

From Abraham to Jesus

Main Lesson: Jesus is the Son of Abraham who brings blessings to the world (**Matthew 1:6-11**)

Continuing with the genealogy of Jesus, we must ask ourselves a simple question, what is the importance of a genealogy? If you have ever opened the bible and looked through the old testament, you will find them everywhere. We tend to skip over them, many times because they are difficult to read through. When we do attempt them, our tongues twist, our minds begin to wonder off and our eyelids begin to “put on weight”. Genealogies, however, do have their purpose and they help bring to light many things (Did you know that the oldest man in the bible was Noah grandfather?). Genealogies tell a story, they show the passage of time, and most notably they provide ancestral identity. Within the first chapter of the book of Matthew, the inspired author made sure to begin his account of the love of God revealed through the life of Christ, by highlighting our savior’s earthly identify, revealing his lineage and heritage.

Keep in mind that the genealogy is not a roll call of great men (and woman). What sets these individuals apart was that they were the unique recipients of unique promises from God, where all these promises become wholly fulfilled in Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 1:20**).

In this lesson we are met with King David, a notable figure in Israel history. King David is well known for his bravery (**1 Sam. 17:1-36**) but most notably he is remembered for his devoted heart which yearned for an intimate relationship with God above all else (**Acts 13:22**). Because of Gods faithfulness to his promise to Abraham (**Genesis 12: 1-3**) and King David’s Faithfulness to God, God Promised David that his throne would be established forever (**2 Samuel 7: 4-16**).

“and the Lord will fulfill his promise to me, ‘If your descendants watch their step and live faithfully in my presence with all their heart and being, then,’ he promised, ‘you will not fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel” (**1 Kings 2:4**). –King David

Now we know God is faithful to his promises (**2 Timothy 2:13, Duet 7:9**), the question is will David’s descendants namely the kings live faithfully before God?

Genealogy lists a series of descendants all whom fail to live the live faithfully in the presence of God

- Solomon: The wisest man to ever live, drifted away from the Lord and built pagan temples for his foreign wives near the end of his reign (2 Samuel 11).
- Rehoboam: was cruel and forsook the law of the Lord (2 Chron. 16: 7-12)
- Joram: Murdered his brother to secure the throne (2 Chron. 21:4)
- Ahaz: Sacrificed his children in idol worship (2 Chron. 28:3)
- Hezekiah: Arrogantly showed the king of Babylon the wealth of Judah (2 Kings 20: 12-19)
- Amon: Sacrificed to pagan images and served them (2 Chron. 33: 22-23)

- Jechoniah: Did what was evil in the Lords sight (2 Kings 24: 9)

All these kings fell short of stepping into the promise of an eternal throne. However, Gods words do not return to Him empty ([Isaiah 55:11](#)). Despite all the broken promises of so many kings God would remain faithful to His promise concerning the eternal throne of David, because it is Jesus who will occupy the eternal throne of David.

In Luke 1: 32, the angel Gabriel spoke these words concerning the Jesus: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David”

“Then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness ([Isaiah 16: 5](#))”

Finally [...] whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)