

Matthew 1:1-17 1 ***This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:*** 2 Abraham, Isaac, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz, Obed, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, 8 Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, 9 Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, 10 Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12 ***After the exile to Babylon:*** Jeconiah, Shealtiel, 13 Zerubbabel, Abihud, Eliakim, 14 Azor, Zadok, Akim, 15 Elihud, Eleazar, Matthan, 16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. 17 ***Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.***

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SHINING A LIGHT ON THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Genealogy of Grace

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No matter how broken we may be, whether our disorder is very evident for all to see, or whether it is hidden underneath a carefully crafted veneer of accomplishments and respectability, whether the fracture lines in our lives run right through the middle of our families or the middle of our hearts or the middle of our pews, it doesn't exclude you from being grafted into this family. If you think it does exclude you or excludes others, in this family, the family we've each been adopted into, you're going to have a hard time topping the disorder of some of our common ancestors.

-Brian Williams, "Welcome to the dysfunctional family of God". www.academia.edu

Unexpected Timing:

-Abraham: God promises to make him a great nation and to bless the whole world through Abraham! (Genesis 12)

-1000 years pass until David becomes King.

-The Last King in the line of David: 586 BC

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. -Isaiah 11:1

Unexpected People:

Tamar, was the Canaanite daughter-in-law of Judah. She gained notoriety in Gen. 38 by resorting to deception, prostitution, and incest when she couldn't get a child through legitimate means.

Rahab was a Canaanite and a prostitute.

Ruth, the wife of Boaz, was a Moabite. The Moabites were among the worst enemies of Israel. Ruth would become King David's grandmother.

Bathsheba is referred to as, "David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife".

Gender outsiders. Moral outsiders. Ethnic outsiders.

Unexpected Purpose:

-The people were looking for a political ruler (a King) who would restore their political power.

-God sent Jesus to restore His rule in this world by reigning in our lives.

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