

Simon Burris: \*Black History Matters:  
 Crossword: February 2026  
 \*\*\*"The Bible and Black History"  
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# **Across**

1. \*\*Makeda, the wealthy Queen of \_\_ (Arabia) who gifted King Solomon 9,000 pounds of gold plus spices & gems (1 Kings 10)
6. \*\*Israel's greatest king; (a descendant of Hamites: Tamar and Rahab (Matthew 1:3,5)
11. \*\* Hamitic king of Judea who tried to kill Jesus (Matthew 2)
12. \*\*Denzel Washington film (1989)
13. \*\*Jerusalem's locale
15. Not recorded
16. After
17. \*\*\*"L \_\_ my people go"(Exodus)
19. 102, in ancient Rome
20. North Ridley, Tennessee (initials)
22. \*\*Laker star LeBron \_\_mes
24. \*\*The Savior (a descendant of David (Matt. 1:1)
26. \*\*Pharaoh's kingdom (abbr.)
27. "Anna and the King \_\_" (2ds.)
29. Undress (DI \_\_BE)
30. \*\*\*"A \_\_isin in the Sun"
31. \*\*Moabite\* daughter-in-law of Naomi who became the great grandmother of David and an ancestor of Jesus (Modern- day: Afro-Palestinian Arab; Matt. 1:5)
35. \*\*Educator Anita or NBA star Grant
37. Sickfeeling
39. Urgent Care and Emergency Center, for short
41. \*\*African journeyman who carried the cross of Jesus (Mark 15:21)
42. \*\*Baseball legend nicknamed Hammer
43. Mocking

# **Down**

1. \*\*1839 Amistad the slave mutiny 'vessel,' for one
2. "For \_\_ Jolly Good Fellow" (2 wds.)
3. Mistakes
4. Watercraft
5. \*\*Tyler Perry creator of 'M \_\_ \_A'
6. \*\*Actor Glover's monogram

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7. "Is that \_\_\_?"
8. \*\*\*"Lift Every \_\_ and Sing ..."
9. City in California
10. Tinting
14. Photographer
18. \*\*Activist Sojourner \_\_ \_th
21. \*\*Rapper Shakur's monogram
22. \*\*Moses' successor and a descendant of Asenath the African wife of Joseph (Genesis 41:45)
23. \*\*\*'Land of Ham' continent, informally
24. Java Isle (abbr.)
25. Spike of corn
28. From the sun
31. Archaeological site
32. United States Military Academy (abbr.)
33. Tillamook Elms, Oregon, briefly
34. \*\*See Across: 42
36. \*\*Roman Pope \_\_ \_ XIV (Afro-Creole descent)
38. Donkey
40. Credit Note (abbr.)

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| <sup>39</sup> U | C               | A               | E               | <sup>40</sup> C |                 | <sup>41</sup> S | I               | M               | O               | N               |
| <sup>42</sup> A | A               | R               | O               | N               |                 | <sup>43</sup> S | N               | A               | R               | K               |