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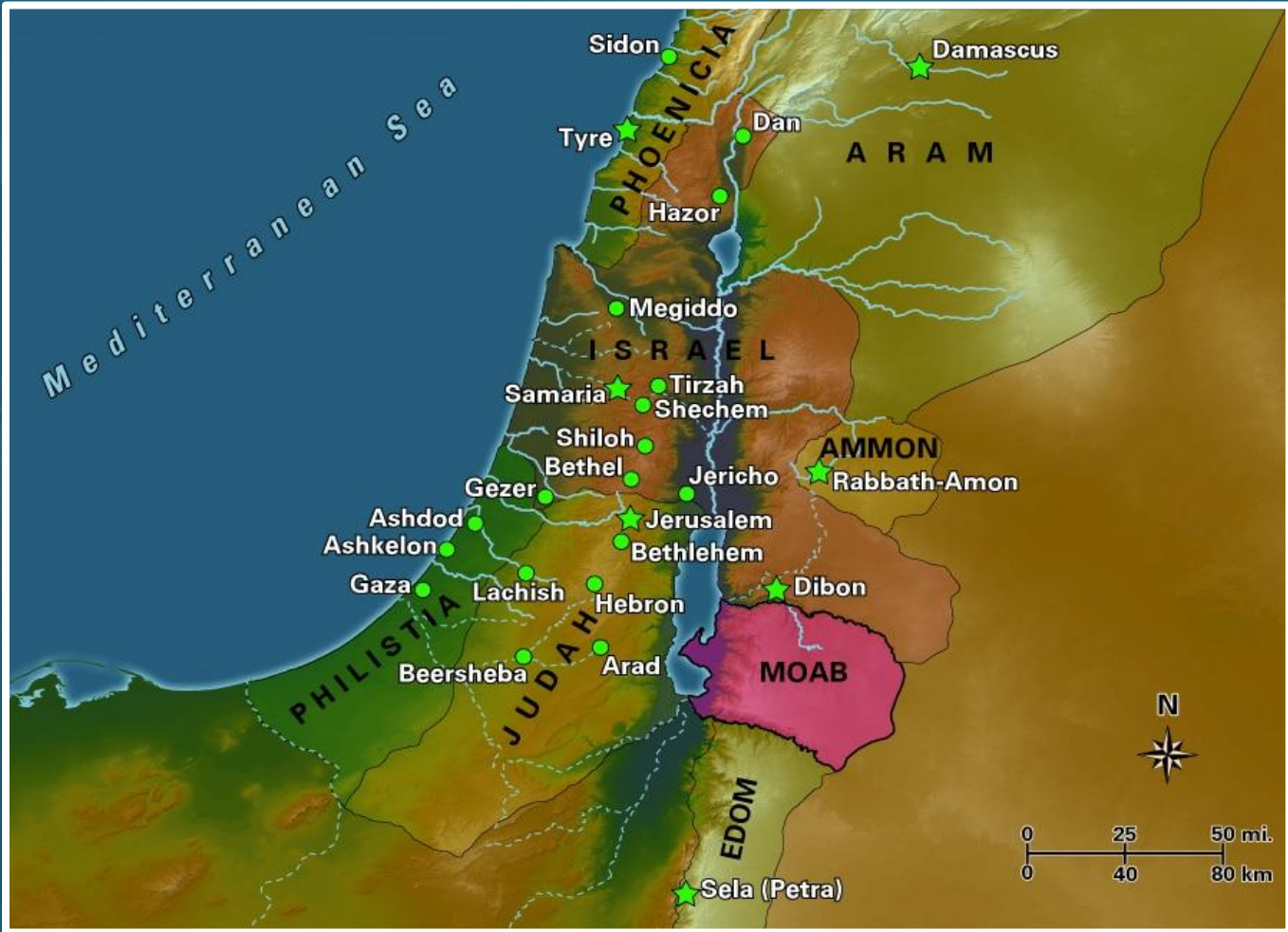
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Feminist Readings of Ruth from Phyllis Trible

1. One perspective faults her for perfection, for being compliant, self-effacing, and a mere pawn of Naomi. Another perspective praises her for faithfulness, for making radical moves, for risking dangerous acts, and for being a devoted ally to Naomi's efforts. Still another sees her used to espouse the patriarchal values of marriage and progeny, and then discarded.

2. The counter view sees her challenging patriarchy even while trapped within it. Her foreign identity is also subject to opposing interpretations. One view holds that the story affirms this Moabite woman, embracing her fully within Judah as the great-grandmother of David. Another view holds that the story rejects this Moabite woman, erasing her at the end by giving her child to Naomi and so giving David a less foreign genealogy.



The Hebrew word *Hesed*
Unfailing, unconditional selfless love
Generosity
Loyalty
Enduring Commitment

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, Park Avenue Synagogue

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Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon **by the wife of Uriah**, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos...

...after the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, ... and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

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