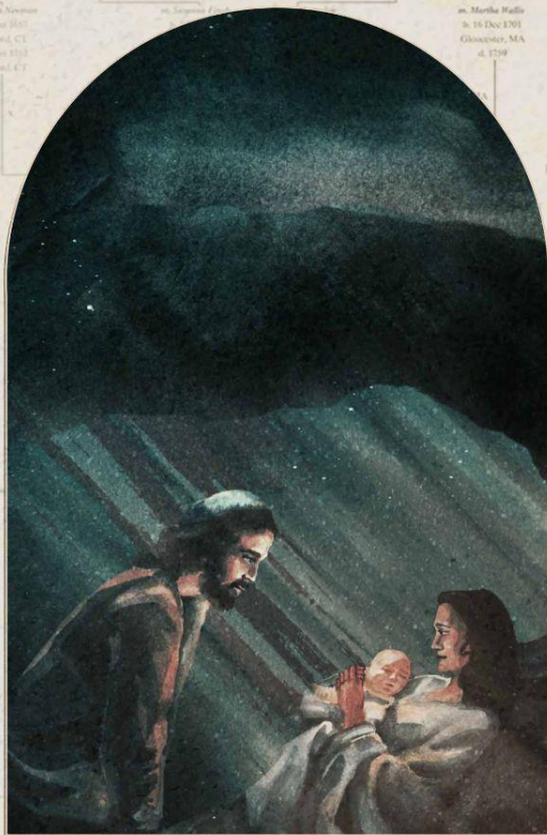


SON OF ABRAHAM



¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah... the son of Abraham:
² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

MATTHEW 1:1-6

³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah,
whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,

MATTHEW 1:1-6

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz,
whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed,
whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

MATTHEW 1:1-6

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should
change his mind. Does he speak and then
not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

