

## The Messiah's FAMILY TREE ~ Matthew 1:1-17

→Scripture Reading- Is. 9:6-7, Gal. 4:4-5, Gal. 3:28

### INTRODUCTION

God has designed all of human HISTORY around the BIRTH of Jesus. RKHughes

### WHO is David's SON? ~ Matthew 1:1-2, 17

[1] A record of the genealogy of Jesus CHRIST 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...

**Isaiah 9:6-7** (NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7]...He will REIGN ON David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and FOREVER...

**Genesis 12:2-3** (NIV) I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and ALL peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

The primary focus of the genealogy is to **tie together** God's PROMISES and their FULFILLMENT. DACarson

[17] Thus there were FOURTEEN generations in all from Abraham to David, FOURTEEN from David to the exile to Babylon, and FOURTEEN from the exile to the Christ.

Matthew's genealogy answered the question a Jew would ask about anyone who claimed to be the Messiah the King of the Jews. Is He a DESCENDANT of David through the rightful LINE of succession? Matthew answered YES. MacArthur

### IMPLICATIONS

→God's TIMETABLE is Always PERFECT

**Galatians 4:4-5** (NLT) But when the RIGHT TIME came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. [5] God sent Him to buy FREEDOM for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children.

### WOMEN in the GENEALOGY? ~ Matthew 1:3-6, 16

The inclusion of five women in Jesus' genealogy is UNUSUAL, since ancestry was usually traced through men as the head of the family. ESVN

[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...

[16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the HUSBAND of Mary, OF WHOM was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

The genealogy of Jesus was full of UNSAVORY men and SCANDALOUS women. Martin Luther

## IMPLICATIONS

→ God is not LIMITED by the sinful human beings that He WORKS with

**Matt. 20:28** (NIV) ...Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to GIVE His life as a ransom for many.

→ Jesus came to BREAK Down ALL the BARRIERS

Matthew names both godly and wicked kings who ruled Israel. The lineage of Jesus Christ is comprised of men, women, adulterers, prostitutes, heroes, and Gentiles - and Jesus came to be SAVIOR of ALL. ESVN

**Galatians 3:26-28** (NLT) For you are all children of God through FAITH IN Christ Jesus. [27] And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. [28] There is NO LONGER Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all ONE IN Christ Jesus.

## The Son of Mary ~ Matthew 1:16

...[16] and Jacob the father of Joseph, the HUSBAND of Mary, OF WHOM was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

**Luke 1:30-33** (NIV) But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. [31] You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. [32] 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, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will NEVER end."

Jesus is PHYSICALLY Mary's son and LEGALLY Joseph's son, but at an even deeper level He IS God's Son. DACarson

## TAKE AWAY??

→ The amazing GRACE of God is seen all THROUGH the genealogy of Jesus Christ

**2 Chronicles 33:10-12** (NLT) The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they ignored all his warnings. [11] So the LORD sent the commanders of the Assyrian armies, and they took Manasseh prisoner. They put a ring [hooks] through his nose, bound him in bronze chains, and led him away to Babylon. [12] But while in deep distress, Manasseh sought the LORD his God and sincerely humbled himself before the God of his ancestors.

**Ephesians 2:8** (NLT) God saved you BY His GRACE when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
what can avail to wash it away!  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe;  
you that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?