

**The Gospel
According to Matthew**

**“The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah”
Matthew 1:1-17**

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Genealogy of Jesus

Why a Genealogy?

1. *General*: the gospel of Jesus Christ is uniquely and irreducibly historical
2. *Specific*: to show that Jesus is truly in the kingly line of David; credentials as “Messiah”

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Genealogy of Jesus

Four Observations:

1. Emphasis on David, the King
 - the division into three parts serves to highlight David and the Davidic throne
 - the purpose is to convey that Jesus, the Son of David, had come to take the throne once more

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Four Observations:

2. Israel is pictured as still in Exile
 - the final division of the genealogy is from the deportation until Jesus
 - the purpose is portray Jesus as coming to deliver His people from “exile” and restore the kingdom

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Four Observations:

3. The inclusion of four women
 - *Tamar* – incestuous relationship with Judah
 - *Rahab* – Canaanite prostitute
 - *Ruth* – Moabite widow
 - *Bathsheba* – wife of Uriah the Hittite

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Four Observations:

3. The inclusion of four women
 - demonstrations of God’s grace
 - illustrations of the inclusion of the Gentiles
 - examples of God’s unusual and unexpected means of fulfilling His purposes

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Four Observations:

4. The uniqueness of Jesus' birth
 - Jesus is not the biological son of Joseph; His human origin is supernatural (like Isaac)
 - He is the legal son of Joseph, heir to the Davidic throne...but He is much, much more!