NUMBERS 23:19

**JESUS
PROCEEDED
ABRAHAM**

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

GENESIS 15:6

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents,

HEBREWS 11:8-12

as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age,

HEBREWS 11:8-12

was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

HEBREWS 11:8-12

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him,

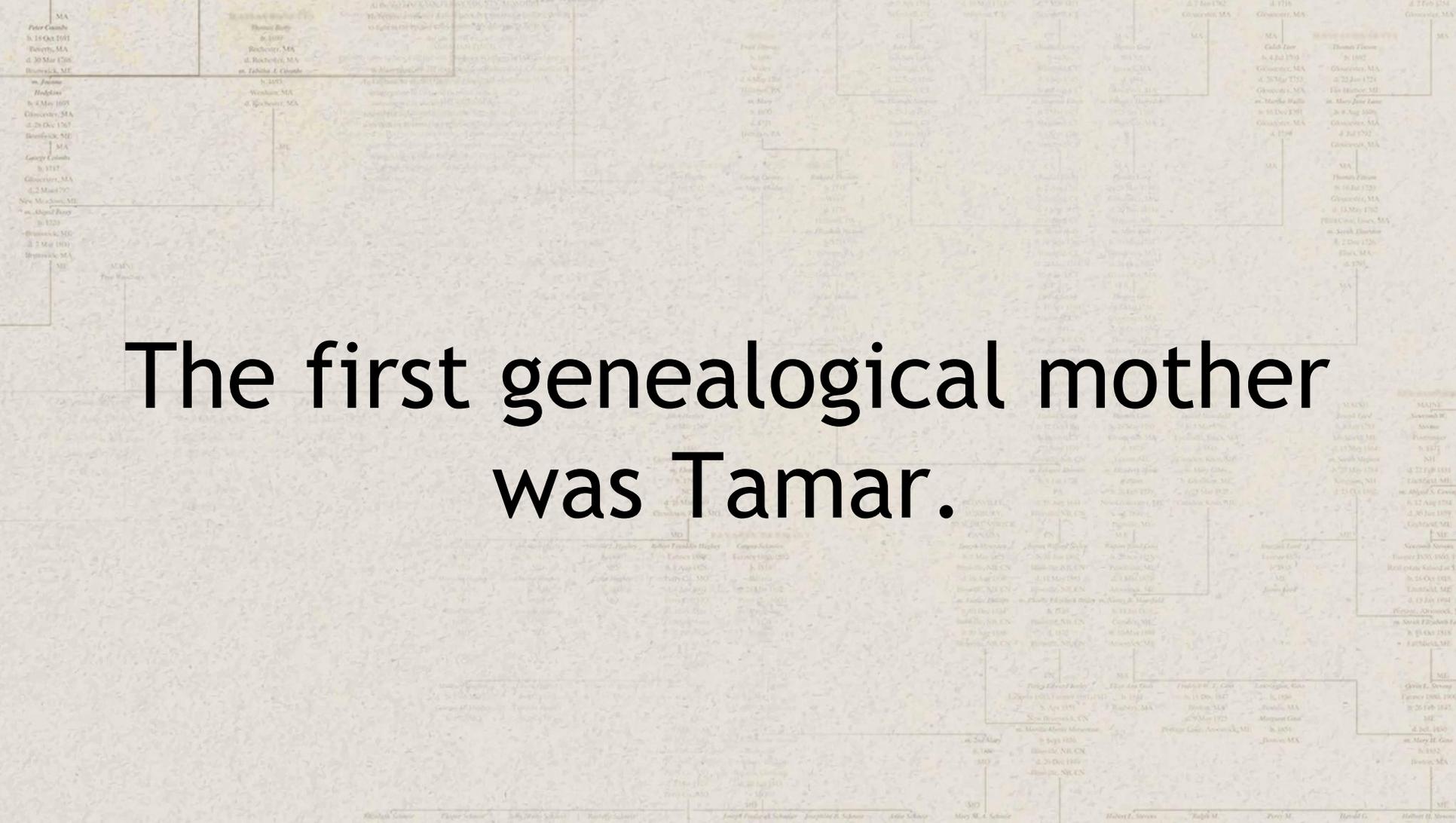
HEBREWS 11:17-19

“It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

HEBREWS 11:17-19

23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says,
“Abraham believed God, and it was
credited to him as righteousness,” and
he was called God’s friend.

