

The Book of the Generations of Jesus Christ

Mat 1¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.⁷ Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.⁸ Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.⁹ Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.¹⁰ Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.¹¹ Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.¹³ Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.¹⁴ Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.¹⁵ Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

► **Why was Matthew's opening phrase a bombshell to 1st century Jews?**

Mat 1.1 Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ

Gen 5.1 βίβλος γενέσεως ἀνθρώπων

Note: 1) *Generations* is the proper translation of γενέσεως; there is a different Greek word for *genealogy* (γενεαλογία).
2) Gen 5.1 in the Hebrew says *Adam*, whereas the Greek version says *men*, but remember that *Adam* literally means *man*, and he was the covenant head and primogenitor of all men. The Hebrew is emphasizing *Adam* who summed up all men, and the Greek is emphasizing *all men* whom Adam summed up.

► **What is Matthew doing by applying Gn 5.1 to Jesus?**

1Cor 15⁴⁵ “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam [lit., the eschaton Adam] became a life-giving spirit...

⁴⁷ The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven ... ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Rom 8¹⁹ [T]he creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God [*i.e., the resurrection*] ... ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

► **That's great news, but it raises a massive question: _____?**

► **Matthew begins** the answer by saying that Jesus is *the Son of David* and *the Son of Abraham* (1b). What is he telling us?

Abraham

Gen 22¹⁵ [T]he angel of the LORD called to Abraham ... ¹⁶ and said, ... ¹⁸ “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed”

Gal 3⁸ [T]he gospel [was preached] to Abraham beforehand ...

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made.

He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ ... ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

David

2Sam 7⁵ “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD, ... ¹⁶ “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.””

Isa 9⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1³⁰ Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”

► **Matthew continues** his answer in vs 2-17 by doing what?

► **What is** the enigma of Israel and the main message of the genealogy?

► **Matthew drives** his point home even more by including something very unusual for ancient genealogies. What was it?

- 1) _____ (3; Gen 38)

- 2) _____ (5; Josh 2; Heb 11.31)

- 3) _____ (5; Ruth 1-4).

- 4) _____ (6; 2Sam 11-12)

► **What** is the riddle of Jesus?

Isa 11.1 "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots ... 10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Rev 22.16 "I, Jesus ... am the Root and the Offspring of David"

► **Through this** entire intro, what is Matthew preparing us for?

► **How has** Jesus initiated a new heavens, a new earth, a new era, and a new humanity?

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