



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 (NAS)

“The Christmas Genealogy”

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- 1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:
- 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.
- 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.
- 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.
- 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.
- 6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.
- 7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa.
- 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah.
- 9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.
- 10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah.
- 11 Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- 12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.
- 13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor.
- 14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud.
- 15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob.
- 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

I. THE GENEALOGY ON THE PATH TO THE CROSS

A. Why Do We Struggle With Genealogies?

1. Boring
2. Difficult to read unfamiliar names

B. Why This Genealogy Should Be Important

1. All Scripture is important *II Timothy 3:16-17*
2. It is the genealogy of Jesus Christ

C. Differences Between Matthew’s And Luke’s Genealogy

1. Matthew from Abraham to Jesus; Luke from Jesus back to Adam
2. Matthew written to Jewish readers; Luke to Gentile readers

II. THE SAVIOR IDENTIFIED

- A. Jesus
- B. Messiah
- C. Son Of David
- D. Son Of Abraham *Galatians 4:4-5*

III. NOTABLE FLAWS IN THE MEN OF THIS GENEALOGY *Ephesian 3:18-19a*

- A. Abraham
 1. He was an idol worshipper *Galatians 3:6-8*
 2. Coward who did not protect his wife
 3. He had a child through his wife’s maid
- B. Isaac Repeated His Father’s Cowardly Sin
- C. Jacob Was A Deceiver
- D. Judah Was Involved In Incest
- E. Salmon Married A Harlot
- F. Boaz Married A Moabite
- G. David—Lust, Adultery, Deception, Murder

IV. THE GREAT NEED FOR A SAVIOR REVEALED

- A. God’s Grace
- B. One Man In The Genealogy Of Christ Not Named As A Father