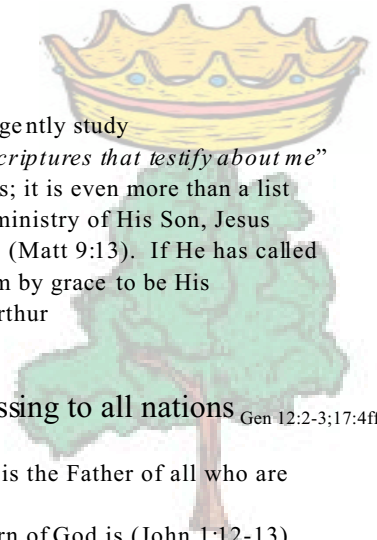


THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS ~ MATTHEW 1

Even the names of His ancestors testify about the Messiah. John 5:39 “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. *These are the Scriptures that testify about me*”

“The genealogy of Jesus Christ is immeasurably more than a list of ancient names; it is even more than a list of Jesus’ human forebears. It is a beautiful testimony to God’s grace and to the ministry of His Son, Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners, who ‘did not come to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Matt 9:13). If He has called sinners by grace to be His forefathers, should we be surprised when He calls them by grace to be His descendants? The King presented here is truly the King of grace!” -John MacArthur



ABRAHAM TO DAVID

- 1. Abraham** *father of many* Covenant made through him for blessing to all nations Gen 12:2-3; 17:4ff
 - Isaiah 9:6 “He will be called ... Everlasting Father”
 - Like the first Adam is the head of the human race, so Christ, the last Adam, is the Father of all who are spiritually born in Him. (1 Cor 15:45 ff, Rom 5:12ff)
 - Being physical descendants of Abraham is not special (cf Lk 3:8), being born of God is (John 1:12-13)
 - John 8:58 “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”
 - Abraham was justified by faith (Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3; Gal 3:8,9)
 - “Abraham’s bosom” is equivalent to paradise (Luke 16:22; Luke 23:43)
- 2. Isaac** *derider, one who laughs* Sacrificed son, child of promise Gen 21-22, 24-27
 - Psalm 2:4 “The One enthroned in heaven *laughs*; the Lord scoffs at them.”
 - Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”
- 3. Jacob** *heel catcher, supplanter* Deceived Esau out of birthright & blessing Gen 25:26-34; 27-35
 - Romans 11:26-27 “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”
 - Christ supplanted Satan and his power; Satan bruised the Seed, but Jesus crushed his head (Genesis 3:15; cf. Rom 16:20)
 - 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 4. Judah** *confessor of Jehovah, praise* Youngest son of Leah, saved Joseph’s life Gen 29:35, 38
 - John 17:26 “I have *made you known to them*, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” (see also John 1:18)
 - Judah’s blessing from Jacob: Genesis 49:8,10 “Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you...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.”
- ♀ **Tamar** *palm tree* Gentile, tricked Judah to incest by prostitution when promise not kept Gen 38
 - The most valuable of the Eastern trees, combination of beauty and wealth.
 - The branches the palm were emblems of victory (Rev 7:9), carried at feast of tabernacles (Lev 23:40), and were spread before Christ (John 12:13).
 - Psalm 92:12,15 “The righteous man will flourish like the *palm tree*...the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”
- 5. Perez** *breaking out, breach, gap* Child of incest, first son completely out Gen 38
 - Jesus broke out of the tomb “He has risen from the dead” (Matt 28:2-7)
 - Ezekiel 22:30-31 ““I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the *gap* on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.” Jesus always lives to intercede (Heb 7:25)
- Zerah** *rising of light, dawn, brightness* Twin brother of Perez Gen 38:30, 46:12
 - John 1:9 Jesus is the true light that gives light to men of every nation
 - Revelation 21:23-24 “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light”
 - Matthew 4:16 “the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

