GLORY FOR ALL GENERATIONS 2 - THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST

I. CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE AGES

A. JESUS' BIRTH HAPPENED ONCE BUT IT RESOUNDS FOREVER

Mical. 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem HOUSE OF BREAD) Ephrathah (FRUITFULNESS), Though you are little (HUMBLE) among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be RULER in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, FROM EVERLASTING"

- 1. LOCATION HAS PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE DAVID BORN THERE ROYAL CITY. HOUSE OF BREAD Provision, healing
 - WHERE YOU ARE IS AS SIGNIFICANT AS WHO YOU ARE! GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU WHERE YOU ARE NOW.

Isaiah 9:6 For <u>unto us</u> a Child is born, <u>Unto us</u> a Son is <u>given</u>; And the government will be upon His shoulder.

- 2. HE RULES (GOVERNOR) GOVERNMENT ON HIS SHOULDER
 - JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE RULER! It only INCREASES!

Isaiah 9:6b ... 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.

- WONDERFUL HIS LEADERSHIP releases wonders
- COUNSELOR HIS LEADERSHIP releases wisdom
- MIGHTY GOD His LEADERSHIP reveals His MIGHT
- EVERLASTING FATHER HIS LEADERSHIP reveals the neverending love of a Father
- PRINCE OF PEACE HIS LEADERSHIP commands order out of <u>all</u> chaos

- **3. HE IS FROM EVERLASTING -** *God's Presence has always been and will always be WITH US! (HE IS BEYOND ALL BOUNDARIES OF HUMAN LIMITATION, ABILITY TO CONCEIVE OR EVEN IMAGINE!)*
- **Psa. 90:1** Lord, You have been **our dwelling place** <u>in all generations</u>. **2** Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even <u>from everlasting</u> to <u>everlasting</u>, You are God.
 - GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT WORK IN ALL GENERATIONS.
 IT'S NOT THAT HE IS SLOW TO DO HIS WILL. IT IS THAT HIS SOVEREIGN WILL SPANS ALL OF TIME TO UNFOLD.
- HIS FIRST PROMISE MADE RIGHT AFTER THE FALL
 GEN. 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between
 your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, You shall bruise His heel."
- ALL HIS PROMISES KEPT IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

 Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
- II. THE METICULOUSLY PLANNED BLOODLINE OF JESUS CHRIST
 - GOD MADE A PROMISE TO THE "WOMAN'S SEED" AND THEN TRACKED THAT SEED IN EVERY GENERATION UNTIL THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT FINALLY ARRIVED
 - A. "THE ROOT OF JESSE" SPEAKS TO LINEAGE OF CHRIST

Is. 11:10 "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."

1. JESUS IS *THE* BRANCH FROM THE ROOT OF JESSE

Is. 11:1 NLT Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. ² And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ He will delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay. ⁴ He will give justice to the poor and make fair

one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked. ⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.

2. "A BRANCH FROM DAVID" SPEAKS TO THE CONNECTION FROM DAVID TO JESUS. A KINGLY MANTLE. AN ANOINTING TO SAVE. HE IS *YAWEH* OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jer. 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A KING shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE Lord (THE LORD GOD) OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

3. HE IS OF DAVID'S LINEAGE, BUT HE IS THE SON OF GOD

Isaiah7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.

B. GOD FOCUSES ON BLOODLINES BECAUSE HE HAS ALWAYS CARED ABOUT FAMILIES AND GENERATIONS IN HIS PLANS

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- 1. GOD HIGHLIGHTS <u>FAMILY</u> IN HIS PLAN FOR SALVATION The messianic prophecies and the genealogy of Jesus Christ bring attention to God's care for honoring generational promises and providing salvation for ALL the families of the earth.
- 2. IN THEIR GENERATION SIMEON AND ANNA PAID ATTENTION TO EVENTS. CLUES AND REVELATIONS THAT CAME AVAILABLE

LUKE 2:29 SIMEON - PROMISED TO SEE MESSIAH "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

LUKE 2:38 ANNA (84—91 NEVER LEFT TEMPLE, PRAYED AND FASTED) - And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

3. THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST - MT 1:1-17
Father to son genealogy (Mary's lineage in Luke) Sarah? Rebekah?

NOTORIOUS GENTILE WOMEN and one jewish girl:
TAMAR (Deceived Judah in order to receive a portion in Israel)
RAHAB (Prostitute who Hid two spies at Jericho)
RUTH (Loved Naomi, left her own country to return to Israel with her)
BATHSHEBA - (Mother of Solomon, abused by King David)
MARY - (A virgin who conceived a child by Holy Spirit)

- INJUSTICE NEVER DERAILS GOD'S PLAN OR PURPOSE
- GRACE REDEEMS EVERY SIN TO RESTORE AND WASH CLEAN
- THE WOMAN'S SEED ULTIMATELY CRUSHES SATAN'S HEAD

III. A SAVIOR FOR EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY GENERATION

Psalm 2:6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

- 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
- **8** Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

SALVATION IS FOR THE NATIONS - Redemption, Righteousness, Forgiveness, Restoration, Healing, Deliverance for all generations.

SALVATION IS FOR EVERYONE - Every tribe. Every man, every woman, slave or free - He is the Restorer of Broken Hearts, the Faithful Keeper of Covenants. He is the Hope in every hopeless situation. He is the Good Shepherd for every Lost Sheep and He is the Righteousness of God in response to every injustice.

THIS IS CHRISTMAS! The beginning of the Salvation of the Most High God for all Creation. The birth of JESUS IS GROUND ZERO for the miraculous unfolding of Heaven's invasion of planet Earth.

HE CAME as an infant, grew to manhood, preached love, healed the sick, delivered from demons and raised the dead. He died on a cross for our sin, He was buried and rose on the third day. He is Victory. He is Salvation. He is Deliverance. He is the Gift of God to all the world.