

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND SHIELD. I TRUST HIM WITH ALL MY HEART. HE HELPS ME, AND MY HEART IS FILLED WITH JOY. I BURST OUT IN SONGS OF THANKSGIVING.

PSALMS 28:7

As we worship in God's presence today the first Sunday in July, may the Lord grant us the grace to wait patiently for the manifestation of His promises for our lives in Jesus Christ name amen Stay safe particularly at this time. Happy Sunday and



Quote of the Week:

Anointing and fire are available in the secret place of prayer. So dwell there.

CARTOON

Every spiritual marriage which is going on in your life shall be burned by fire 🔥 in Jesus Name 🙏



TODAY'S WORD

I have observed something under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry and the skilful are not necessarily wealthy. And those that are educated don't always lead successful lives.

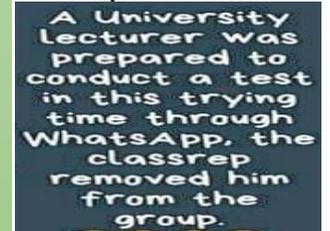
The gentlest men are the husbands of nagging wives and the best of ladies are in the hands of the wrong men. And I found out that it is just by chance what happens to them all. Being in the right place at the right time. Don't let anyone in this life chide you into believing that you are a failure, beaten flat out and you have already lost the battle of success.

I want you to think like an elephant. Don't envy cheap quick success. For as long as you are in the right place, your chance is coming and by the signs of time it won't be long anymore. Your one achievement can surpass several combined achievements. You are born to reign in this life. Maintain your faith in God even when it looks like it's all over for you. In:

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LEVITY-CUS

I told my GP that my body hurts in 3 places. He advised me to stop going to those places.



Why are there no headache in the jungle?
Ans: Because parrots ate them all (paracetamol)

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalms 118:24)

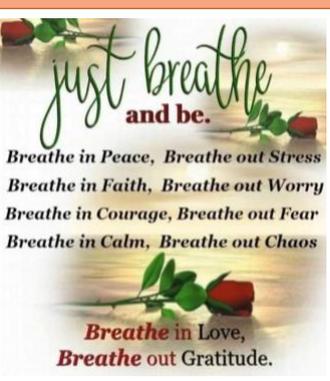
As you start this new day, don't start it thinking about the troubles of yesterday. Sometimes our biggest mistake is bringing what troubled us into a new day. It's God's job to make our latter days greater than our former days, but it's up to us to make our today greater than our yesterday. Be blessed and be encouraged!

THE ALL SUFFICIENT AND INEXPLAINABLE SOURCE

God knows exactly what you need and He is more than sufficient to meet all your needs. He has enough provisions to meet your need each day of your pilgrimage on earth. So, there is no basis for worry, fear and anxiety about tomorrow. Every moment of lack that God allows you to experience is a time to test and to train you to learn to trust God and look up to Him to meet all your needs. Anxiety or worry about tomorrow is a distraction and a hindrance to your personal walk with the Lord as He leads and works in you to accomplish His purposes in your life. Your attitude and every action you take both in times of lack and abundance reveal how much you have learned to trust God to meet your needs. Do not let your quest and temptation to accumulate material wealth which are consumables, rob you of the greater plans of God for your life. God's purpose for you is to bring you into the land of abundant wealth, eternal peace and rest, and to deliver to you an eternal inheritance that is incorruptible, inexhaustible and indestructible. May the Lord help you to trust Him completely and be on

God wants to change our diet. His intention is to cut off the worldly diet and to limit us to a diet of heavenly food, which is Christ. Because terms such as temptation and loving the world have been used in a light way in Christianity, I prefer not to use them in speaking of the divine revelation in Exodus 16. I wish to inquire concerning your diet. On what are you living day by day? What do you take in to satisfy, sustain, and strengthen you? We all must face these questions and answer them. We all should be able to say, "The Lord is the only One who satisfies me. Apart from Him, I have no satisfaction. I am daily strengthened and sustained by Christ. He is the only food on which I rely."

