

THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS
Guess Who's Coming to Christmas – Part 4 of 4

KEY OBSERVATION: The characters in the genealogy are part of the story and they are the **POINT** of the story.

KEY TRUTH: God has invited us to **APPROACH** Him—not based on our ability and what we have done right or what we have avoided that was wrong, but rather we can approach God based on what God has **DONE** for us through Christ.

*“1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife...”
Matthew 1:1-6*

“8 Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, and from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. 9 Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. 11 The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over, and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by human beings, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’” 2 Samuel 7:8-9, 11-16

“But the thing David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.” 2 Samuel 11:27

“...10 I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” Luke 2:10-11, 13-14

The message of Christmas: Jesus came to **REMOVE** your sin, so you can have **PEACE**.

“15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” Luke 2:15-20