

December 13 ■ Lesson 2**The Advent Season****QUESTIONS FOR LESSONS 2: “Five Key Women in the Line of Christ”**

The seed promise is the passage of the seed through the men in the line of Christ from the first Eve to Mary. However, Matthew includes five women in the list. Some have critiqued the first four in the list for being sinners, but the women have no greater guilt of sin than do the men. It is fascinating that these women – some noted in Scripture for sinful behavior – were included in the “seed” genealogy of Matthew 1. It reveals the grace of God toward sinners as well as the goodness of God by including Gentiles in the line of Christ.

Memory Work: Matthew 1:23 (review)

Read the stories of these woman – too many verses to read in the Bible studies – and answer the following questions.

Tamar	???	Genesis 38:1-30; Ruth 4:12
Rahab	Gentile	Joshua 2:1-24; 6:15-25; Heb. 11:31; James 2:25
Ruth	Gentile	Ruth 1-4
“Bathsheba”	Israelite	2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:24-25
Mary	Israelite	Matthew 1:1-17

1. What is learned by listing this individual woman in the line of Christ?

2. What are the liabilities (–) and the qualities (+) of this woman?

3. What do these women indicate about the line of Christ?