God uses Broken things Beautifully.
Broken Clouds pour Rain,
Broken soil sets as fields,
Broken crop yield seeds,
Broken seeds give life to new plants.
So when you feel
you are Broken, be rest assured that God is planning to utilize you for something great



SUNDAY SCHOOL THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS X

Text: I Corinthians 14:1-9

MEMORY VERSE: "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the Church." I Cor. 14:4

INTRODUCTION: We explained the evidence of speaking in tongues in the last lesson. Today, we shall examine the uses of tongue and then conclude the discussion on the manifestation of divers of tongues.

LESSON IV. THE GIFTS OF SPEECH (OR WORDS)

a) THE MANIFESTATIONS OF DIVERS TONGUES

V. THE USES OF TONGUES. I Cor. 14:2-4

1. He who speaks in tongues:

- Speaks not unto man - disadvantage
- But unto God - advantage.
- No man understands him.
 - Is it an advantage or disadvantage?
- His Spirit speaks mysteries.
 - Is it an advantage or disadvantage?
- Edifies himself - little value and personal edification.
 - Is it an advantage to the person or not?
- Tongue with interpretation - much value, and the Church is edified.
 - Is it an advantage and blessing to the Church or not?
- According to I Corinthians 14:1-7, what are the differences between speaking in tongues and prophecy? Which is greater between the two? Why is it greater than the other?

2. Tongues in prayer. I Cor. 14:14

- I pray in tongues - advantage
- When I pray in tongues, my spirit prays - advantage.
- When I pray in tongues, my understanding is unfruitful - disadvantage.
Therefore, the tongue is for private use. I Cor. 14:18-19.

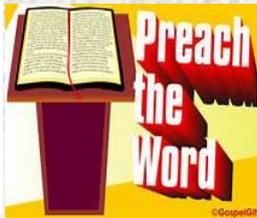
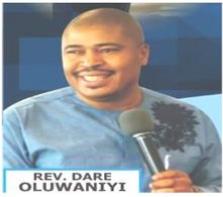
3. However, in the Church. I Cor. 14:19

- Tongues are for a sign. I Cor. 14:22
- It is a sign not to them that "believe," that is, Spiritual Christian.
- But, it is a sign to them that believe not, that is, Carnal Christian or natural man. Prophecy is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

CONCLUSION:

Among all the Spiritual Gifts (manifestation of the spirit) that can be traced to the Old Testament, it is only speaking in tongues that do not manifest there. Today, we have come to the end of our discussion on speaking in tongues. The subsequent lesson shall focus on the interpretation of tongues.





2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us.

GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU

Those who consider God distant may be surprised to know He wants a personal relationship with us and communicates to everyone, even those who deny His existence. But because He's not speaking audibly, many people—including some believers—are unaware He's so relational.

For those willing to hear, God's "voice" can be discerned through a variety of sources. The most obvious is the Bible, but He can also call to us through the spoken or written words of other Christians. And at times He speaks through circumstances and the wonders of creation (Rom. 1:20). I'm sure every one of us would be amazed if we knew all the ways our loving Father tries to get our attention.

When God calls, He speaks into our heart and mind through the Holy Spirit. In this way, He communicates specifically to each of His children. That's why two people can hear the same sermon or verse and receive different applications. But various hindrances can interfere with our Father's messages to us. So, beware of busyness: When life is full and noisy, God's quiet voice is nearly undetectable.

Set aside time today to really listen for Him—through Scripture, prayer, and circumstances. When you hear from Him, respond in gratitude for His loving involvement in your life.

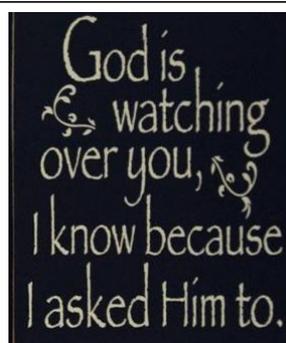
🕯️📖🕯️ *And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10*

🕯️ The above is Jabez story. What GOD did to him when he called. This same GOD is alive and HE can do exceedingly more than that if you believe. This thanksgiving Sunday, as you worship HIM today;

