

# ZOOM STUDY: IMPORTANT BIBLICAL THEMES

## LINE OF THE SAVIOR

1.) Some people make a study of their genealogies and family histories. What do you know about your own?

2.) Let's trace the line and promise of the Savior through time/Scripture.

**Genesis 3:15** [The LORD said to the serpent/Satan,] "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

**Genesis 9:26-27** [Noah] also said, He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! ... May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem."

**Genesis 12:1a,3** The LORD had said to Abram, "...All peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**Genesis 26:2a,4** The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "...I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed."

**Genesis 28:14** [The LORD said to Jacob at Bethel, "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring."

**Genesis 49:10** [Jacob prophetically blesses his sons,] "The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his."

**2 Samuel 7:12-14** [The LORD said to David through Nathan,] "When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son."

**Haggai 2:23** "On that day," declares the LORD Almighty, "I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel," declares the LORD, "and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you," declares the LORD Almighty.

**Matthew 1:1-17** [Traces the legal genealogy of Christ, beginning with Abraham, through his step-father, Joseph.]

**Luke 3:23-38** [Traces Jesus' genealogy through Mary, going back to Adam.]

- Identical from Abraham – David; diverges into two sons of Bathsheba (Joseph's line is through Solomon, Mary's line is through Nathan; converges again after exile with Zerubbabel and Shealtiel.

**John 1:1-2, 14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**Luke 1:31-33, 35** [The angel Gabriel said to Mary,] “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end. ...The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

3.) Why is it important that Jesus’ bloodline can be traced?

**Numbers 23:19** “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”

**Joshua 21:45** Not one of all the LORD’s good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

**Hebrews 2:14-15, 17** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ...For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 4:5** We have [a high priest] who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

4.) How does Jesus’ genealogy help us to see that Christianity is no invented religion, but rather the only truth for souls throughout the world?

5.) Can you think of some critical times in history when God faithfully protected the line of the Savior from serious threats? How does that humble us when we think of our own family tree and give us confidence when we think about our own children going forward?

6.) How have you been included in Jesus’ family tree? How can you reflect that in your life?

**Hebrews 2:11-13** Both the one who makes men holy [Jesus Christ] and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.” ...And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

**Galatians 3:26-27** You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*Closing Prayer: Jesus Christ, Son of God and son of Mary, accept our praise for humbly assuming our humanity to be our Savior and our brother. Thank you for adopting us into your holy family purely by grace through faith. Cause us to rely on you for the help we need and joyously imitate you in all we do. Amen.*