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 nRothiv.i8 of Thamar; and \* Phares begat Esrom; and \* Esrom   
 begat Aram; “and "Aram begat Aminadab; and \* Ami-   
 iitnaic\* nadab begat ‘Naasson ; and » Naasson begat Salmon ; Sand   
 1 nese » Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and " Booz begat Obed   
 mit Kings of Ruth;   
 al and "Obed begat Jesse; ®and \* Jesse begat   
 of kings David the king; and ' David the king begat Solomon of   
 rt wu, her [® that had been the wife] of Urias ; 7 and \* Solomon begat   
 a = 3x, Roboam; and! Roboam begat Abia; and ™ Abia begat Asa;   
 7.8 and ® Asa begat Josaphat; and ° Josaphat begat Joram ;   
 Hein   
 ra xv and > Joram begat Ozias; ® and 1Ozias begat Joatham ;   
 \* Pikings and \* Joatham begat Achaz; and \* Achaz begat Ezekias ;   
 1 Ptogs a 10 and ‘Ezekias begat Manasees ; and " Manasses begat   
 or) xxl,   
 “ae note: Amon; and and his brethren, Josias ; land time Josias begat   
   
   
 ® not expressed in the original.   
 It most probably is, that Evangelist count of the character ra Ae   
 omitted what was ordinary, but stated to her. 8. Joram .   
 what was doubtful or singular. It has viz, Ahaziah, Joash, ying   
 been su; that as these women are (1 Chron. iii. 12), are here omitted.   
 of Gentile origin or dubious character, Some think that they were erased on ac-   
 they may be mentioned as introducing count of their connexion, by means of   
 calling of Gentiles and sinners by our Athaliah, with the house of Ahab.   
 Lord: also, that they serve as types Simeon is omitted by Moses in the   
 of the mother of our Lord, and are tribes (Deut. xxxiii.): descendants of   
 quently named in the course the genea- Zebulun and Dan are over in   
 , as she is at the end of it. 1 Chron., and none the latter tribe are   
 5. b] It has been imagined, chro- sealed in Rev. vii. But more probably   
 nological that this Rachab must such erasion, even if by that   
 be a different person Rahab of Jeri- reason, was not made on account it, but   
 cho. But those very grounds completely for convenience, in order to square the   
 tally with their identity. For Naashon numbers of the different portions the   
 fat of Salmon), prince of Judah (1 genealogies, as here. Com re, as illus-   
 ‘bron. fi. offered his offering the trating such omissions, 1 Chron. viii.   
 setting up of tabernacle (Num. vii. with Gen. xlvi. 21. IL Josias . . .   
 89 years before taking of Jericho. So Jechonias) Eliakim, son of Josiah and   
 that Salmon would be of mature age at father of Jechonias, omitted ; which   
 or soon after that event; at which time objected to the Christians by Porphyry.   
 Lares was probably young, as her father The reading which inserts Joacim (i.e.   
 and mother were living (Josh. 23). Nor Eliakim) rests on hardly any foundation,   
 is it any that Achan, the fourth and would make fifteen in the   
 in descent from Judah by Zara, contem- second “ ” The solution of the   
 poral with Salmon, the sixth the other difficulty su) the name to appl;   
 ch: since the generations the line to both Esk re hie son, to fase   
 of Zara average 69 and those in the the former in ver. and the latter ver.   
 line of Phares both within limits of 12, is unsupported example, and con-   
 probability. The difficulty the interval trary to the usage the When   
 of 866 years between Rahab and David not notice that two brethren his were   
 does not to this passage only, are we compare 1 Chron. 16 way of Kings   
 equally to Ruth iv. 21, 22; and is no ing sanctioned by 2 xxxvi. 10, where   
 means insuperable, eapocially the ex- Zedekiah, one of is called brother,   
 treme old (age Jesse, implied in 1 Sam. we are led to seek our solution in some   
 xvii. 12, is may add that, manner of speaking of these   
 considering Rahab’s father and mother   
 were alive, the house would hardly be   
 called the house Of Bahab except on ac-