- 🕯️ Your coast will be enlarged.
- 🕯️ In your hour of need, your head will not be bowed in shame.
- 🕯️ Your expectations shall not be cut short neither will your hopes be dashed.
- 🕯️ Jabez was answered, Hannah was answered, Elizabeth was not left out therefore your case will not be an exemption.
- 🕯️ For the rest of this year and beyond, The Lord shall grant your requests speedily on every side and situations and circumstances shall obey you and your head shall not lack the oil of mercy.
- 🕯️ Goodness and mercy shall follow you and you will finish well in Jesus Mighty



I decree, the mercies of GOD will overflow into your life. Your mornings will be good, your afternoons will be better, your evenings will be gracious and your night will be peaceful in the name of Jesus. Goodness of GOD will encompass you. The glory of GOD will overwhelm you and your household in the name of Jesus. As you seek, you shall find favour before man and GOD. I pray all your prayers shall be answered. This is your season of laughter, and you will laugh in Jesus mighty name.



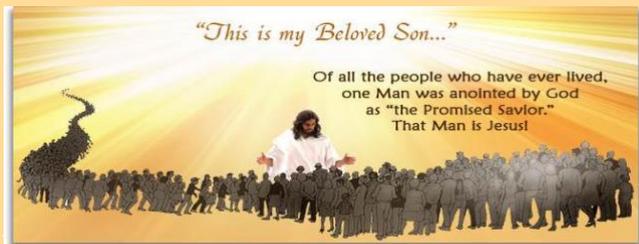
Birthdays

Sr Ngozi Molokwi	4th
July	
Oshinacki Ukwu	12th
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Ayomide Arowosere	13th
July	
Lashay Johnson	21st
July	
Paul Opeyemi Osunlana.	29th July

God is saying to you today, "What are you worrying about? Why are you losing sleep? You may not see how it can work out but what you can't see is Me, your Heavenly Father, maneuvering things in your favor: moving the wrong people out of the way, lining up good breaks, and turning negative situations around."

THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

OVERCOMERS



Since Jesus Christ claimed to be God, there are only three possible answers to this question: 1) He is a **liar**, 2) He is a **lunatic**, or 3) He is who He said He was—**God**.

Is Jesus Christ a liar? When you examine the pure, sinless life of this Man, can you say that He is a liar? No, you cannot.

Is Jesus Christ a lunatic? Are His words and teachings the words of a madman? No, they are not. Even His enemies said, *"Never man spoke like this man"* (John 7:46).

This leaves only one answer: Jesus is who He said He was. He is **"the Christ"**—the One who is both man and God. Jesus said, *"...if you believe not that I am He, you shall die in your sins"* (John 8:24).

The most important question that Jesus ever asked His disciples was this: *"Whom do you say that I am?"* Simon Peter answered, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus said to Peter, *"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but My Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 16:17).

The Lord Jesus is asking each of us the same question. Right now, Jesus is asking you, *"Whom do you say that I am?"* What will your answer be? Will you say with the apostle Peter, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"*? The Bible says, *"These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life [everlasting life] through His Son"* (John 20:31).

THREE GREAT FACTS

- God promised to send a wonderful Saviour to us. He is called *"the Christ,"* which means *"the anointed One."*
- Of all the people who have ever lived, only one Man was anointed by God as *"the Christ."* That man is Jesus of Nazareth, anointed by God as the promised Saviour.
- Jesus Christ is absolutely without a rival! There are many religions, but there is only one Person who is both God and man. There is only one Person who died for our sins, and rose again to be our living Saviour and Lord. That Person is the Lord Jesus Christ.

TURN BACK TO GOD

Jesus Refuses To Heal, Thrice (Part 2)



Jesus refuses to cure, The Second time

Since the mother was humble enough, she did not feel hurt by the way Jesus ignored her prayer. Fr Varghese said, "It is our pride, which prevents us from pursuing prayer". Once we are intimidated by the silence of Jesus, by the first rejection by Jesus, our pride is hurt, we are frustrated and quick to abandon. Our faith is burnt out by the dry heat of silence, by the storm of a ridicule, by the non-conforming behaviour of a church member.