6. **Hezron** *walled in* Gen 46:12; 1 Chron 2:5
 • Psalm 22:16 “A band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.”
7. **Ram** *high* 1 Chron 2:10
 • Phil 2:9 “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place”
8. **Amminadab** *my people are generous* 1 Chron 2:10
 • 2 Cor 9:7-8 “God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
9. **Nahshon** *small viper* Chief of Judah, brother-in-law of Aaron Ex 6:23; Num 2:3; Ruth 4:20
 • John 3:14-15 “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
10. **Salmon** *little spark or clothing, investitures* Ruth 4:20; 1 Chron 2:11
 • Matthew 3:11-12 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who ... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with *fire*. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable *fire*.”
 • Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. (James 3:5)
 • Revelation 19:7-8 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean was *given her to wear*.”
- ♀ **Rahab** *spacious, broad* Gentile prostitute who helped the Israelite spies Josh 2:17-23, 6:17-25
 • Isaiah 54:2-3 “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.”
 • God’s grace alone can remove the stain of sin regardless of how deep the dye. Such a woman can be pardoned. (Luke 7:37) She is commended for faith in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25.
11. **Boaz** *in him is strength* Kinsman redeemer Ruth 2:1
 • Isaiah 9:6 “And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, *Mighty God*”
- ♀ **Ruth** *friend, beauty* Gentile daughter-in-law of Naomi Ruth 1:4
 • John 15:13-16 “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his *friends*. You are my *friends* if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you *friends*, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.”
 • Jesus addressed the disciples as friends after the resurrection (John 21:5)
12. **Obed** *servicing* Ruth 4:17,21,22; 1 Chr 2:12
 • Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
13. **Jesse** *strong* Father of eight sons, youngest was David 1 Chr 2:5-12, 1 Sam 16-17
 • Luke 2:40 “And the child [Jesus] grew and became *strong*; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.”
14. **David** *beloved* King of Jews 1055-1015 BC, man after God’s own heart 1 & 2 Sam, 1 Chr 12-30
 • Matthew 3:17 “and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, “This is My *beloved* Son, in whom I am well-pleased.” (cf Matt 17:5)
- ♀ wife of **Uriah** - *flame of Jehovah* He was killed by David’s orders 2 Samuel 11
 Bathsheba is not mentioned by name in the genealogy. She committed adultery with & became the wife of David.
 • Hebrew 12:28-29 “be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ‘God is a consuming *fire*.’”
 • Revelation 2:18 “These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing *fire*.”

FROM DAVID TO THE EXILE

1. **Solomon** *peaceful* King known for wisdom, wealth, splendor & temple of God 1 Kings 1 ff
 • Isaiah 9:6 “He will be called ... Prince of Peace”
 • Isaiah 53:5 “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us *peace* was upon him”
 • John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

2. **Rehoboam** *enlarger of the people* King of Jews 975-957 BC, did evil in eyes of God ^{1 Kings 12; 14:21}
 - John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
 - Colossians 2:6-7,10 “just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith ... and you have been given fullness in Christ”
3. **Abijah** *Yahweh is my Father* King of Judah 957-955 BC, heart not fully devoted to God ^{2 Chr 11:20; 13:4-22, 1 Kgs 15:3}
 - John 5:17-18 “Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.’ For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; ... He was even calling God his own Father, making Himself equal with God.”
4. **Asa** *healer, physician* King of Judah 955-914 BC, opposed idolatry, reformer ^{1 Kgs 15:9-24, 2 Chr 14-16}
 - Micah 4:2 “But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with *healing* in His wings”
 - Isaiah 53:4,5 “Surely he took up our infirmities...And by His stripes we are *healed*.” (cf Matt 8:16,17)
 - Matthew 11:5 “The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.”
5. **Jehoshaphat** *Yahweh has judged* Godly King of Judah 914-889 BC ^{1 Kings 22}
 - John 3:18 “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”
 - He will come again to judge “With justice he judges and makes war.” (Revelation 19:11)
 - John 5:27 “He has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.”
6. **Jehoram** *Yahweh exalts* Evil King of Judah 889-881 BC ^{2 Chron 21}
 - Philipians 2:6-11 “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God *exalted* him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
7. **Uzziah** *Yahweh is my strength* Did right, became unfaithful, got leprosy 881-829 BC ^{2 Chron 26}
 - 1 Corinthians 1:8-9 “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”
8. **Jotham** *Yahweh will complete* King of Judah, walked steadfastly with God 829-813 BC ^{2 Chron 27}
 - Phil 1:6 “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to *completion* until the day of Christ Jesus”
 - Hebrews 7:25 “Therefore He is able to save *completely* those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”
9. **Ahaz** *possessor* Detestable King of Judah 813-797 BC ^{2 Chron 28}
 - John 16:15 Jesus said, “All that belongs to the Father is mine.”
10. **Hezekiah** *Yahweh is my strength* Godly King of Judah 797-768 BC ^{2 Chron 29-32}
 - 1 Peter 4:11 “If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the *strength* God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”
11. **Manasseh** *one that makes to forget* Evil King of Judah 767-712 BC ^{2 Kings 24:5; 2 Chron 33}
 - Repented and found mercy from God for the sins he committed (2 Chronicles 33:12,13).
 - Psalm 25:7; 51:1,2,9 “Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways,” “according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin... Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
12. **Amon** *trustworthy* Wicked King of Judah 712-710 BC ^{2 Chron 33:21-25}
 - Revelation 19:11 “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True.”
 - Revelation 3:14 “These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and *true* witness, the ruler of God’s creation.”
13. **Josiah** *may Yahweh live* Covenant renewing boy King of Judah 640-609 BC ^{2 Chron 34-35}
 - John 1:1,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”
 - 2 Kings 23:25 Josiah “turned to the Lord...with all his heart, soul, and strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.”