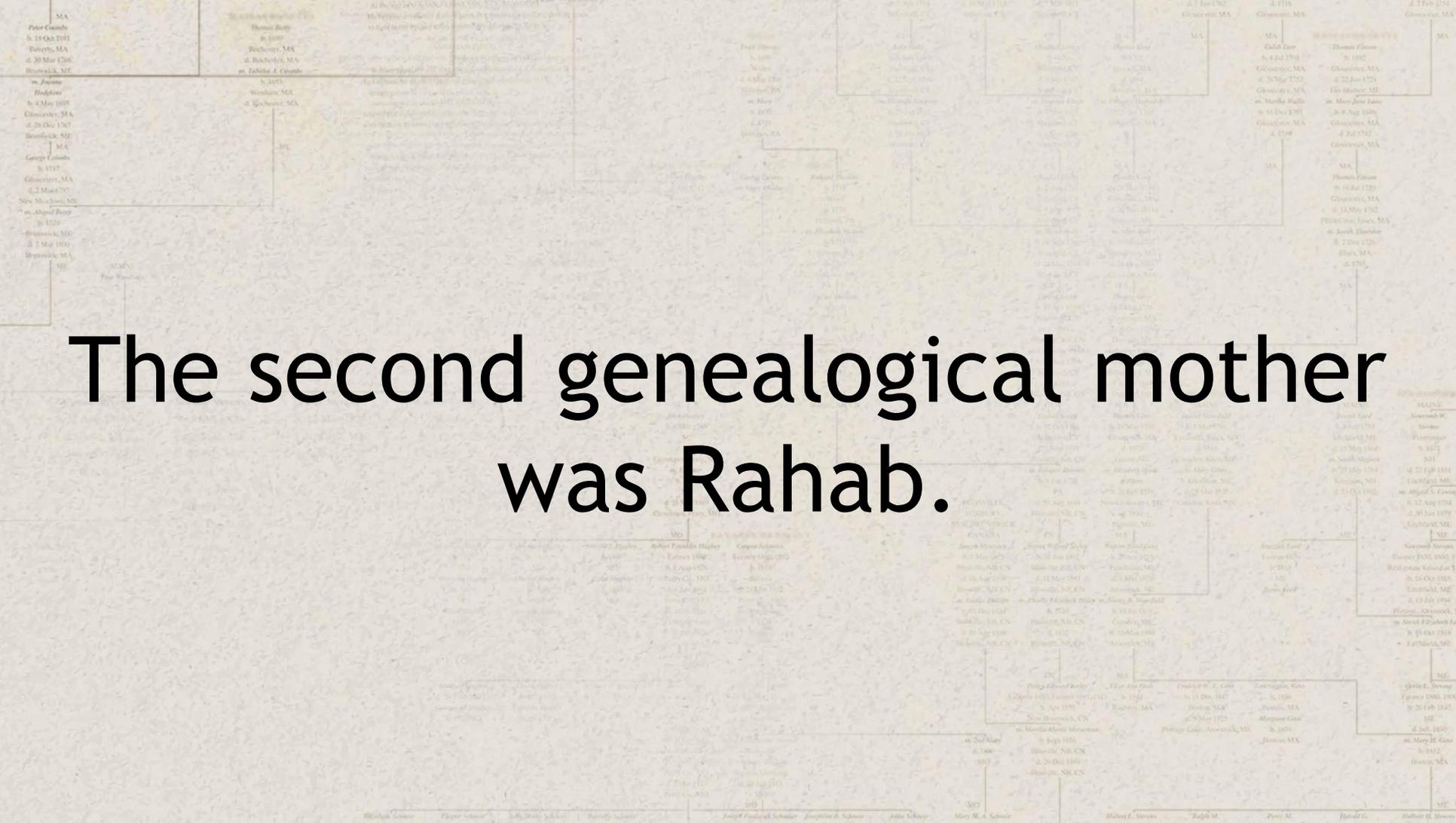
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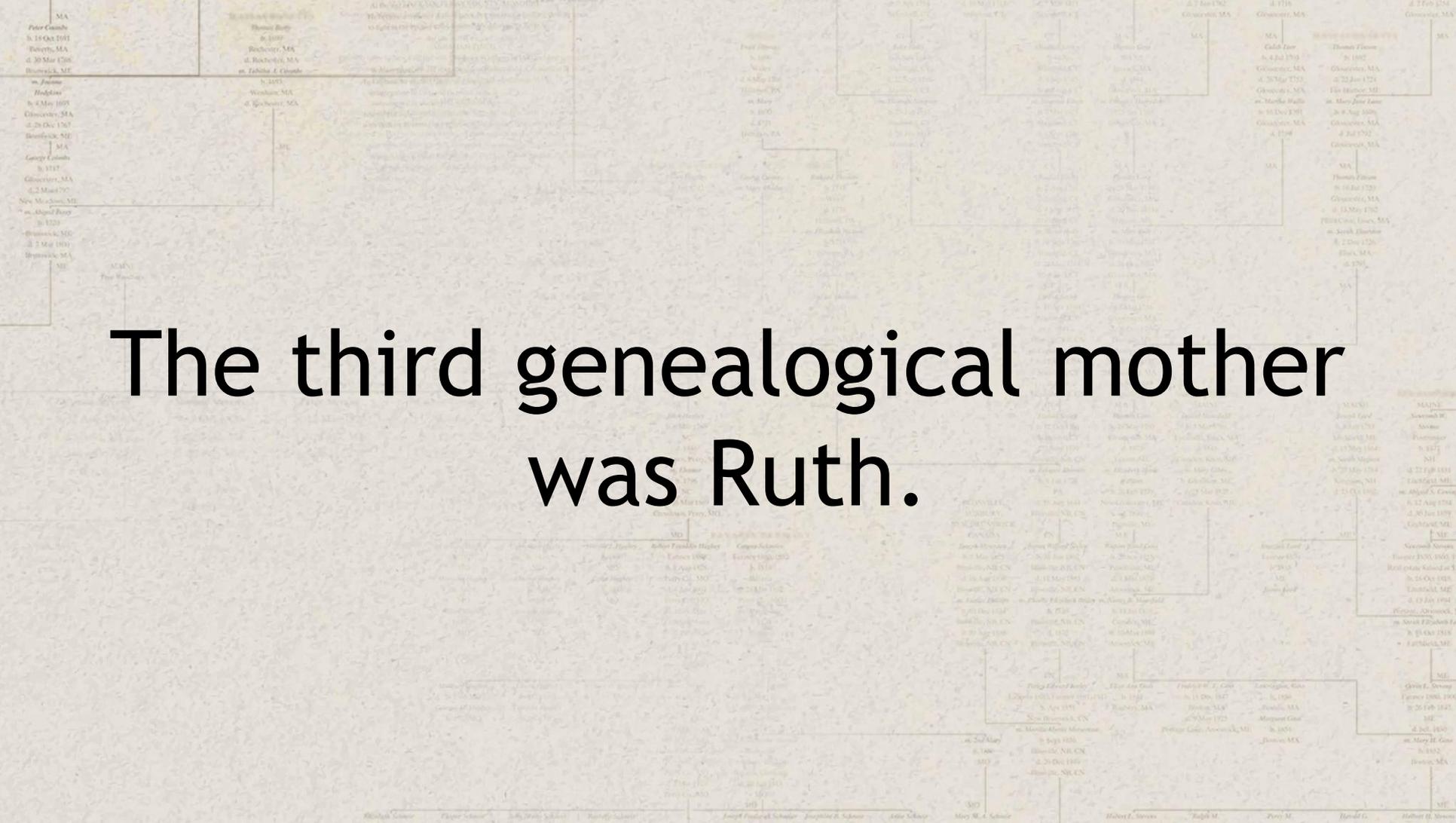
The first genealogical mother was Tamar.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah.

REVELATION 5:5



The second genealogical mother was Rahab.



