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Beauty From Ashes

Stories of Redemption for Advent from our Lord's Genealogical Record in Matthew 1

Tamar

Mary







"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus [meaning, Savior], for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)









Even the lowliest of persons can be elevated by the power of God.

HE raises up the poor from the dust;
HE lifts the needy from the ash heap
To make them sit with princes
And inherit a seat of honor.

(1 Samuel 2:8)







"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You [God], You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment." (Psalm51:3-4)











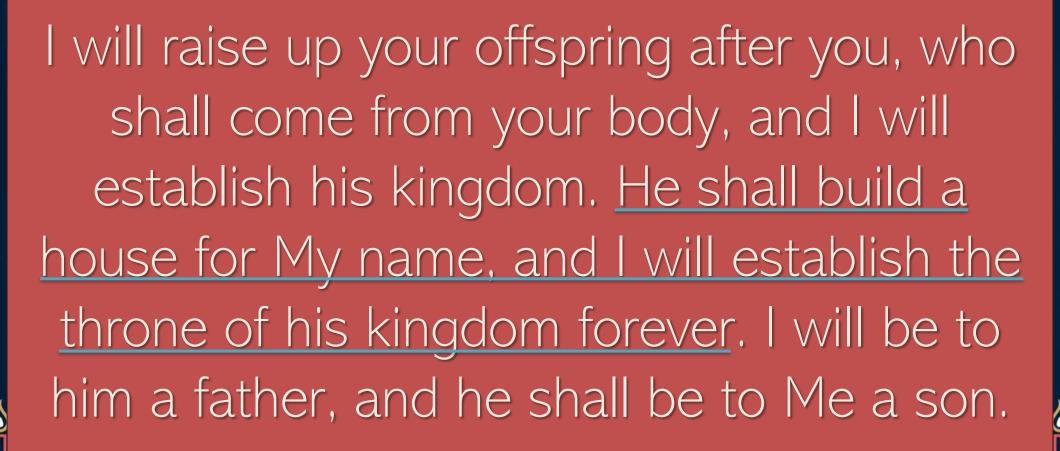
In God's good providence, she along with Nathan the prophet ensure that David establishes Solomon as king before he dies, thus securing the Messianic line and enabling her to be grafted into the lineage of the Savior.







2 Samuel 7:12-17



Nathan spoke to David...

The word of the LORD came to me....

Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon [rest], and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name...and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.

1 Chronicles 22:6-10

Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba...and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah [beloved of YAHWEH], because of the LORD. (2 Samuel 12:24-25)





Mankind is held responsible for his response to God's Word, and these responses are what so often correlates with our understanding of God's will.





