

THE BIOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST

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MATTHEW 1:1-17 (Cf. Gen. 5, 11 & 1 Chronicles 1-3)	LUKE 3:23-38 (Cf. Genesis 5, 11 & 1 Chronicles 1-3)	JOHN 1:1-18
<p style="text-align: center;">OVERVIEW</p> <p>Matthew's Theme is the <i>physical and royal ancestry of Joseph</i>, Jesus' foster father. Jesus became the legal heir to King David's throne by Joseph's adoption of Jesus, and thus Jesus is qualified to be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE MESSIAH-KING OF ISRAEL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OVERVIEW</p> <p>Luke's Theme is the <i>physical ancestry of Mary</i>, Jesus' physical mother. By virtue of Jesus' virgin birth via a woman, Jesus became the natural descendent of David, Abraham and Adam and thus qualified to be</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SON OF MAN (GEN. 3:15)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OVERVIEW</p> <p>John's Theme is the eternal spiritual relation of Jesus to God prior to Jesus' becoming a human being via the Incarnation in time-space history. Thus, Jesus is presented as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOD INCARNATE, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">ABRAHAM'S SON</p> <p>Matt. 1:1-2: Jesus is considered Abraham's Son by virtue of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12, 15, 17, 22), through which God promised that "<i>all nations would be blessed via Abraham's descendent</i>" (Galatians 3:6-29)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVID'S SON</p> <p>Matt. 1:6: Jesus is considered David's Son by virtue of the <i>Davidic Covenant</i> (2 Sam. 7, 1 Chron. 17), by which God promised that David's descendent(s) would inherit David's Throne and Reign Forever over Israel. Cf. Jer. 22:24-30 with Matt. 1:11 for an interesting genealogical detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WOMEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt. 1:16 contains the Greek feminine pronoun, es, ZH, clearly emphasizing that Jesus was born from Mary via a virgin birth (Cf. Matt. 1:18-25). • Matt. 1:3 mentions Tamar the adulteress as an ancestor of Jesus. • Matt. 1:5 lists Rahab the Gentile harlot as an ancestor of Jesus (Cf. Joshua 2; Joshua 6). • Matt. 1:5 cites the Gentile Ruth as an ancestor of Jesus (Cf. The Book of Ruth). • Matt. 1:6 cites Bathsheba the adulteress & mother of Solomon as an ancestor of Jesus (2 Sam. 11--12). • Possible reasons for this emphasis on these particular women are 1) protection of Mary's reputation and 2) that Jesus, whose name in Hebrew means Salvation of Yahweh (יהושע) came to provide salvation to sinners, both Jewish and Gentile (Cf. Matt. 4:14-16). <p style="text-align: center;">MATTHEW'S STRUCTURE OF "14"</p> <p>Matt. 1:17 cites the number 14 as a key to Jesus' genealogy. 14 is the numerical value of David in Hebrew (ד=4, מ=6, ש=4).</p> <p>Jesus is thus seen to be the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant as Israel's King.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADAM'S SON</p> <p>Luke 3:38 refers to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus' humanity and 2. Jesus' Messianic Role, promised by God in Gen. 3:15 "<i>Son of Man</i>" was Jesus' favorite way of referring to Himself. <p style="text-align: center;">ABRAHAM'S SON</p> <p>Cf. Luke 3:34 and Gen. 12:7, 13:15, 17:7, 24:7, Galatians 3:16. SEED is in singular form in Hebrew (zarah, זָרָה אִשָּׁה)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVID'S SON</p> <p>Luke traced Jesus back to David through Nathan, not as Matthew does through Solomon (Cf. Luke 3:31 with 2 Sa. 5:14, 1 Chron. 3:5 & 14:4). WHY? If Jesus had been a physical descendent via Jeconiah, He would not have had a legal right to David's Throne (Cf. Jer. 22:24-30).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPPOSEDLY JOSEPH'S SON</p> <p>Luke's language clearly demonstrates that he believed Jesus to be born via the virgin birth (Cf. Luke 1:26-56, Matt. 1:18-25 & Isa.7:14).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUKE'S STRUCTURE</p> <p>"Son" means any descendent in Hebrew thought. Thus, Luke structured Jesus' genealogy to emphasize the Origin, Fall and Redemption of the Human Race via Jesus, the Promised Human Redeemer, the "Second" and "Last" Man (Cf. Romans 5:12-21, 1 Cor. 15:35-49).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOD'S ETERNALLY "BEGOTTEN" SON</p> <p>John 1:14 and 1:18 refer to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jesus' Eternality (John 1:1-2, Gen.1:1), 2) Jesus' Deity (John 1:1-2 & 1:18), 3) Jesus as the Source & Means of Creation (John 1:3 & 1:10), 4) Jesus as The Source of All Physical and Spiritual Life (John 1:4, 1:13). <p style="text-align: center;">GOD'S INCARNATED SON</p> <p>John 1:14-18 refers to Jesus' Incarnation as the God-Man, whose birth as a human reveals God's Glory, Grace, Truth, Fullness and Person.</p> <p>Jesus' Incarnation also make possible for all who believe in and receive Jesus as Savior to be "<i>born of God,</i>" a spiritual birth that transcends physical birth Cf. John 1:10-13, John 3:1-21 for details on this spiritual birth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JOHN'S STRUCTURE</p> <p>"<i>Only begotten</i>" is John's language for Jesus being the ETERNAL SON OF GOD, AN EQUAL MEMBER OF THE TRIUNE GOD (FATHER SON AND HOLY SPIRIT). Jesus became a human in Time-Space History, so that those who believe in and receive Christ as Savior may become "<i>children</i>" of God by means of the "<i>second</i>" birth (See John 1:10-13).</p>

CONCLUSION

"God promised the Good News concerning His Son beforehand through the Prophets in the Sacred Scriptures, Who was born of the Seed of David according to His Human nature, but who was declared to be God's Son by the Holy Spirit by His resurrection, Jesus The Messiah, our Lord" (Romans 1:1-4).