter 2 (where we find **Rahab** hiding the two spies), and JOSHUA chapter 6 (where we find **Rahab** and those in her house being saved alive

by Joshua), there is another important trait displayed by **Rahab** that all full overcomers must have, and that is patience. **Rahab** is mentioned seven times in scripture; SPIRITUAL PERFECTION.

(8) **Ruth** is mentioned in the lineage of Christ in MATTHEW 1:5 & LUKE 3:32 (Booz). **Ruth** also is called **Ruth the Moabitess** five times: {RUTH 1:22; 2:2; 2:21; 4:5 & 4:10}. Two of her un-named grandmothers were (1) Lot's wife, and (2) Lot's firstborn daughter, (GENESIS 19:36 & 37), thus Lot's wife and firstborn daughter are also **mothers** in the lineage of Christ!

Ruth means "friendship," "Beauty," and "satisfied." Sister Bodie writes: "She is a most vivid illustration of the fact that salvation is by grace in opposition to law: for she was a Moabite: and the sentence of the law shut her out absolutely from the congregation of the Lord: it is written: *An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever...* DEUTERONOMY 23:3. Brother Hill noted: "Ruth takes her place with the poor and outcast. The gleanings were for the poor and outcast. So Ruth takes that place where only grace can meet her. What a rich place."

(9) **Bathsheba** wife of David is mentioned in the lineage of Christ in MATTHEW 1:6 & LUKE 3:31 (David). **Bathsheba** means: "daughter of an oath," and comes from two root words meaning: (bath) "apple of the eye," (sheba) "seven" or "a multiple of seven." Sister Bodie in describing how she came into the lineage of Christ quotes from ROMANS 11:29, which in one translation reads: "For God does not change his mind about those to whom he gives his blessings or sends his call." The emphasis, Sister Bodie notes, here is on the fact of God's eternal salvation. She writes: "We do not come into possession of salvation by our good conduct, hence (we) cannot loose it, by our misconduct, tho' we may loose its joy and power and our future reward by our lapse and failure." There were other wives of David through which the line of Christ could have come, but to emphasize His Grace, Jesus Christ choose to come through the lineage of **Bathsheba**, through her son Nathan (LUKE 3:31).

(10) **Mary** the **mother** of Jesus, and always identified in context with Jesus.

Mary was "exceedingly graced" and in verse 35 was told: *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.* **Mary** believed the word of the Lord as delivered to her by the angel Gabriel, and stated in LUKE 1:38 *...be it unto me according to thy word.* Saints do you realize the same thing happens in the life of all believers? The power of the Holy Ghost overshadows the sinner, and convicts him of sin. JOHN 16:8 reads in part: *And when he (the Holy Ghost) is come, he will reprove (convict, or convince) the world of sin,...* . When the sinner accepts Jesus into his heart by believing the word of the Lord, like **Mary** did by saying *...be it unto me according to thy word,...* then the Holy Ghost implants that same holy seed into the heart of this new born again believer. What happens when we are saved? *...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.* In Brother Hawkins study book on LUKE he notes: "Who can begin to explain how God could implant His Divine Life within the womb of **Mary**? Likewise, we cannot comprehend how he can implant such a "holy thing" within everyone who believes." {End of quote from Brother Hawkins}. That "holy thing" spoken of in LUKE 1:35 was Christ Himself.

These then are ten of the **mother's** in the lineage of Christ, whose names we know, that we also know a little about. No wonder that the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 TIMOTHY 1:15 *This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*