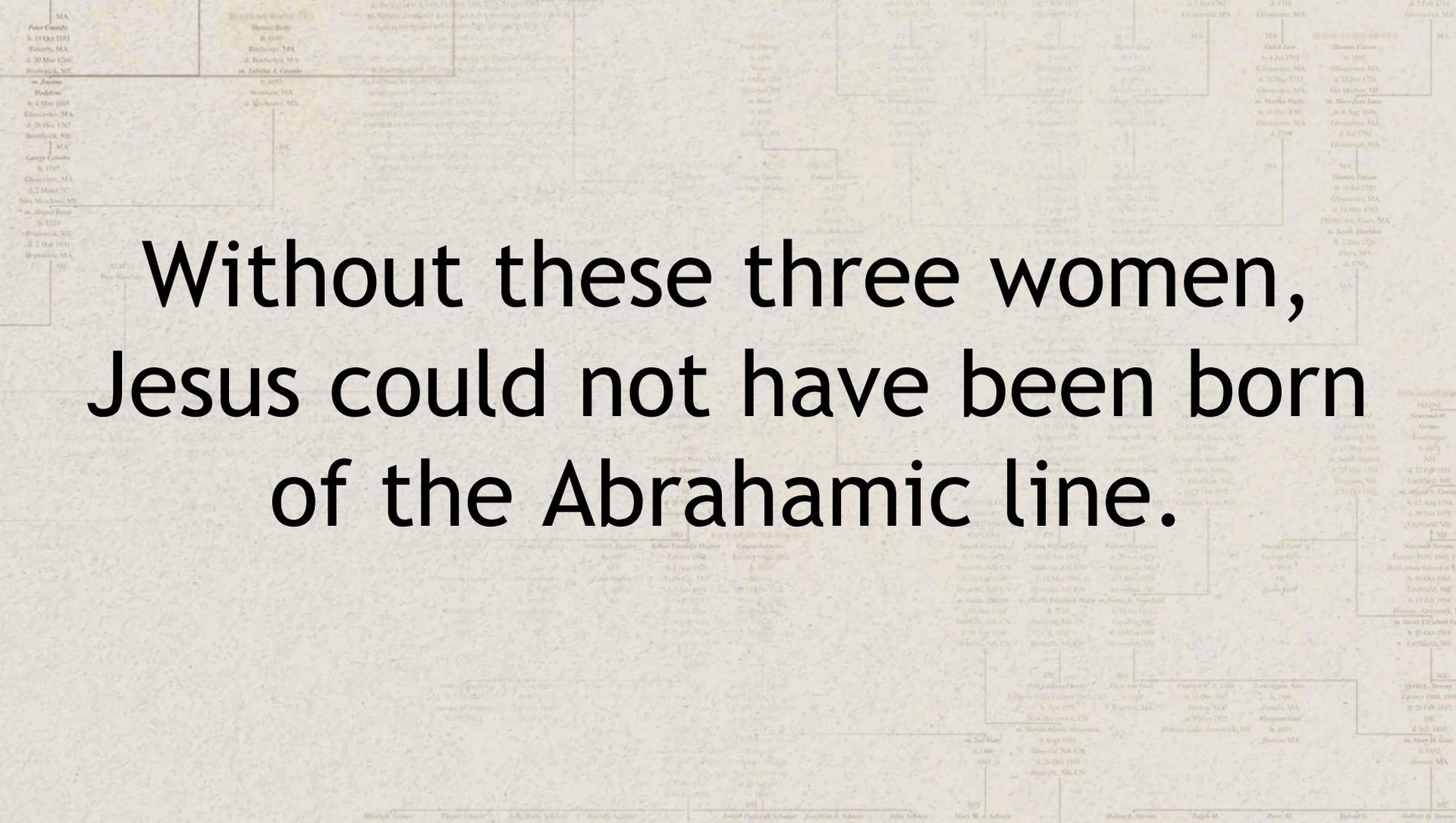
The third genealogical mother was Ruth.

⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon.
¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife,

