

King David had several wives. One of them was a non-Israelite by the name of Maacah. We do not know much about her except that she was the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur, a pagan ruler (1 Chron 3:2). Through this intermarriage, Absalom and Tamar were born (2 Sam 13:1). Absalom killed his stepbrother Amnon for raping Tamar and fled to his pagan grandfather's kingdom where he lived in exile for several years (2 Sam 13:37). Absalom eventually returned to Jerusalem and led a conspiracy against his father that resulted in David fleeing the palace with Maacah. Absalom sought to kill his father but ended up being killed instead (2 Sam 14-18). King David also had a sister named Abigail who married an Ishmaelite named Jether (1 Chron 2:15-17). Thus, King David's father (Jesse) had two children who intermarried.