She, did not weigh her shame against her prayer. She prayed again and again weighing her faith in Jesus with the love she had for her daughter. She was humble, she was determined, so she prayed again ignoring the silent intimidation of Jesus. Her determination was overwhelming the silence of a powerful and silent God. As Jesus reduced the decibel of his response to zero, she increased the decibel of her faith proportionately. As Jesus went silent, she went louder. As Jesus intimidated, she overcame her shame with her determination, her humility, and her faith.

Here I discern that the disciples including apostles intercede for her cause, so that they are saved the shame of a crying mother pestering Jesus. They also intercede with their style of prayer with Jesus to get rid of the "discomfort" of a praying, crying petitioner. The apostles, at that hour, display a low valuation for the Charisma of Jesus to perform a miracle. They ask Jesus to just give away a miracle, a cure, to save them from the shame of a crying, nagging Canaanite mother. The Charism of the Holy Spirit are not given away to keep beggars away from us. Charism of the Holy Spirit to perform miracles is not a piece of bone to saves us from the annoying bark of a street dog. Jesus shows no mercy and is firm and raises his Second denial.

This denial is in the form of a technical, legal, legitimate objection. He does not have adequate powers, adequate authority, and adequate relationship with the petitioner. Jesus disowned the crying mother as a non-Israelite. He discriminated her. He defined his domain as "exclusive to the lost sheep of Israel." And she was outside his focus. She does not matter to his mission or mandate. She is not in the Will of His Father. She is an outcast, she is not a child of God, she is just another human being descended from the several sins after Adam and Eve, but not a child of Abraham. She is a dog. She cannot compete for his attention. She is disqualified to enter the race of faith.

Thus Jesus raised the technical and legal excuse to restrict his mission to Israelites. He was unwilling to extend his value to the non-Israelites. Here Jesus is declaring loud at that hour, that it is illegal to the mandate given by His Father to deliver the Glory of God to an out-cast. He loudly discriminates the crying mother. The apostles showed more mercy than Jesus. They were more inclusive than Jesus. They were more secular and modern than their Master. Or maybe they did not understand the exchange value the power required for a miracle, or valued them so less, relatively; so that it can be given away, for the first and second asking, to save their ears from the nagging cry of a Canaanite woman.

NEXT WEEK:

Jesus refuses to heal, The Third time

READERS' DIGEST.

PASTORS & CHURCH WORKERS MUST READ THIS PIECE...

Pst Dr. Paul Enenche Said...

"In our church, people rarely introduce me. I just carry my Bible and walk to the altar. What is the introduction for? I would not even allow them to carry my Bible. If they carry my Bible, will they carry my mouth? Will they carry my message?"

"I remember going to a church to preach some time ago. And someone stood on the altar to speak. He wanted to introduce the host pastor who would, in turn, introduce me. He said, "I want to tell you about someone; someone that has changed my life..." As he began to say more things, I thought he was talking about God. Frankly speaking, the way he spoke about the man, I thought it was God He was talking about. But when he finished, he said, "Can we receive my papa, my daddy in the Lord..." I sank in my chair. I said in my heart, 'People are talking about you like this and you accept it?'"

"That was what Herod did and God sent an angel to slap him. He was consumed by worms on the spot (Acts 12:23). I sank in my chair."

Nevertheless, the host pastor got the microphone and obviously, it was normal. By the time he finally invited me to come and preach, frankly speaking, the anointing had died. There was no move, no flow, nothing. They had killed the atmosphere before inviting me into that mess. "I went to that altar with weakness and trembling. I had to sing and worship for about thirty minutes, just to try and beg God and ask for mercy, and thank God, His mercy came. Then the service was very wonderful."

At the end, I asked the host pastor in the hotel room, 'Did you accept those things they were saying about you? Did you accept to be praised like that?' He got angry. And that was the last time I was to be there. I have never been there again. And I can tell you that the history of that place is not something to write home about. "When you over-celebrate yourself, God may withdraw His help so that you can see your nakedness. When you think your wealth is your making, and your prosperity is your making, or the anointing you carry is your making, God will withdraw a little, so you can see how naked you are without Him."