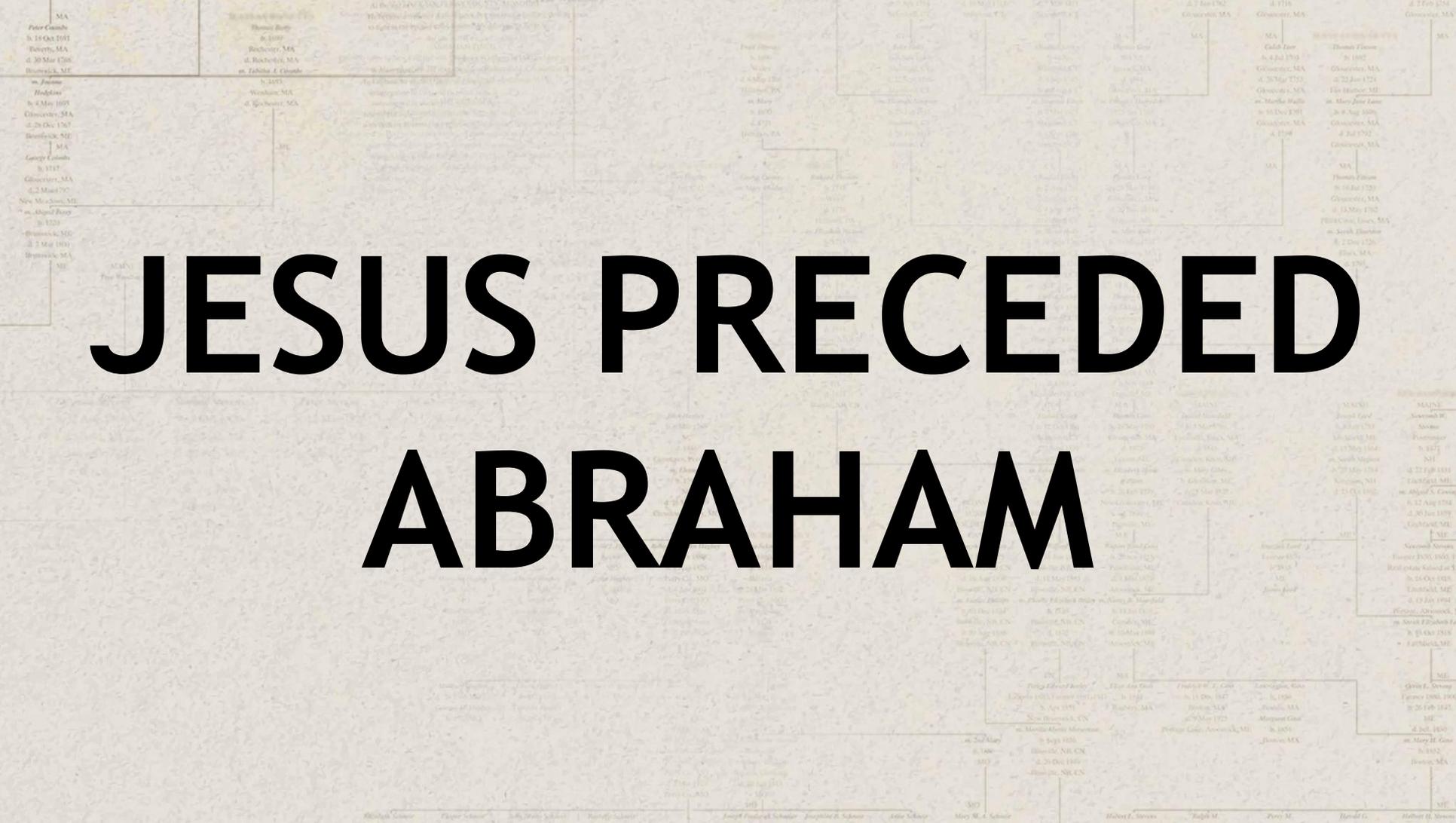
RUTH 4:9-10

in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!”

RUTH 4:9-10



Without these three women,
Jesus could not have been born
of the Abrahamic line.



**JESUS PRECEDED
ABRAHAM**

48 The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” 49 “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honour my Father and you dishonour me.

JOHN 8:48-51

⁵⁰ I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”

JOHN 8:48-51

⁵² At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

JOHN 8:52-53