14. **Jeconiah** *Yahweh supports* King of Judah 609-598 BC 2 Kings 23:34-24:6
- Hebrews 1:3 “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, *sustaining* all things by his powerful word.” Psalm 18:18 “the LORD was my *support*”
 - Romans 11:18 “consider this: You do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.” (cf Is 53:2a; John 15)

AFTER THE EXILE TO BABYLON

1. **Jeconiah**
2. **Shealtiel** *God is a shield or God is VICTOR*
 - Colossians 2:15 “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”
3. **Zerubbabel** *offspring or seed of Babylon, begotten in Babylon* Governor of Judah Ezra, Ne, Hag1,2
 - Zerubbabel was the leader of the first body of Jewish exiles returning to Jerusalem from Babylon. Similarly Jesus is taking his people to the new Jerusalem (Revelation 3:12; 21)
4. **Abiud** *my Father has majesty*
 - 2 Peter 1:16,17 “we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his *majesty*. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the *Majestic Glory*”
5. **Eliakim** *God appointed*
 - Isaiah 42:1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my *chosen* one in whom I delight” (cf Lk 23:35)
 - 1Pet 1:20 “He was *chosen* before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake”
6. **Azor** *help*
 - 1 Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”
7. **Zadok** *Righteous One*
 - Hebrews 4:12 Jesus was “tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was *without sin*.”
8. **Akim** *the Lord will establish*
 - Romans 16:25,27 “Now to him who is able to *establish* you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ...be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.”
 - Hebrews 10:9 “Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to *establish* the second [the new covenant].”
9. **Eliud** *God is praise*
 - Revelation 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and *praise!*”
10. **Eleazor** *God is a help*
 - Hebrews 13:6 “So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” Psalm 79:9 “Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake.”
11. **Matthan** *gift*
 - Romans 5:15-17 “But the *gift* is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the *gift* that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the *gift* of God is not like the result of the one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the *gift* followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the *gift* of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”
12. **Jacob** *follow, replacer, one who follows at the heel*
 - John was the forerunner of Jesus. Matthew 3:11 “But after me will come one who is more powerful than I.”
13. **Joseph** *he will add* Righteous man who married Jesus’ mother Matt 1:18-24
 - Matt 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be *added* to you.”
- ♀ **Mary** *beloved or plump*
 - 2 Peter 1:17,19 ““This is My *beloved* Son with whom I am well-pleased’... And so we have the prophetic word made more sure.”
14. **Jesus** *Yahweh saves*
 - Matthew 1:21 “give him the name Jesus, because he will *save his people from their sins*.”