"The renowned evangelist, Benny Hinn, said one day, he went before God to pray and he said to God, 'Please, do not take your anointing from me. It is all I have.' And God told him, 'Do not ask me not to take it, rather, ask me to return it, because I took it away a long time ago.' He lay on his face for two weeks waiting on the Lord, away from human presence... He remembered what became of Samson when the anointing had left him."

That is what pride, self-exaltation and arrogance can do to a man. God showed mercy on Benny Hinn Ministries and restored His presence in his life. "We were going for a programme somewhere and our officers were using double trafficator. I begged them to put off the trafficator lights. I felt absolutely uncomfortable. What if we entered with so much fanfare, pomp and pageantry as if it is Jesus entering Jerusalem, and by the time we get there, God says, 'Okay, perform the miracles. See the sick, heal them. See the unbelievers, save them. Perform! I am waiting for you...' What would we do? Today, our protocol officers are aware that they do not have to make any ostentatious, braggadocios entry into any event or occasion. The Bible says, "What have you that you have not received? And if you have received it, why do you behave as if you give it to yourself?" (1Cor.4:7). This is what is limiting people. "Get this: if it is the apostolic anointing you have, there are more apostles that have gone before and beyond you. Ayi Kwei Armah wrote a book titled The Beautiful Ones are not Yet Born. In case you think you are beautiful, you have not seen beautiful people yet. In case you say you are anointed, you have not seen anointing yet. In case you say you are called, you have not seen calling yet, so calm down. "Imagine a young boy of twenty-two or twenty-three years of age who calls himself an apostle or

A fish said to the sea, "You can never see my tears, because I am in the water."
The sea answered back, "But I can feel your tears, because you are within my heart."
This is how we are. No one will feel us except those who are truly close to our hearts.

A man's (Arwah), leg was cut off because of a disease he suffered, on the same day the dearest of his seven sons died.

The dearest son to his heart died after a horse kick killed him.

The man said: Oh Lord, All thanks to You, we are from God and to Him is our return
You gave me 7 sons and took one, gave me two legs and two hands but took only one leg.

When God allows calamities to beset us, He compensates us always by forgiving most of our transgressions.

When He takes away something, He always gives back better things.

Days passed, on until one ultimate day the man went to the house of the King of the time where he saw a blind old religious man with a damaged face.

The king said: "Oh Arwah ask this religious man his story". Arwah asked the religious man as directed.

The minister said, "I used to live in a valley and in that valley there was nobody richer than me (money, property and children wise).

Within a single night, floods from heavy rain washed away my children, properties and everything that I ever had. By the next day, after sunrise, I had only a small baby and a camel.

The camel ran away, and I ran after it but did not get far when I heard screams of a baby.

I turned back only to see my baby's head in the mouth of a wolf.

I tried saving the baby but the wolf had torn him apart.

As I turned to go away, the wolf jumped and hit my face, that incident made me blind, and damaged my face.

Arwah asked the man, "What did you say after all this? "

The religious replied: I said, "Oh God, You graciously left with me a heart and a tongue that will always glorify You".

This is the story of real patience.

These two people are among those whom God says: "only the patient will be paid back their rewards in full without measure" What kind of calamity have you encountered that made you sad and live in misery?

Can you compare their misery to yours? They were patient and God Promises to Reward them.

If we are impatient what reward do we hope to get?

Trust and betrayal is critical. Look beyond the smiles of faces. Know which people to surround yourself with-which people to invite into your circle. Even with family and friends, you must be careful who to let into your business. Pray for guidance.