⁵⁴ Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him.

JOHN 8:54-56

If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word.
⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

JOHN 8:54-56

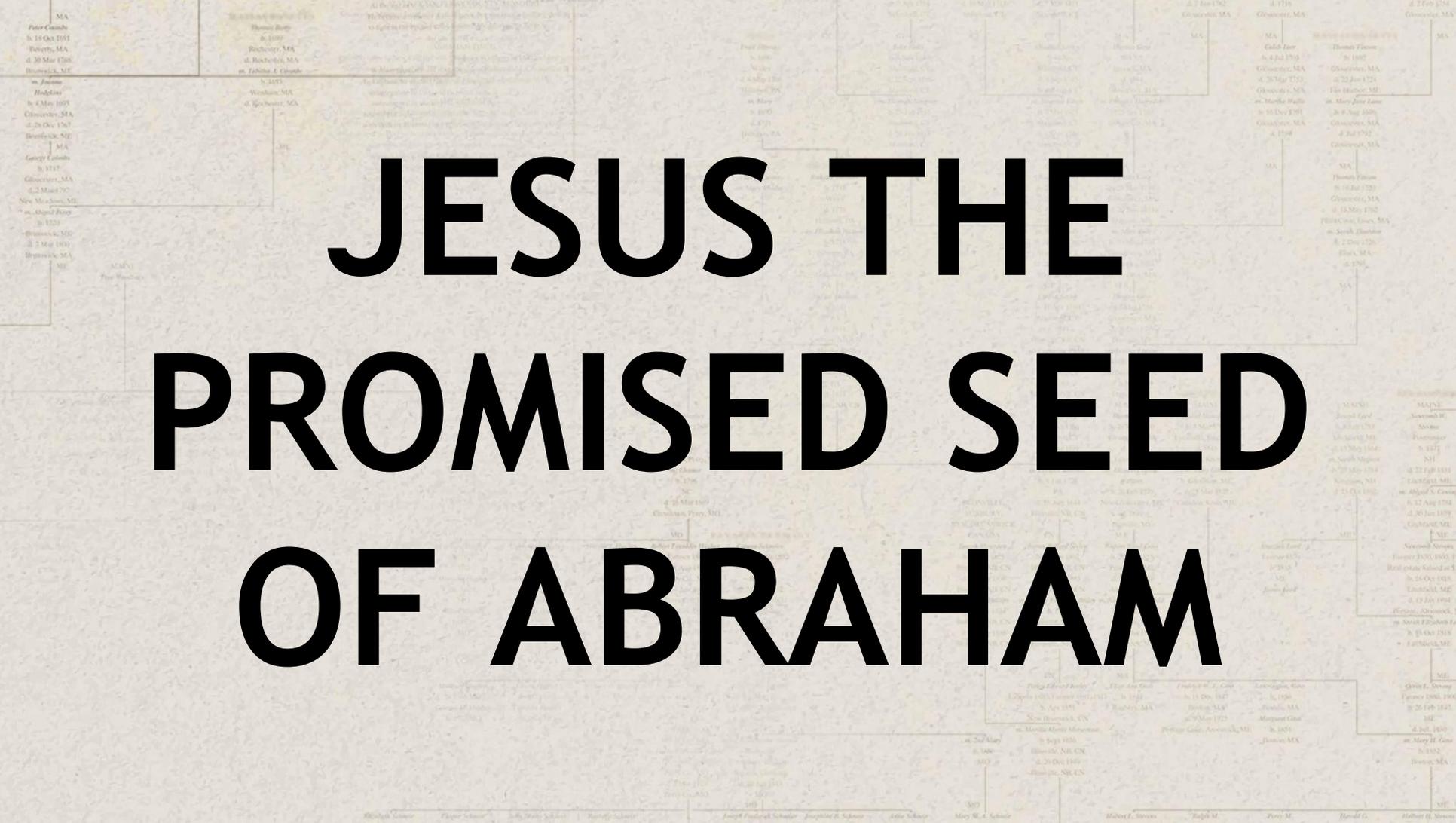
57 “You are not yet fifty years old,”
they said to him, “and you have seen
Abraham!” 58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus
answered, “before Abraham was born,
I am!” 59 At this, they picked up stones to
stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping
away from the temple grounds.

