

Matthew 1:1-17 **Genealogy of Jesus**

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: ² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. ⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. ⁸ Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. ¹⁴ Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. ¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Genealogy of Matthew – Abraham to Jesus

- ✚ Matthew portrays Jesus as of the royal line of David fulfilling all the prophecies of Scripture as the one who will sit on the throne of David, whose kingdom will never cease. [Isaiah 9:6-7]
- ✚ Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus begins with Abraham and ends with Jesus the step son of Joseph, showing the Royal line as Matthew shows Jesus to be the King of the Jews.
- ✚ The Royal line is as follows:
 - ◇ Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David the king. [Matthew 1:1-6]
 - ◇ Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah (Abijam), Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joram (Jehoram), Uzziah (Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jeconiah, to Babylon. (this genealogy skipped Ahaziah 1 year, and his mother Athaliah 6 years, between Joram and Uzziah). [Matthew 1:6-11]
 - ◇ Jeconiah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus the Christ. [Matthew 1:12-16]
- ✚ So all the generations from Abraham to David are 14 generations. From David to captivity in Babylon were 14 generations, from captivity in Babylon to Christ are 14 generations. [Matthew 1:17]

Genealogy of Luke – Adam to Jesus

- ✚ Luke presents Jesus as the Son of Man, giving the literal line of genealogy which is the line of Mary and traces it to Adam the son of God. Luke shows Jesus to be the second Adam.
- ✚ Luke begins with Jesus the second Adam and goes backward to God the Creator of Adam.
- ✚ Like the first Adam, Jesus also had no earthly father, so God Himself is the Father of both.

(To lay out the two genealogies to follow sequentially, I have reversed the order in Luke and set it forth chronologically starting with God and ending with Jesus, thus following the order of Matthew).

- ✧ God the creator, Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Cainan, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, [\[Luke 3:31-38\]](#)
- ✧ Nathan, Mattathah, Menan, Melea, Eliakim, Jonan, Joseph, Judah, Simeon, Levi, Matthat, Jorim, Eliezer, Jose, Er, Elmodam, Cosam, Addi, Melchi, Neri, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Rhesa, Joannas, Judah, Joseph, Semei, Mattathiah, Maath, Naggai, Esli, Nahum, Amos, Mattathiah, Joseph, Janna, Melchi, Levi, Matthat, Heli, Joseph, Jesus. [\[Luke 3:23-31\]](#)

There are two genealogies given of JESUS, one in the book of **Matthew** and one in **Luke**, both are different from each other. This is a favorite point of attack on the HOLY SCRIPTURES by those who deny its divine origin and inerrancy and a puzzle to others. However, the answer is very simple:

The genealogy given in Matthew is the genealogy of Joseph, the acknowledged father of JESUS, HIS father in the eyes of the Law. The genealogy given in Luke is the genealogy of Miryam (**Mary**), JESUS' mother and is the "human" genealogy of JESUS in actual fact. The Gospel of Mathew was written for the Jews. All through it, Joseph is prominent, Miryam is scarcely mentioned. In Luke, quite the opposite, Miryam (**Mary**) is the most important person in the whole account of the SAVIOUR's conception and birth. Joseph is brought in only incidentally and because he was Miryam's (**Mary**) husband. In this, there is great significance.

In the Book of Matthew, JESUS is shown as the MESSIAH, the KING. In Luke, JESUS appears as "THE SON OF MAN" our BROTHER and REDEEMER. So in Matthew the genealogy descends from Abraham to Joseph and Jesus, because all the predictions and promises touching the MESSIAH are fulfilled in HIM. But in Luke, the genealogy ascends from JESUS to Adam, because the genealogy is being traced back to the head of the whole human race and shows the relation of the SECOND ADAM (**CHRIST JESUS**) to the first.

Joseph's lineage in Matthew is the strictly royal line from David to Joseph. In Luke, though the line of descent is from David, it is not the royal line. In this, JESUS is descended from King David through Nathan, David's son, but not in the royal line and the list follows a line quite distinct from the royal line.

THE MESSIAH, according to prophecy, was to be the actual SON of David according to the flesh. [2 Samuel 7. 12-19; Psalms 89. 3-4; 34-37; 132. 11; Acts 2. 30; 13. 22-23; Romans 1. 3; 2 Timothy 2. 8] These prophecies are fulfilled by JESUS being the SON of Miryam (Mary), WHO was a lineal descendant of David, though not in the royal line. Joseph, who was of the royal line, was not HIS father according to the flesh, but was HIS father in the eyes of the Law.

Miryam (Mary) was a descendant of David through her father, Heli. It is true that Luke 3:23 says that Joseph was the son of Heli - -the explanation here being that Miryam (Mary), being a woman, her name according to Jewish usage, could not appear in the genealogy, males alone forming the line; so Joseph's name is introduced in the place of Miryam's since he was her husband. Heli was his father-in-law, and so Joseph is called the "son of Heli" and the line thus completed. While Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli, according to the flesh, he was in actual fact the son of Jacob. [Matthew 1. 16]

Two genealogies are absolutely necessary to trace the lineage of our LORD & SAVIOUR YESHUA ha'MASHIACH, the one the royal and legal, the other the natural and literal; and these two genealogies we find - the "legal" and "royal" in Matthew, the Gospel of Law and Kingship; the "natural" and "literal" in Luke, the GOSPEL of humanity.

Jeremiah tell us that no descendant of Jeconiah would ever sit on the throne of David. "Thus said the LORD: 'Record this man as without succession, one who shall never be found acceptable; for none of his offspring shall be accepted to sit on the throne of David and to rule anymore in Judah.'" [Jeremiah 22. 30 Tanakh, Nevi'im] Since Joseph was of this lineage, and while his genealogy furnishes the royal line for JESUS, his son before the Law, nevertheless - - Jeremiah's prophecy is fulfilled to the very letter; for JESUS (precisely speaking) was not Joseph's descendant and therefore was not of the "seed of Jeconiah." If JESUS had been the son of Joseph in reality, HE could not have come to the throne as expressed by God through Jeremiah, but HE is Miryam's (Mary) SON through Nathan and can come to the throne legally by her marriage to Joseph and so providing HIS way legally to it. Thus Jesus satisfies both Law and Prophecy.