

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



A genealogy is quite a _____ thing about a king and a boring way to begin an exciting story about King Jesus. Jesus is no ordinary king and his kingly genealogy in Matthew (*detailed throughout the OT*) is necessary and anything but ordinary. This genealogy of Jesus Christ involves many shady characters, and four _____, something unheard of in a Jewish genealogy. God divides Jesus' genealogy into three 14-generation divisions for us to ponder (v. 17). Behind these names are unusual stories, excitement, and wonder. We should expect nothing less from the way God does things!

GENEALOGY OF THE KING – Matthew 1:1-17

1. Jesus' genealogy here (*portraying Jesus as the **King***) traces him back to David and Abraham – v. 1
 - The **promised seed** that was to bless the nations was to come through Abraham (Gen. 15:5, 22:18) and the **promised king** was to rule on David's throne (Is. 9:6-7)
 - In **Mark** (*portraying Jesus as a **servant***), there is _____ genealogy
 - In **Luke** (*portraying Jesus as the **son of man***), his genealogy traces back to Adam (Luke 3:23-38)
 - In **John** (*portraying Jesus as the **son of God***), his genealogy traces back to _____ (John 1:1-4; 14)
2. Abraham to David (*14 generations*)...a time of _____ in Israel – v. 2-6a
 - Judas (*Judah*) begat Phares (*Pharez*) and Zara (*Zarah*) **of Tamar** (*Tamar*) (v. 3) – Gen. 38
 - Salmon begat Booz (*Boaz*) **of Rachab** (*Rahab*); and Booz begat Obed **of Ruth** (v. 5) – Jos. 2; Ruth
3. David to Jechonias (*14 generations*)...a time of _____ in Israel – v. 6b-11
 - David the king begat Solomon **of her that had been the wife of Urias** (*Uriah*) (v. 6b)
4. Jechonias to Christ (*14 generations*)...a time of _____ in Israel – v. 12-16
 - After they were brought to Babylon, **Jechonias** (*Jehoiachin*) begat Salathiel (v. 12) – 2 Ki. 25:26-30
 - Jacob begat Joseph **the husband of Mary**, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ (v. 16)

5. **Keys for us** from Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ the King

- This lineage is for Israel's king, but Gentiles in it are purposefully noted for us to see – Rom. 2:9-10
- Through all the ups and downs in the journey, and even when all seems lost, God's promises _____ true – 2 Cor. 1:20
- There are a few in the royal lineage of Israel (*in the OT*) not found here. If you are not _____, not right, or just playing the part, you are not in the royal lineage of God – 2 Cor. 13:5; Rom. 9:8
- God is in this for the long haul: The years from Abraham to Jesus were approximately _____
- God's story is perfect, but he doesn't use perfect people as it unfolds. His lineage is full of problemed people just like you and me (*sinners*) who seek to walk honestly and humbly with God – Mic. 6:8; Eph. 2:18-22