JOHN 8:57-59

Jesus did not say “before Abraham was born, I was”. Jesus instead confirmed His pre-existence and deity when He exclaimed “before Abraham was born, I am!”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.

EXODUS 3:14



JESUS THE PROMISED SEED OF ABRAHAM

⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham:

GALATIANS 3:7-9

“All nations will be blessed through you.”
⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed
along with Abraham, the man of faith.

GALATIANS 3:7-9

¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later,

GALATIANS 3:16-19

does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

GALATIANS 3:16-19

¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all?
It was added because of transgressions
until the Seed to whom the promise
referred had come.

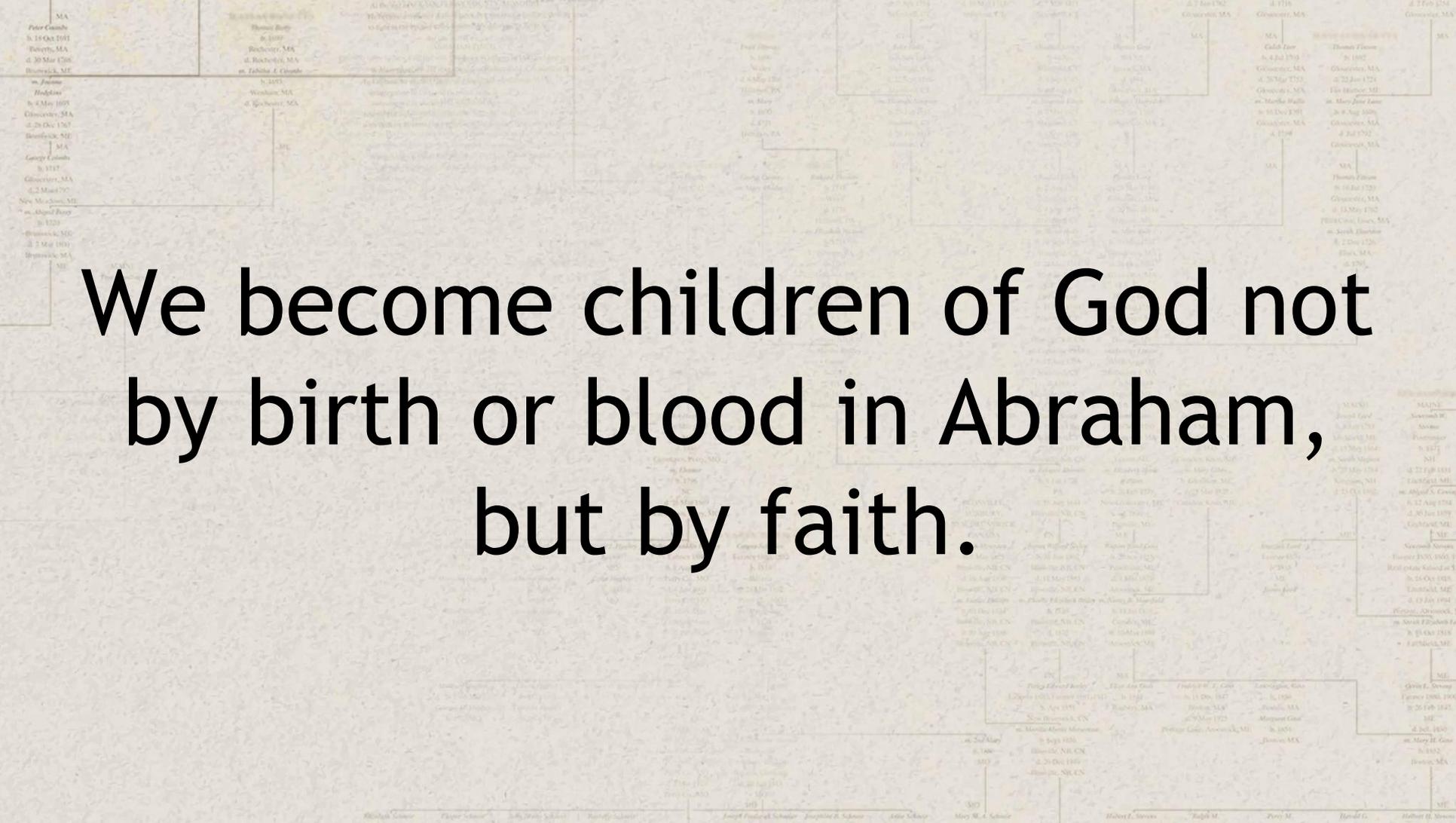
GALATIANS 3:16-19

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female,

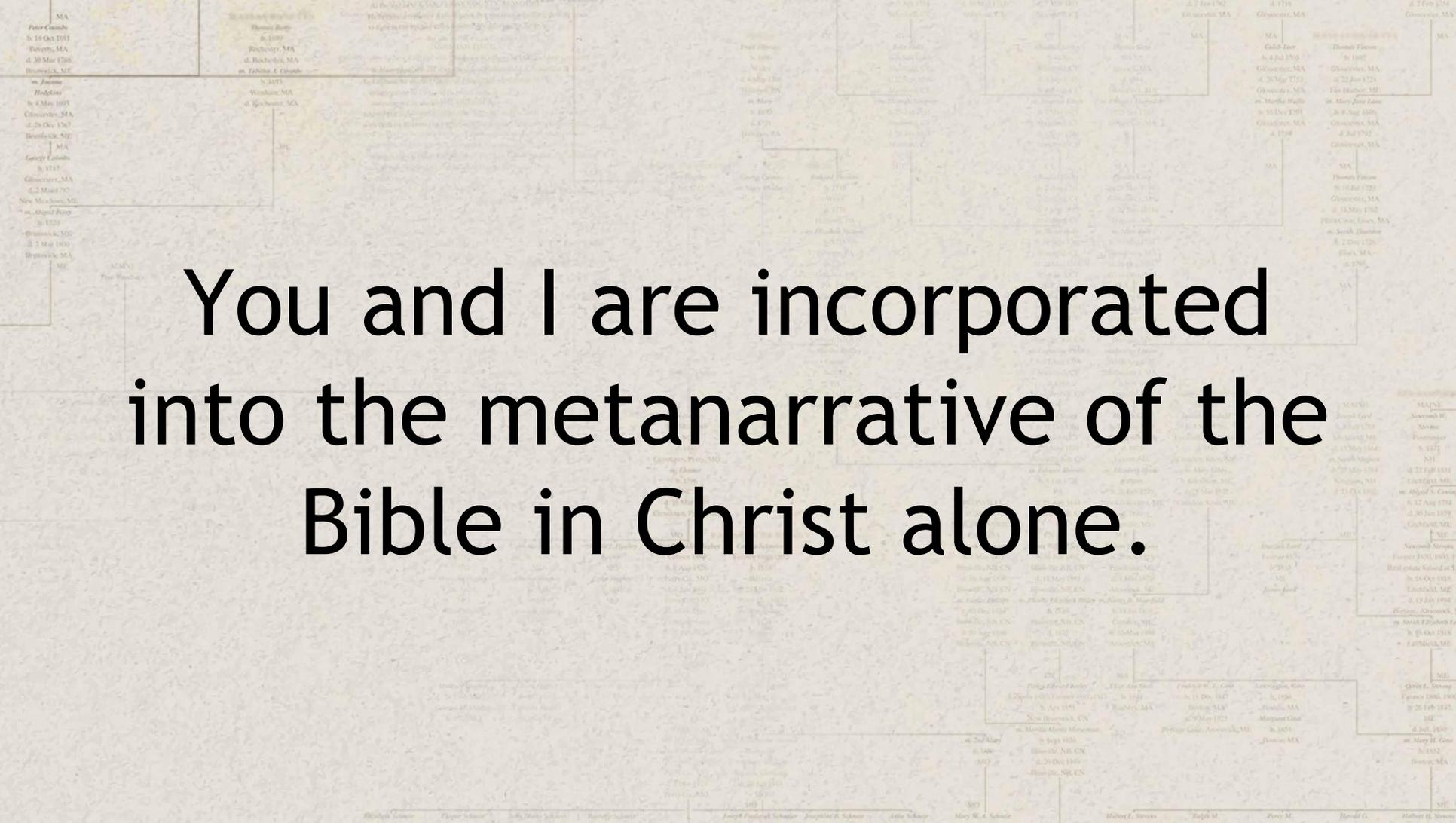
GALATIANS 3:26-29

for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

GALATIANS 3:26-29

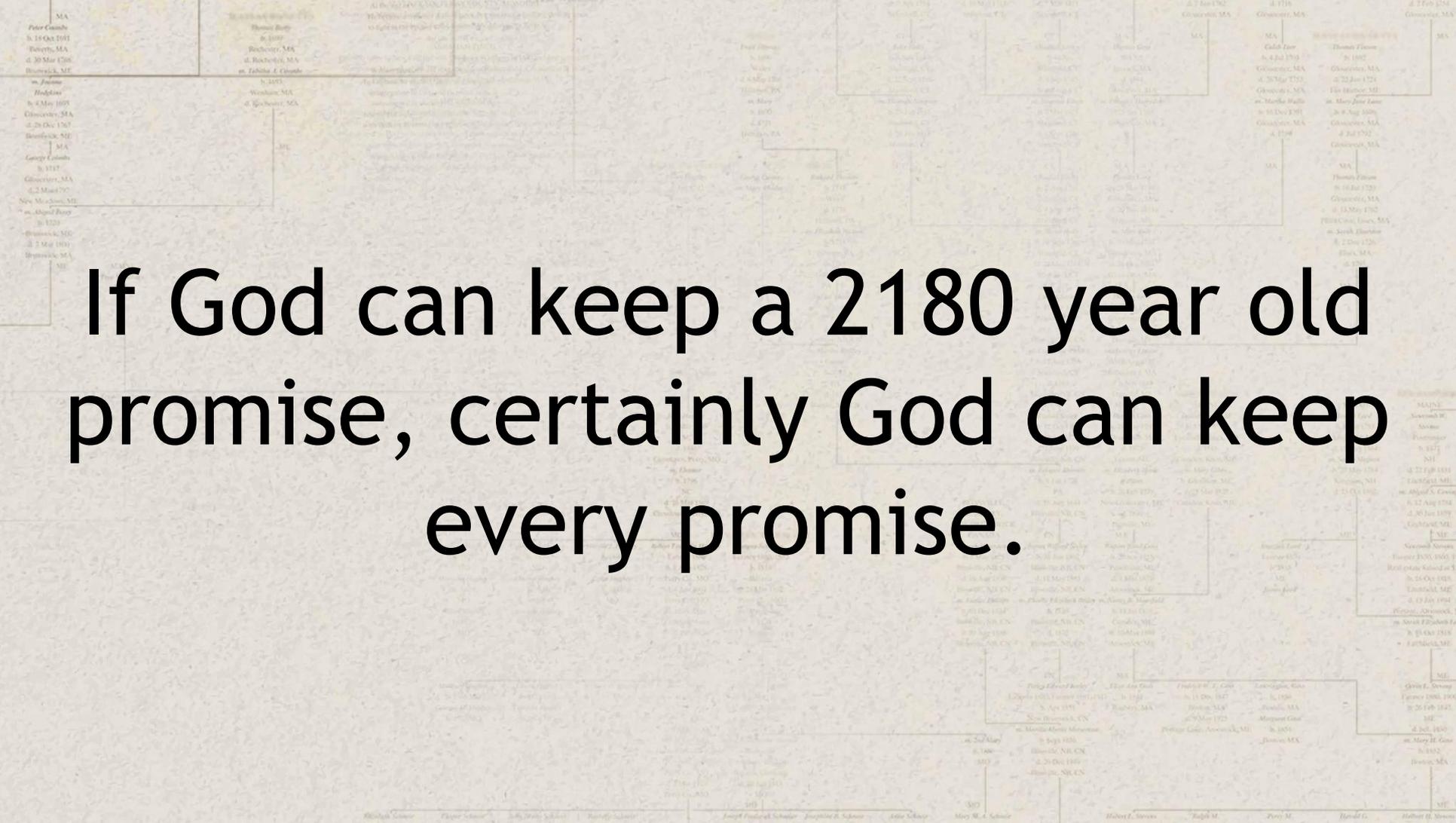


We become children of God not
by birth or blood in Abraham,
but by faith.



You and I are incorporated
into the metanarrative of the
Bible in Christ alone.

The human predicament is that we struggle with the passage of time between the promise and its fulfilment.



If God can keep a 2180 year old promise, certainly God can keep every promise.

Christmas is the celebration of
a fulfilled promise!

²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

FAMILY TREE

→ TRACING THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

