

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Matthew 1:1-17

Title: The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

Big Idea: God fulfills His promises in Jesus the Messiah.



I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. (2 Samuel 7:16)

I. GOD’S SON IS THE MESSIAH, THE BLESSING-BRINGER, AND ETERNAL RULER (v. 1)

“The book of the genealogy”: mirrors the language of Genesis (ie. Gen. 2:5; 5:1).

“Jesus”: a name meaning “Yahweh Saves.”

“Christ”: a title meaning “anointed” – Messiah.

“the Son of David”: royal descent, eternal ruler.

“the Son of Abraham”: blessing-bringer.

II. GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK, IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD (vv. 2-16)

A. Abraham to David (v. 2-6)

- Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba...
- “The inclusion of these non-Israelite women foreshadows the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles and bears witness to the grace of God that actively seeks to forgive and restore sinners and to reach out to those who are marginalized and viewed as outsiders.”¹
- Highpoint: David’s reign

B. Solomon to Jechoniah (v. 7-11)

- Lowpoint: exile to Babylon

C. Shealtiel to Jesus (v. 12-16)

- “The lineage is comprised of men, women, adulterers, prostitutes, heroes, and Gentiles—and Jesus will be Savior of all.”²

III. GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES IN JESUS (v. 17)

¹ Köstenberger & Stewart, *The First Days of Jesus*, 40.

² *ESV Study Bible*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.

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READ Matthew 1:1-17

What is the significance of Matthew beginning his Gospel with a genealogy?

How does this genealogy connect Jesus to the promises made to Abraham and David? Why do you think Matthew emphasizes Jesus' lineage as "the son of David, the son of Abraham"?

What do the inclusion of women like Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba in the genealogy tell us about God's plan and grace?

How does this genealogy emphasize the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy? What does this genealogy reveal about God's faithfulness across generations?

What is the importance of dividing the genealogy into three groups of 14 generations? (v. 17)

What can we learn from the fact that God worked through flawed and imperfect individuals to bring about His plan of salvation?

How does reflecting on Jesus' ancestry shape our understanding of identity and purpose in God's story?

PRAY