

HE SHALL REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE

Series: The Prophets Foretold

Matthew 1:1-16

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INTRODUCTION:

The first chapter of the New Testament begins:

[Mat 1:1 NIV] 1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...

- A. It doesn't begin "once upon a time" because it's not fiction
- B. The baby in the manger is not just cute story about humble beginnings.
- C. This is the remarkable true story of birth of a long-awaited Jewish king.
- D. Matthew's goal is to prove to the Jews that Jesus fulfills the prophecies:

A king is coming; he will sit on David's throne; he will reign forever.

- E. This has life-changing significance for us.
 - We worship the God of Jews.
 - This is the birth of the Savior of the world.
 - This proves the sovereignty of God.

I. ABRAHAM

[Mat 1:1] 1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham...

- A. God visited Abraham when he was 75 years old and made a promise:

[Gen 12:2-3 NIV] 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

- B. Ten years later the birth of Ishmael... (what a mistake!)
- C. God in his grace came to Abraham again when he was 99 yrs old.

[Gen 17:6-7 NIV] 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

- God says this will happen through Sarah
- Abraham laughs
- The name Isaac means “he laughs”
- The sign of the covenant is circumcision

II. ISAAC-JACOB-JUDAH

[Mat 1:2a NIV] 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob...

A. Jacob’s nickname=Israel. 12 sons =12 tribes of Israel.

B. The Covenant continues through Judah.

[Gen 49:10 NIV] 10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

III. “TEN GENERATIONS”

[Mat 1:2b NIV]...Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar...

A. This story sounds like a reality TV show!

B. Tamar gives birth to twins, Perez and Zerah.

C. OT law (Deut. 23:2) says someone born out of wedlock “cannot enter assembly of the Lord... even to the 10th generation.” Count the generations:

...Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David....

IV. DAVID

- A. David's generation is the first eligible generation in Judah's line.
- B. The prophet Nathan narrows the royal line from Judah to David.

God said to David regarding his son Solomon:

[2 Sam 7:15 NIV] "But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

- C. For next thousand years the prophets repeated the prophecy:

A king is coming; he will sit on David's throne; he will reign forever.

V. THE DIVIDED NATION

[Mat 1:6b-7 NIV] David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam...

- A. Rehoboam was a wicked king and the people rebelled.
- B. For the next 300 yrs God's people were divided into two nations.
 - All the kings in the north were wicked.
 - Half of the kings in the south (David's line) were wicked.

[Mat 1:7-11 NIV] 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, 8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, 9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

VI. THE EXILE

- A. 586 BC: God allowed the Babylonians to wipe out the nation of Judah. (The Northern kingdom – Israel – had already been destroyed).
- B. But the prophets kept reminding them:

A king is coming; he will sit on David's throne; he will reign forever.

1. Throughout the era of the Divided Kingdom:
 - Isaiah in the northern kingdom (Isa 16:5)
 - Jeremiah in the southern kingdom (Jer 23:5-6)
 - Lesser-known prophets like Hosea, Amos, Micah, Zephaniah
2. After Jews were scattered, prophets like Zechariah (Zech 9:9)...

VII. THE REGATHERING

A. God brought his people back.

- The Persian kings allowed Ezra to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.
- They allowed Nehemiah to rebuild the city walls.
- The Jewish people began to return.

B. While never totally free, they reestablished the nation of Israel.

C. They began to look for the Messiah who would save them once-for-all.

VIII. THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

[Mat 1:12-16a NIV] 12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, 15 Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary...

- Matt. proves the earthly father of Jesus is a prince, in the line of David.
- Luke indicates that Mary also was princess, in the line of David.

A. The angel Gabriel says to Mary:

[Luk 1:31-33 NIV] 31 “You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

B. Mary sings:

[Luk 1:46-48, 54-55 NIV] 46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ... 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

[Mat 1:16b NIV] ...and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

C. Jesus had royal blood.

- The people often called him "Son of David." They knew his lineage.
- Pilate demanded the inscription, "King of the Jews." (Mt. 27:37)
- Jesus told him "My kingdom is not of this world." (Jn 18:36-37)
- The resurrection proves he is still reigning (Lk 1:32-33; Heb. 1:8)

APPLICATION:

A. Jesus is the "forever King of the Jews" – but not just King of the Jews!

- Gentiles by faith can be grafted in with God's people. (Rom. 11)
- We can be adopted into the family of God. (Eph. 1:4-5)
- We inherit the riches of His kingdom. (Rom. 8:17)

B. If God could orchestrate for 2,000 yrs the first coming of the King of kings, can we not trust his promise to return a second time, even if it has been 2,000 years?

(See 2 Pet 3:3-14)

INVITATION:

How can I be sure to be at peace with this king?

A. Faith (Eph. 2:8-9)

B. Baptism – the new "circumcision" (Col. 2:11-12) (1 Pet 3:21)