

ADVENTure 2019

Exploring Faith — Encountering Christ

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SEQUENCE

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- ☐ **Conversation**



Matthew 1-2

Genealogy 1:1-17

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Matt 1:1 This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matt 1:2 **Abraham** was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, **3** Judah the father of Perez and Zerah (**by 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 (**by Rahab**), Boaz the father of Obed (**by Ruth**), Obed the father of Jesse, **6** and Jesse the father of **David the king**.

David was the father of Solomon (**by the wife of Uriah**), **7** Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, **8** Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah, **9** Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, **10** Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, **11** and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the **deportation to Babylon**.

Matt 1:12 After the **deportation to Babylon**, Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, **13** Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, **14** Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, **15** Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, **16** and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ**.

Matt 1:17 So all the generations from **Abraham** to **David** are fourteen generations, and from **David** to the **deportation to Babylon**, fourteen generations, and from the **deportation to Babylon** to **Christ**, fourteen generations.

GENEALOGY

- ☐ **Pattern: Abraham, David, Exile**
- ☐ **Numbers: 14 + 14 + 14**
- ☐ **Notice the important women**
- ☐ **NB at the end: Matthan the father of Jacob; and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.**

GENEALOGY

- ☐ **Tamar: see Genesis 38**
- ☐ **Rahab: see Joshua 2-6**
- ☐ **Ruth: see the Book of Ruth**
- ☐ **Wife of Uriah (Bethsheba): see 2 Samuel 11-12**

GENEALOGY

☐ Abraham

☐ **Matt 3:7** But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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- ☐ **David**
- ☐ **All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" (Matthew 12:23). Cf. Matt 1:1, 20; 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9, 15; 22:42**
- ☐ **He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? (Matthew 12:3)**
- ☐ **He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" (Matthew 22:43-45)**

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GENEALOGY

- ☐ **Exile (587-539)**
- ☐ **"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:18)**



BIRTH

☐ **Matthew 1:18-25**

☐ **Background**

☐ **Kind of writing**

BIRTH

Matt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way. While his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph, her husband to be, was a righteous man, and because he did not want to disgrace her, he intended to divorce her privately. **20** When he had contemplated this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from

the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." **22** This all happened so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: **23** "Look! The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel," which means "God with us." **24** When Joseph awoke from sleep he did what the angel of the Lord told him. He took his wife, **25** but did not have marital relations with her until she gave birth to a son, whom he named Jesus.

☐ **Joseph**: the name Joseph reminds the aware bible reader of another Joseph in the book of Genesis. That Joseph was a dreamer, threatened by his brothers, who went down to Egypt. Because of his position, Egypt became a place of refuge for his family. The character of our

Joseph and the narrative surrounding him all come from Genesis 37-50.

☐ **Divorce was allowed** by inference in Deut 24:1-4, although no legislation formally permits it. The rabbis discussed "warmly" the conditions under which a man might divorce his wife.

□ **Son of David:** the relationship with **BIRTH** David immediately calls to mind the guarantee and promise to the house of David made by the prophet Nathan in 2 Sam 7 and the prayer version of it in Psalm 89. David was the anointed shepherd-king of Israel-

language significant in Matthew.

□ In the centuries before Jesus' birth, people's hopes focused on a restoration of the **kingdom of David**, as a mark of God's continued faithfulness to his people.

BIRTH

- **Jesus** is the Greek for **Joshua**, the name of Moses' successor, who actually led the people into the promised land. The name comes Hebrew/Aramaic and means "YHWH is salvation" or "YHWH saves/has saved." Messiah or Christ is not found in the Hebrew Bible pointing to an expected end-time agent of God's salvation. That language and expectation developed in the last two centuries before the birth of Jesus.
- The promise in **Isaiah 7:14** is read as a messianic prophecy. In its original context, this text promised a successor to King Ahaz, born in the normal way. The Hebrew says 'alma, which could be a young woman and/or a virgin. The early Greek version of the OT (the Septuagint) used the word "virgin", taken up here by Matthew because it fits with his account of Jesus' conception.
- Communication in a dream: the clear prototypes are **Jacob** (and his famous **ladder**) and **Joseph** (with the **coat** of many colours). Otherwise, the Bible is hesitant, not to say suspicious, of divination by dreams.

BIRTH

Annunciation-type story: these stories show the following pattern.

(1) appearance of an angel;

(2) fear and/or prostration;

(3) message;

(4) objection;

(5) sign.

OT: Ishmael Gen 16:7-12, Isaac 17:1-21; 18:1-12; Samson Jdg 13:3-21.

NT: John the Baptist Lk 1:11-20; Jesus Lk 1:26-38.

Our version in Matthew is missing one element, the sign: the angel comes in a dream and there is a message. Implied are (a) fear—"Do not be afraid" and (b) an objection—Joseph wants a divorce and the angel somehow knows this.

And the genealogy?

THE PATTERN OF THE GENEALOGY

POSSESSION (David)

PROMISE (Abraham)

LONGING (Christ)

LOSS (Exile)

1700 BCE

1000

587

6 BCE

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THE PATTERN OF THE GENEALOGY



The big picture

WHO?

1:1-17

Abraham

David

Exile

Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Mary

ORIGIN

HOW?

1:18-25

Ishmael

Isaac

Samson

David (Is 7:14)

BIRTH

WHERE?

2:1-12

Moses

Baalam

Kings

Camels

Jer 31 (Rachel)

EXILE

WHENCE?

2:13-22

Moses

Nazorean

Is 4:3; Judge 16:7;

Gen 49:26; Is 11:1

Remnant

Samson

Joseph

David

EXODUS



Conversation