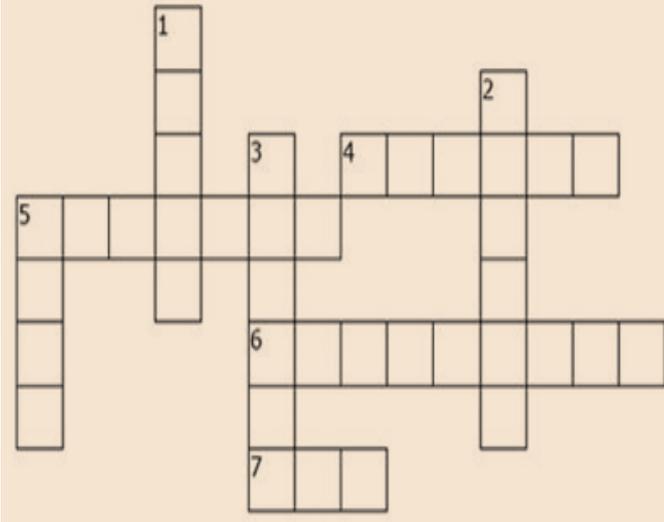
Be careful of whom you trust. Be careful of who you share your life's secrets and plan with. Be careful who you share your weaknesses with. Some people can't wait for the opportunity to use them against you.

Life's not about the people who act true to your face. It's about the people who remain true behind your back. Most of the enemies you have are the people you once helped in life.

Your good deeds might seem invisible, but they leave a trail that is imprinted on the hearts of others. Always remember: the greatest gift you can ever receive is not found in the shops or under your Christmas tree. It is found from the unexpected. The greatest of minds can become cloudy and the biggest of hearts can break. So be kind. A time will come in your life when

The Transformer

"The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." Galatians 1:23 (NIV)
Based on Galatians 1:11-24

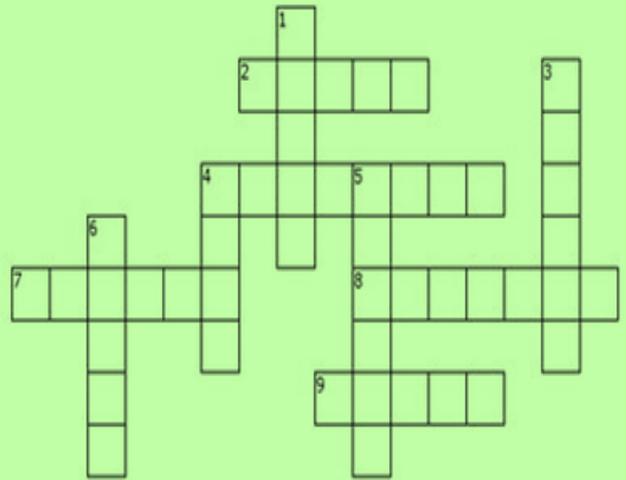


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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 4. The entire group of people who follow the teachings of Jesus | 1. A firm belief in God |
| 5. To tear down or ruin completely | 2. To deliver a sermon |
| 6. To treat badly, especially because of religion | 3. The good news concerning Christ, the Kingdom of God, and salvation |
| 7. A false statement deliberately presented as being true | 5. Periods of 24 hours |

GOSPEL	CHURCH	FAITH	PERSECUTE
DAYS	DESTROY	PREACH	LIE

There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28
Based on Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 2. To put the fingers lightly on something | 1. Physical strength or force |
| 4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore | 3. To experience physical or mental pain |
| 7. To be cured or restored to health | 4. The main, physical part of a person |
| 8. The things you wear to cover your body | 5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured |
| 9. A human adult female | 6. To believe in something you cannot see |

FAITH	BLEEDING	SUFFER	BODY	WOMAN
DOCTOR	HEALED	CLOTHES	TOUCH	POWER

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Matt 1:1-13



Genealogy of Jesus

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| ABIJAH | ABRAHAM |
| ABIUD | BABYLON |
| AHAZ | BROTHERS |
| AMON | CHRIST |
| ASA | ELIAKIM |
| AZOR | FATHER |
| BOAZ | HEZEKIAH |
| DAVID | HEZRON |
| EXILE | JECONIAH |
| ISAAC | JEHORAM |
| JACOB | JOSIAH |
| JESSE | JOTHAM |
| JESUS | MANASSEH |
| JUDAH | MOTHER |
| KING | NAHSHON |
| OBED | RECORD |
| PEREZ | REHOBAM |
| RAHAB | SALMON |
| RUTH | SOLOMON |
| ZERAH | UZZIAH |

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